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Agenda Item 8.6

Board of Education Informational Item
November 12, 2019

Topic:
Consideration of waiver to change the schedule for Extended School Year for the 2019-2020 school year.

Background:
Current Education Code requires twenty (20) days of instruction for special education students during Extended School Year (ESY). The Madera County Superintendent of School (MCSOS) is recommending that ESY be held for fifteen (15) days instead of twenty (20). The instructional day for ESY will be longer thereby ensuring that the total number of instructional minutes will be the same. This also allows for greater alignment with school calendars and summer school schedules where MCSOS is operating classes for students with moderate/severe disabilities on school sites with their non-disabled peers.

To complete the waiver process, administration is required to consult with the bargaining units as well as a parent advisory committee. These discussions have been completed and there were no objections.

Financial Impact:
Anticipated savings in personnel, transportation, food services, and facilities.

Resource:
Jessica Drake
Executive Director
Student Programs and Services

Recommendation:
The Board approve the submission of the waiver to the State Board of Education to change the schedule for Extended School Year for the 2019-2020 school year.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To discuss the General Waiver being submitted by the Madera County Superintendent of Schools to the California State Board of Education to waive the twenty (20) days of participation for Extended School Year.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Conference Room 5

Madera Superintendent of Schools
1105 S. Madera Ave. Madera, CA
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Note: This notice was posted on October 23, 2019, at five sites: Madera County Superintendent of Schools, Gould Educational Center, Apollo Campus, Coarsegold Educational Center, and Yosemite High School Educational Center AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Para discutir la renunciación general presentada por la Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Madera a la Junta de Educación del Estado de California para renunciar a los veinte (20) días de participación para el Año Escolar Extendido.

martes, 12 de noviembre del 2019 Sala
de Conferencias 5

Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Madera
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Nota: Este aviso se publicó el 23 de octubre del 2019, en cinco (5) lugares: Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Madera, Centro Educativo Gould, Escuela Apollo, Centro Educativo Coarsegold, y Escuela Secundaria Yosemite.

General Waiver Request
California Department of Education

Topic of Waiver: Extended School Year (ESY)

Section to be Waived: CCR, Title 5, Section 3043(d)

Period of Waiver Request: June 8, 2020 – July 3, 2020

Renewal of Waiver #: 1-12-2018-W-12

Collective Bargaining Unit Information:

CTA: Madera County Superintendent of Schools Teachers Association CTA/NTA consulted on August 30, 2019; Bargaining Unit Members consulted: Lisa Moreno, Juan Contreras, Dolly West, Kelley Hill, Susan Stinmetz
Objections: None

CSEA: California School Employees Association, Chapter 713 consulted on October 14, 2019; Bargaining Unit Member consulted: Kellie Stiles, President
Objections: None

Public Hearing Requirement: Notices of public hearing posted as school sites and Madera County Superintendent of Schools administration building.

Advisory Committee: Waiver reviewed with Gould Educational Center Parent Group on October 22, 2019 with no objections.

California Code of Regulations to be waived:
3043 Extended school year services shall be provided for each individual with exceptional needs who has unique needs and requires special education and related services in excess of the regular academic year. Such individuals shall have handicaps which are likely to continue indefinitely or for a prolonged period, and interruption of the pupil's educational programming may cause regression, when coupled with limited recoupment capacity, rendering it impossible or unlikely that the pupil will attain the level of self-sufficiency and independence that would otherwise be expected in view of his or her handicapping condition. The lack of clear evidence of such factors may not be used to deny an individual an extended school year program if the individualized education program team determines the need for such a program and includes extended school year in the individualized education program pursuant to subsection (f).

(a) Extended year special education and related services shall be provided by a school district, special education local plan area, or county office offering programs during the regular academic year.

(b) Individuals with exceptional needs who may require an extended school year are those who: (1) Are placed in special classes or centers; or (2) Are individuals with exceptional needs whose individualized education programs specify an extended year program as determined by the individualized education program team.

(c) The term “extended year” as used in this section means the period of time between the close of one academic year and the beginning of the succeeding academic year. The term “academic year” as used in this section means that portion of the school year during which the regular day school is maintained, which period must include not less than the number of days required to entitle the district, special education services region, or county office to apportionments of state funds.

THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS BEING REMOVED FROM THE DOCUMENT
(d) An extended year program shall be provided for a minimum of 20 instructional days, including holidays
END OF REMOVED TEXT

Desired Outcome/Rationale:
The Madera County Superintendent of Schools proposes to provide ESY services to identified students with special needs utilizing a fifteen (15) day, five and one half (5.5) hours of instruction per day for a total of 82.5 hours of instruction. Because a change in routine is often difficult for students with moderate/severe disabilities, the longer school day for ESY will better align with the regular school year providing more consistency in instruction for the students served.

Fewer ESY days will also result in substantial saving in transportation, utilities, janitorial, food services and other operational costs. A shorter ESY schedule will also increase instructional staff’s interest in participating in the ESY program.

In the Madera area, the ESY program for MCSOS would run from June 8, 2020 through June 26, 2020. In eastern Madera County, ESY would be conducted June 15, 2020 through July 3, 2020.

Demographic Information:
The Madera County Superintendent of Schools has a student population of approximately 411 in its special education programs in various Special Day Classes/Centers that are located in a small city and mountainous rural areas throughout Madera County.