

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of the Superintendent

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TO: Board of Education  
FROM:  Anthony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 1112-0118 – Request to the California State Board of Education for a General Waiver of Education Code Section 52055.740 on behalf of *Manzanita Community Elementary School*, incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth, to the California State Board of Education and authorizes the submission of same with requisite supporting documentation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Conduct Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 1112-0118 – Request to the California State Board of Education for a General of Education Code Section 52055.740 on behalf of *Manzanita Community Elementary School*, incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth, to the California State Board of Education and authorizes the submission of same with requisite supporting documentation.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) is the result of a settlement between Governor Schwarzenegger and the California Teachers' Association (CTA) which is aimed at boosting student achievement at low-performing schools. In May 2007 State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell announced that 488 low-performing schools in California were selected to receive QEIA funding. The Oakland Unified School District has 19 QEIA funded schools; four middle schools and fifteen elementary schools.

QEIA schools have demonstrated meaningful to significant growth in academic achievement over-all as a result of implementing the various strategies outlined in the QEIA program. QEIA non-compliance reported for schools in the 2010-11 school year has been determined to be correctable under the state's General Waiver process. The district, in an effort to ensure maintenance of these funds for the 2012-13 school year for specific schools, must seek a General Waiver of the State Board of Education.

The District is taking steps to further assist QEIA funded schools in meeting the compliance targets set forth under the Quality Education Investment Act. The continued provision of QEIA funding for the

2012-13 school year will likely contribute significantly to continued academic gains for designated school.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The adoption of the Request by the District and granting of the Waiver by the State Board of Education will assist the District in maintaining approximately \$2,500,000 in QEIA funding over the next two years.

The approval of this waiver request will not have a negative fiscal impact on the District.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 1112-0118 – Request to the California State Board of Education for a General of Education Code Section 52055.740 on behalf of *Manzanita Community Elementary School*, incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth, to the California State Board of Education and authorizes the submission of same with requisite supporting documentation.

Attachments: Resolution No. 1112-0118  
California Department of Education General Waiver Request Form

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**Resolution of  
GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution No 1112-0118**

**California State Board of Education - General Waiver Request - Education Code  
Section 52055.740(a) - QEIA Funding (Class Size Reduction Targets) - Manzanita  
Community Elementary School - Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) is the result of a settlement between Governor Schwarzenegger and the California Teachers' Association (CTA) which is aimed at boosting student achievement at low-performing schools; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2007 State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell announced that 488 low-performing schools in California were selected to receive QEIA funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Unified School District has 19 QEIA funded schools; four middle schools and fifteen elementary schools; and

**WHEREAS**, QEIA schools have demonstrated meaningful to significant growth in academic achievement over-all as a result of implementing the various strategies outlined in the QEIA program; and

**WHEREAS**, QEIA non-compliance reported for schools in the 2010-11 school year has been determined to be correctable under the state's General Waiver process; and

**WHEREAS**, the district, in an effort to ensure maintenance of these funds for the 2012-13 school year for specific schools, must seek a General Waiver of the State Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is taking steps to further assist QEIA funded schools in meeting the compliance targets set forth under the Quality Education Investment Act; and

**WHEREAS**, continued provision of QEIA funding for the 2012-13 school year will likely contribute significantly to continued academic gains for designated school; and



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**WHEREAS**, the request by the District and granting of the Waiver by the State Board of Education will not have a negative fiscal impact on, or otherwise harm, the District;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Board hereby approves the District's Request for General Waiver of Education Code Section 52055.740 - **Class Size Reduction Targets** - on behalf of **Manzanita Community Elementary School**, incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth, to the California State Board of Education and authorizes the submission of same with requisite supporting documentation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee is authorized to take any and all action, save an action required of the Governing Board by law, regulation or Board Policy, to effective the foregoing.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES: David Kakishiba, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Vice President  
Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President Jody London

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gary Yee, Alice Spearman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on January 25, 2012.

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Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.  
Secretary, Board of Education

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**GENERAL WAIVER REQUEST**

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<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/>

First Time Waiver:  **X**

Renewal Waiver:

Send Original plus one copy to:  
 Waiver Office, California Department of Education  
 1430 N Street, Suite 5602  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Send Electronic copy in **Word** and  
 back-up material to: [waiver@cde.ca.gov](mailto:waiver@cde.ca.gov)

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Local educational agency: Oakland Unified School District on behalf of Manzanita Community School			Contact name and Title: David Montes – Executive Director			Contact person's e-mail address: david.montes@ousd.k12. ca.us		
Address:		(City)	(State)	(ZIP)	Phone (and extension, if necessary):			
1025 Second Ave.		Oakland,	CA	94606-2212	510-336-7500			
					Fax Number: 510-482-6674			
Period of request: (month/day/year)			Local board approval date: (Required)			Date of public hearing: (Required)		
From: 07/01/10 To: 06/30/11								

**LEGAL CRITERIA**

1. Under the general waiver authority of *Education Code* 33050-33053, the particular *Education Code* or *California Code of Regulations* section(s) to be waived (number): 52055.740 (a) Circle One:  **EC** or  CCR

Topic of the waiver: Class size Reduction Targets temporarily increased.

2. If this is a renewal of a previously approved waiver, please list Waiver Number: \_\_\_\_\_ and date of SBE Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renewals of waivers must be submitted two months before the active waiver expires.

3. Collective bargaining unit information. Does the district have any employee bargaining units?  No  Yes If yes, please complete required information below:

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): 1/6/12

Name of bargaining unit and representative(s) consulted: OEA

The position(s) of the bargaining unit(s):  Neutral  Support  Oppose (Please specify why)

Comments (if appropriate):

4. Public hearing requirement: A public hearing is not simply a board meeting, but a properly noticed public hearing held during a board meeting at which time the public may testify on the waiver proposal. Distribution of local board agenda does not constitute notice of a public hearing. Acceptable ways to advertise include: (1) print a notice that includes the time, date, location, and subject of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation; or (2) in small school districts, post a formal notice at each school and three public places in the district.

How was the required public hearing advertised?

Notice in a newspaper  Notice posted at each school  Other: (Please specify)

5. Advisory committee or school site councils. Please identify the council(s) or committee that reviewed this waiver:

Date the committee/council reviewed the waiver request:

Were there any objection(s)? No  Yes  (If there were objections please specify)

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6. *Education Code or California Code of Regulations* section to be waived. If the request is to waive a portion of a section, type the text of the pertinent sentence of the law, or those exact phrases requested to be waived (use a **strike out key**).

52055.740. (a) For each funded school, the county superintendent of schools for the county in which the school is located shall annually review the school and its data to determine if the school has met all of the following program requirements by the school by the end of the third full year of funding:

- (A) For kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive, no more than 20 pupils per class, as set forth in the Class Size Reduction Program  
(i) At least five pupils fewer per classroom than was the average in 2006-07.

7. *Desired outcome/rationale*. Describe briefly the circumstances that brought about the request and why the waiver is necessary to achieve improved student performance and/or streamline or facilitate local agency operations. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

This Waiver is requesting that the Class Size Reduction Targets established for Manzanita Community School of 18.33 for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 16.33 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and be increased to 25 students in these grade levels for the 2010-2011 school year in light of the following circumstances:

As a means of meeting both the Class Size Reduction Criteria and the educational needs of the Students in multiple QEIA schools in the Oakland Unified School district, Site and District administrators proposed the use of Highly Qualified Credentialed Teachers in a "push-in" model for core instruction for those classes that had student to teacher ratios higher than the QEIA CSR targets. Site and district administrators contacted the Northern California Technical Assistance Center and requested a review and recommendation for this proposal. The recommendation from the Northern California Technical Assistance Center was to proceed with this proposed model for reducing class sizes and progressively support the educational needs of students as the representative from the Northern California Technical Assistance Center determined this proposal to be in line with the Educational Code.

With the support of the administrative and teaching staff at Manzanita Community School the proposed model was implemented for the 2010-2011 school year.

Near the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year, during the pre-monitoring phase, the district was notified by the Northern California Technical Assistance Center that the recommendation the center had made to Oakland Unified School District to proceed with use of Highly Qualified Credentialed Teachers in a "push-in" model for core instruction was not in line with the Educational Code for QEIA class size reduction and therefore those schools who had implemented this model would be found out of compliance for the 2010-2011 school year.

8. *Demographic Information*:  
Oakland USD has a student population of 46,600 and is located in an Urban Setting *in Alameda County*.  
Manzanita Community School has a student population of 292.

**Is this waiver associated with an apportionment related audit penalty? (per EC 41344)** No X Yes   
(If yes, please attach explanation or copy of audit finding)

**Has there been a Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) finding on this issue?** No X Yes   
(If yes, please attach explanation or copy of CPM finding)

**District or County Certification** – *I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is correct and complete.*

Signature of Superintendent or Designee: 	Title:	Date:
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Staff Name ( <i>type or print</i> ):	Staff Signature:	Date:
Unit Manager ( <i>type or print</i> ):	Unit Manager Signature:	Date:
Division Director ( <i>type or print</i> ):	Division Director Signature:	Date:
Deputy ( <i>type or print</i> ):	Deputy Signature:	Date: