

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of the Superintendent

January 9, 2013

**Legislative File**

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Introduction Date: 01-09-13  
Enactment No.: 13-0006  
Enactment Date: Jan 9, 2013  
By: O-A

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Anthony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 1213-0065 – Request to the California State Board of Education for a General Waiver of Education Code Section 52055.740(a) on behalf of *Acorn Woodland 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. 1213-0065 – Request to the California State Board of Education for a General of Education Code Section 52055.740(a) on behalf of *Acorn Woodland 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 13 QEIA funded schools; four middle schools and nine 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 2011-12 school year have 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 2013-14 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

2013-14 school year will likely contribute significantly to continued academic gains for the 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 \$160,000 in QEIA funding annually.

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. 1213-0065 – Request to the California State Board of Education for a General of Education Code Section 52055.740(a) on behalf of *Acorn Woodland 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. 1213-0065  
California Department of Education General Waiver Request Form

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

**Resolution No 1213-0065**

**California State Board of Education - General Waiver Request - Education Code  
Section 52055.740(a) - QEIA Funding (TEI) – Acorn Woodland Elementary School  
- Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

**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 13 QEIA funded schools; four middle schools and nine 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 2011-12 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 2013-14 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 2013-14 school year will likely contribute significantly to continued academic gains for designated school; and



**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 Board of Directors hereby approves the District's Request for General Waiver of Education Code Section 52055.740, QEIA Funding TEI – Fiscal Year 2011-12, on behalf of **Acorn Woodland 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; and

**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 effectuate the foregoing.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES: Gary Yee, James Harris, Roseann Torres, Christopher Dobbins, Jody London, Vice President Hinton Hodge, President David Kakishiba

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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 9, 2013.

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Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.  
Secretary, Board of Education

**California Department of Education  
WAIVER SUBMISSION – General**

**CD Code:**

**Waiver Number:**

**Active Year: 2012**

**Date In:**

**Local Education Agency:**

Oakland Unified School District

**Address:**

1025 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Oakland, CA

**Start:** 2011-12 school year

**End:** 2011-12 school year

**Waiver Renewal:** Y/N

**Previous Waiver Number:**

**Previous SBE Approval Date:**

**Waiver Topic:** Quality Education Investment Act

**Ed Code Title:** Teacher Experience Index Average Be Temporarily Reduced Due to Attrition

**Ed Code Section:** 52055.740(a)

**Ed Code Authority:** State Board of Education

**Ed Code or CCR to Waive:** 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:

(4) Using the index established under Section 52055.730, have an average experience of classroom teachers in the school equal to or exceeding the average for the school district for this type of school.

**Outcome Rationale:**

QEIA requires that Acorn Woodland Elementary School attain a Teacher Experience Index target of 6.4 years of teaching experience to be compliant with the QEIA requirements for the 2011/12 – 2013/14 school years. Due to teacher attrition by either retirements or early retirement incentives (golden handshakes), the school was unable to replace those vacancies with teachers that have equal years of experience to that of the retirees' average. The school has built a cohort of very dedicated teachers who are committed to remain teaching at Acorn Woodland for the duration of QEIA and will, as a result, increase the TEI annually. Further, Acorn Woodland has a strong academic program and system of teacher professional development that maintains a high degree

of collaboration and instructional preparedness that supports all teachers to provide a strong academic program for students regardless of years of experience.

**Student Population:**

Oakland USD has a student population of 38,040 (in 2011-12) and is located in an Urban Setting *in Alameda County*. Acorn Woodland Elementary School has a student population of 237 in 2011-12.

**City Type:** Urban

**Public Hearing Date:** January 9, 2013

**Public Hearing Advertised:** December 20, 2012

**Local Board Approval Date:** scheduled for January 9, 2013

**Please identify the appropriate council(s) or advisory committee(s) that reviewed this waiver.**

**Date the committee/council reviewed the waiver request:**

**Were there any objection(s)**

**Audit Penalty:** Y/N

**Categorical Program Monitoring:** Y/N

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**Bargaining Unit:** Oakland Education Association

**Date:** December 21, 2012

**Name:** Trish Gorham

**Representative:**

**Title:** President, Oakland Education Association

**Support Comments:**

**Bargaining Unit:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Representative:**

**Title:**

**Support Comments:**