



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number:
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To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: October 23, 2018

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Office of Education

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Steven Herrington, PhD – (707) 524-2620

Supervisorial District(s):

All

Title: Sonoma County Williams Act Settlement Annual Report of Findings

Recommended Actions:

Accept Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Report on Williams Lawsuit Settlement findings for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Executive Summary:

In August 2004, the Governor facilitated a settlement of the Williams lawsuit with specific legislation (CA Education Code Section 1240) designed to identify and correct deficiencies, which may be impediments to student academic success. This legislation stemmed from a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) that the State of California failed to provide poor and underprivileged students with equal educational opportunities. Specific elements in the suit included inadequate school facilities, insufficient educational materials, and a lack of fully credentialed teachers.

Pursuant to the Williams Settlement, the County Superintendent of Schools is required to report to the Board of Supervisors the results of findings related to those elements or conditions of Sonoma County schools. Attached is the report summarizing the June 2017 audit and visitation findings of the first four weeks of the 2017-2018 school year.

Discussion:

Sonoma County Office of Education Superintendent Steve Harrington is presenting the report. The Board is requested to accept the report.

Prior Board Actions:

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 3: Invest in the Future

Validating the presence of sufficient, current, standards based instructional materials in all Sonoma County school districts ensures young students in the community have necessary materials to enhance educational opportunities.

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY 19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:			
No fiscal impact for this item.			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
None.			
Attachments:			
Sonoma County Williams Act Settlement Annual Report of Findings			
Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:			
None.			

September 25, 2018

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Sonoma County Board of Supervisors:

Enclosed please find the Annual Report of Findings Pursuant to Williams Lawsuit Settlement for the fiscal year 2018-19. There were a total of twenty-three schools monitored.

Under Education Code Section 1240, each year the County Superintendent of Schools must report to the Board of Supervisors the results of findings regarding inadequate school facilities, school accountability report cards and teacher qualifications.

Please let me know if I can be further assistance.

Sincerely,



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***Annual Reporting of Findings
Pursuant to Williams Lawsuit Settlement
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018-19***

Findings of Visits and Reviews:

Instructional Materials:

Visitation of twenty-three schools during August and September 2018, validated the presence of sufficient, current, standards based instructional materials in all twenty-three schools visited. Sonoma County districts are to be commended for their efforts to ensure that students have sufficient materials for use in class and at home.

Facilities Maintenance:

There were no findings at the twenty-three sites that qualified as one of the “eight emergency repair situations that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff” as identified under Williams legislation.

Note: To date, emergency funding is still not available but districts have been encouraged to add their names to the list of districts looking for this funding so that when it does become available they are already in the pool.

School Accountability Report Card/Teacher Qualifications

The SARC for all twenty-three schools will be received and reviewed in March 2019. We found 0 teachers have “misassignments” for the (2017-18) school year. Review of credentials will occur in May 2019.

Valenzuela:

Documentation reviews were not conducted during this audit. The SRCS district has opted to exercise flexibility.

Quality of Education Act (QEIA)

There were no school sites monitored during the 2018 Williams Visitation.

Williams Lawsuit Schools 2018-19 Sonoma County
Report to the Sonoma County Board of Education and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

District	School	Current	Level	Sufficient instructional Materials	In Good Repair No Extreme Deficiencies	Received SARC's	2017-18 Teacher Misassignments	Used instructional Material Funds Appropriately	Unanswered complaints in relation to the Uniform Complaint Procedure	Base
Bellevue Union School District	Bellevue Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Bellevue Union School District	Kawana School	2	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Bellevue Union School District	Taylor Mountain Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Cloverdale Unified School District	Jefferson Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified	John Reed Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified	Thomas Page Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Healdsburg Unified	Healdsburg Elem. HES Campus (K-3)	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Healdsburg Unified	Fitch Mountain Campus (4-5)	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Petaluma City School District	McKinley School	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Albert F. Biella Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Brook Hill Elementary	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Comstock Middle School	3	Middle School	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Cook (Lawrence) Middle School	1	Middle School	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Elsie Allen High	2	High School	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Lincoln (Abraham) School	2	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Monroe (James) School	1	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Steele Lane School	3	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Santa Rosa City School District	Piner High	3	High School	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Sonoma Valley Unified SD	El Verano School	1	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Sonoma Valley Unified SD	Flowery School	1	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Sonoma Valley Unified SD	Sassarini Elementary	1	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Sonoma Valley Unified SD	Altimira Middle	2	Middle School	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009
Sonoma Valley Unified SD	Dunbar Elementary	2	Elementary	yes	yes	yes	none	yes	0	2009