

California Department of Education

Executive Office

SBE-006 (REV. 1/2018)

Specific Waiver

# California State Board of EducationJanuary 2019 AgendaItem #W-11

## Subject

Request by **Pixley Union Elementary School District** under the authority of California *Education Code* Section 52863 for waivers of *Education Code* Section 52852, relating to schoolsite councils regarding changes in shared, composition, or shared and composition members.

## Waiver Number

14-9-2018

## Type of Action

Action, Consent

## Summary of the Issue(s)

Specific authority is provided in California *Education Code* (*EC*) Section 52863 to allow the State Board of Education to waive the Schoolsite Council (SSC) requirements contained in *EC* Section 52852 of the School-Based Coordination Program Act that would hinder the success of the program implementation. These waivers must be renewed every two years.

## Authority for Waiver

*EC* Section 52863

## Recommendation

* Approval: No
* Approval with conditions: Yes, see Attachment 1.
* Denial: No

## Summary of Key Issues

The Pixley Union Elementary School District is requesting to renew a shared SSC for two schools: Pixley Elementary School and Pixley Middle School. Pixley Elementary School has 37 classroom teachers serving 695 students in kindergarten through grade five while Pixley Middle School has 17 classroom teachers serving 377 students in grades six through eight. These two schools, located in a rural area, are the only schools in the district.

## Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The California Department of Education has previously presented requests from local educational agencies (LEAs) to waive some of the SSC requirements in *EC* Section 52863 or to allow one shared SSC for multiple schools. All of these requests have been granted with conditions. The conditions take into consideration the rationale provided by the LEAs, a majority of which are due to the size, type, location, or other capacities of the schools.

## Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

There is no statewide fiscal impact of waiver approval.

## Attachment(s)

* **Attachment 1:** Local Educational Agency Requesting a Schoolsite Council Waiver (1 Page)
* **Attachment 2:** Pixley Union Elementary School District Specific Waiver Request 14-9-2018 (2 Pages) (Original waiver request is signed and on file in the Waiver Office.)

**Attachment 1: Local Educational Agency Requesting a Schoolsite Council Waiver**

California *Education Code* Section 52863

| Waiver Number | Local Educational Agency (LEA) for School(s) (County-District-School Code[s]) | LEAs Request for a Schoolsite Council (SSC) Waiver | California Department of Education Recommendation | Waiver Renewal Yes or No Period of Request/Period Recommended | Collective Bargaining Unit Position/ Current Agreement | SSC/Advisory Committee Position | Local Board Approval Date |
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| 14-9-2018 | Pixley Union Elementary School District for Pixley Elementary School (5472041 6054209) and Pixley Middle School (5472041 0114165) | Shared SSC | Approval with conditions: the SSC must consist of one principal, three classroom teachers (selected by peers), one other school representative (selected by peers), and five parents/community members (selected by parents). | **Yes****Requested**07/01/2018 to 06/30/2020**Recommended**07/01/2018 to 06/30/2020 | None indicated | Pixley Elementary School and Pixley Middle School shared SSC10/11/2016**No Objection** | 10/11/2016 |

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**Attachment 2: 14-9-2018 Pixley Union Elementary School District**

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**WAIVER SUBMISSION – Specific**

County-District Code: 5472041

Waiver Number: 14-9-2018

Active Year: 2018

Date In: 9/20/2018 12:07:00 PM

Local Educational Agency: Pixley Union Elementary School District

Address: 300 North School St.

Pixley, CA 93256

Start: 7/1/2018

End: 6/30/2020

Waiver Renewal: Yes

Previous Waiver Number: 8-10-2016-W-09

Previous State Board of Education (SBE) Approval Date: 1/11/2017

Waiver Topic: Schoolsite Council Statute

California *Education Code* (*EC*) Title: Shared Schoolsite Council

*EC* Section: 52852

*EC* Authority: 52863

*EC* or *California Code of Regulations* to Waive: 52852.(a) A schoolsite council shall be established "at each school that participates in school-based program coordination”. The schoolsite council shall be composed of the principal and representatives of: teachers selected by teachers at the school; other school personnel selected by other personnel at the school; parents of pupils attending the school selected by the parents; and, in secondary schools, pupils selected by pupils attending the school.

Outcome Rationale: Pixley Union School District is a small rural community with two sites; an elementary (k-5), and a middle school (6-8). Parent involvement continues to grow at a steady pace but the problem is that the same active parents are the same parents that participate at both sites. They participate in SSC, ELAC, and PTO. The district worries that they will become burnt out if asked to participate at both sites, thus multiple times and dates. We would like to continue having one SSC for the district. The district will continue to ensure that appropriate topics will be covered for both sites and will be identified by having agenda items designated for elementary and middle school.

Student Population: 1107

City Type: Rural

Local Board Approval Date: 10/11/2016

Council Reviewed By: Pixley Elementary SSC

Council Reviewed Date: 10/11/2016

Council Objection: No

Council Objection Explanation: *(None)*

Audit Penalty Yes or No: No

Categorical Program Monitoring: No

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