



Item 21

Paradise Unified School District (PUSD)

Request for a waiver of assessment requirements
pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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TONY THURMOND
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Meeting Recommendation (1a)

The California Department of Education (CDE) recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) approve the submission of the waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) on behalf of the PUSD, and authorize CDE staff to work with PUSD prior to submission to make technical changes to the request, as needed, to meet federal requirements.



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Meeting Recommendation (1b)

It is further recommended that the State Board of Education (SBE) delegate authority to the SBE President to approve submission to the ED of requests by local educational agencies (LEAs) to waive provisions of ESSA if the SBE President determines there is not sufficient time to bring the request to the SBE at a regularly scheduled meeting with sufficient staff analysis to support a reasoned recommendation.