

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent
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SUBJECT: Revision to the California State Plan (1999-2004) for the Workforce Investment Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

In keeping with Title II of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – known as the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act – the California Department of Education developed and implemented a five-year State Plan to carry out the Act's provisions. The State Board of Education (as the State Education Agency for federal programs) approved the original five-year plan and subsequent revisions to the plan. Both the original plan and the revisions were approved by the U. S. Department of Education (USDE).

The current State Plan expires on June 30, 2004, with the expiration of the WIA. However, in accordance with provisions of federal law, the USDE has asked states to revise and extend their existing plans for one year to be eligible for continued WIA funding for 2004-2005.

The State Plan revisions are to include negotiated "Core Performance Measures" that exceed the actual performance measures from the prior year. The process for approving the 2004-2005 Core Performance Measures includes a review by a team of field practitioners and by the USDE Area Coordinator. That process is currently in progress, and therefore we are unable to provide a summary of the negotiated measures at this time. The negotiated measures are expected to be completed in February, and the revised 2004-2005 State Plan will then be presented to the State Board for action at the March 2004 meeting.

Because much of the existing State Plan will be unchanged, you may wish to review the existing document as background for the March 2004 meeting. The State Plan is voluminous, so a hardcopy is not attached to this memorandum. The existing State Plan may be viewed at the following Web site:

<http://www.otan.us/webfarm/stateplan/>

Approval for one year of a revised State Plan is needed to ensure that California will receive 2004-05 federal funds for adult education. Approval of the State Plan will not impact the state's General Fund. No opposition to approval of the State Plan is anticipated.