

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
State Allocation Board Meeting, February 28, 1996

DISTRICT REORGANIZATION POLICY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present a policy relating to Lease-Purchase Program eligibility for school districts which are reorganized.

DESCRIPTION

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) currently presents a new unified district's application to the Board for approval at the first meeting after the effective date for all purposes of the reorganization. At this time the old district's unhoused average daily attendance (ADA) is reduced. Education Code Section 35534 and Government Code Section 5400 stipulate that the action to reorganize a school district shall become effective for all purposes on July 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such action is completed.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff and Implementation Committee proposes the following process relating to the recognition of reorganizations.

1. Upon receipt to the OPSC of the certified petition to have an election to reorganize by the specific County, the State Allocation Board (SAB) and the OPSC will do the following:
 - a) Request from all affected existing districts, as part of the proposed reorganization plan, enrollment data for the current and previous three years modified to reflect the pupils lost to the proposed new district(s).
 - b) Suspend any further action by the SAB regarding any phase or bid approval and processing of application documents by the OPSC for any project from any district(s) involved in the proposed reorganization, as identified in the certified petition from the county, until the enrollment data requested in "a" above is received by the OPSC. After receipt of the data by the OPSC, the application processing and SAB approvals will continue in the order they were originally placed in the review/approval process.
 - c) Calculate the new projections of estimated ADA after reorganization for the affected districts and notify the specific county of the potential loss in projections of ADA and loss of area entitlement utilizing 59 square feet for K-6, 80 square feet for 7-8 and 92 square feet for 9-12 pupils.

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STAFF COMMENTS (continued)

2. If the election is unsuccessful, continue with the existing district's projects as originally submitted. If the election is successful, the SAB/OPSC will do all the following:
 - a) Suspend all further SAB approvals and OPSC processing of all applications from the existing district(s) affected by the reorganization until rejustification of all its projects not yet fully apportioned for Phase C (not Phase C \$-0-) have been determined.
 - b) Recognize the eligibility of the newly formed district and the loss of the affected existing district(s) as of the date the successful election took place.
 - c) Allow the newly formed district to file an application for Lease Purchase funds after the appointment or election of the governing board of the new district. The SAB will accept the application, include in the OPSC workload priorities and submit the request to the SAB for approval.
 - d) Continue the policy that the newly formed district's site and area entitlements are reduced by any site or area available from the affected existing district(s).

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt this policy.