

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
State Allocation Board Meeting, October 23, 1996

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present final proposals regarding funding for educational technology programs.

DESCRIPTION

At the State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting on September 25, 1996, action was taken to allocate \$45.5 million out of Proposition 203 funds for specific educational technology programs as follows:

1. The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association in the amount of \$10 million. This program will be administered through the Kern County Office of Education.
2. The San Bernardino County Office of Education in the amount of \$25 million.
3. The Riverside County Office of Education in the amount of \$10.5 million.

The SAB directed that each of the three counties submit final proposal to the Board that address the use of these funds for wiring/cabling or building upgrades necessary as a result of the educational technology program. Although not specifically addressed by the SAB at that meeting, each county has indicated it will also comply with the following additional program criteria:

1. The program will require at least a 50 percent match from the district from other available funds.
2. The SAB will recognize expenditures made by the district which were incurred after July 1, 1995. Expenditures must have been for wiring/cabling or building upgrades necessary as a result of the educational technology program. The OPSC will review costs to assure expenditures are eligible.
3. Final proposals must include goal statements, specific information on how the funds will be used, identification of matching funds, a financial plan addressing use of SAB funds in increments and an expenditure plan when the SAB funds will actually be needed.
4. Financial plan will normally be limited to no more than 10 percent for planning.
5. Audits of expenditures will be made by the OPSC as a normal project.

The counties listed above have completed and submitted final proposals for use of the educational technology funding that meet all the program criteria noted above. A synopsis of each proposal is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report.