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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Patricia Grisham, Administrative Secretary I, 253-4424
SUBJECT: Report by Napa County Superintendent of Schools Barbara Nemko

RECOMMENDATION

Report by Barbara Nemko, Napa County Superintendent of Schools, regarding the results of the Williams Monitoring Visits in Napa County Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a result of a lawsuit filed in May 2000 against the State of California, the County Superintendent of Schools is required to perform site visits to Decile 1-3 schools in the County of Napa to determine a safe environment for children, cleanliness of the schools and that schools have the appropriate educational materials and fully credentialed teachers. In addition, the Superintendent is required to present such report annually to the Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The ACLU filed a lawsuit against the State of California, alleging that the State had failed to provide poor and underprivileged students with equal educational opportunities, by providing them with inadequate facilities, insufficient educational materials, and with teachers who were not fully credentialed. As a result of that lawsuit, the Napa County Superintendent of Schools is required to perform site visits to Decile 1-3 schools in the County of Napa to determine a safe environment for children, cleanliness of schools and that schools have the appropriate educational materials and are fully credentialed teachers.

Attached is a copy of a letter sent by the County Superintendent to the Napa Unified School District regarding a recent visit. As can be seen, the letter indicates that no findings were made. The County Superintendent will report on this issue to your Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Williams Monitoring Visits Ltr

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson