



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Informational Only

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Sonoma County Williams Act Settlement Annual Report of Findings

Recommended Action:

Accept Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Report on Williams Lawsuit Settlement findings for Fiscal Year 2021-22. (Informational Only)

Executive Summary:

In August 2004, the Governor facilitated a settlement of the Williams lawsuit with specific legislation (CA Education Code Section 1240) designed to identify and correct deficiencies, which may be impediments to student academic success. This legislation stemmed from a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) that the State of California failed to provide poor and underprivileged students with equal educational opportunities. Specific elements in the suit included inadequate school facilities, insufficient educational materials, and a lack of fully credentialed teachers.

Pursuant to the Williams Settlement, the County Superintendent of Schools is required to report to the Board of Supervisors the results of findings related to those elements or conditions of Sonoma County schools. Attached is the report summarizing the August/September 2021 audit and review findings of the first four weeks of the 2021-2022 school year.

A special note for the 2021 report is that staff were unable to complete the assignment monitoring portion due to the changes in the process as well as the delay in implementation of CalSAAS due to COVID. Therefore, there is no assignment monitoring report for this period. Any teacher working out of assignment will be reported next year.

Discussion:

The Board is requested to accept the report.

Prior Board Actions:

N/A

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

2021 Annual Reporting of Findings

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

N/A