



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Office of Education

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**Vote Requirement:** Informational Only

**Supervisorial 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 2022-23.

**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 2022 audit and review findings of the first four weeks of the 2022-2023 school 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:**

2022 Annual Reporting of Findings

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

N/A