

Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Office of Human Resources
M E M O R A N D U M



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SUBJECT: No Child Left Behind Hearing Panel Reports

Date: February 6, 2007

BACKGROUND:

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) established and enforces standards of performance for all public schools. NCLB requires Districts to provide assistance to schools that fail to meet their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and to levy sanctions in year three (3) of Program Improvement.

The Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers and the Newport-Mesa Unified School District negotiated contract language (Article 23) during the 2003 – 2004 school year in an effort to address the adherence of NCLB legislation. Within Article 23, NMFT and NMUSD agreed to procedures and timelines used to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act.

Last Fall (2006) three (3) District schools, Pomona Elementary, TeWinkle Middle School, and Wilson Elementary, were unable to meet their respective AYP targets and consequently identified as year three Program Improvement Schools. Therefore, Article 23 of the NMFT/NMUSD contract was implemented. A hearing panel was formed to create and recommend a plan of action to assist Pomona Elementary School, TeWinkle Middle School and Wilson Elementary School in improving to a level above that of Program Improvement status under NCLB.

The Hearing Panel, after collecting data, interviewing school constituents groups, viewing records, and holding hearings, finalized reports for the Board of Education consideration. Embedded in the final reports are the recommended sanctions.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The Hearing Panel has prepared a final report for each of the aforementioned Program Improvement (Year Three) schools for the Board of Education to consider. Each report contains an overview of student performance data, findings of each school visitation, and recommended interventions.

Additionally, staff has scheduled an opportunity for the community to provide additional input to the Board of Education. Opportunity for community input is scheduled as follows:

6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. – Panel Report and public comments for Wilson Elementary School.

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Panel Report and public comments for Pomona Elementary School.

7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. – Panel Report and public comments for TeWinkle Middle School.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education receive for information, the NCLB Hearing Panel reports for Pomona Elementary School, TeWinkle Middle School, and Wilson Elementary School. In addition, it is recommended that the Board of Education receive community input as scheduled regarding the NCLB Panel Hearing reports. Board action on the reports is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 during a regular Board meeting.

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