Transitional Kindergarten Waiver

On May 17, 2017 The State Board of Education granted a waiver # 10-1-2017-W-02 to allow TK (Transitional Kindergarten) students to continue to attend a half day program through 6/30/2018. The TK program and the Kindergarten program are to have equal number of minutes and did so at the onset of implementation of TK in the Morongo Unified School District. However, it was determined that more instructional time would be advantageous for our Kindergarten students, allowing them the opportunity to mature and succeed to an age and developmentally appropriate levels. We elected to not extend this to our TK, as our kindergarten students had quite an adjustment initially to a full day program. We expect to collect data on students who participate in the TK programs, as well as, on those who do not, and will conduct additional research regarding our Kindergarten academic success rate prior to implementing additional changes. This is why our TK program has fewer minutes than our Kindergarten program at this time, and why the State Board of Education granted this waiver.
May 17, 2017

Sharon Flores
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Dear Ms. Flores:

This letter serves as the official disposition notice of the waiver request submitted for consideration at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting on May 11, 2017.

Waiver #: 10-1-2017-W-02 Period Recommended: 8/22/2016 to 6/30/2018

EC Section: 37202(a) 
EC Authority: 33050

Title: Request by Morongo Unified School District to waive California Education Code Section 37202(a), the equity length of time requirement for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten programs at district's elementary schools.

Disposition: Approved with conditions: The MUSD will provide information to MUSD families by July 6, 2017, explaining the waiving of EC Section 37202(a), allowing TK students to attend school for fewer minutes than kindergarten students.

If you have any questions about this waiver request or need further assistance with waiver requests to the SBE, please call the California Department of Education Waiver Office at 916-319-0824.

Sincerely,

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