

Memorandum

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2009

TO: CHAIRMAN F.C. "ROCKY" ROCKHOLM
MEMBERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: GAYLE GARBOLINO-MOJICA, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT 

RE: ANNUAL REPORT ON WILLIAMS SCHOOLS IN PLACER COUNTY

In May of 2000, the ACLU filed a lawsuit, *Williams vs. the State of California*, claiming that the State failed to provide under-privileged students with equal educational opportunities. In fall of 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger settled the lawsuit and signed bills into law to enact the settlement agreement establishing lower performing schools in deciles 1-3 as "Williams" schools that shall be subject to additional oversight by the county superintendent.

Pursuant to Education Code §1240(c)(2)(B), the county superintendent shall annually present in November a report to the county board of supervisors, the county board of education, and to school districts describing the state of the schools that are ranked in deciles 1-3 inclusive of the 2006 base Academic Performance Index. This year, my office conducted school visits to determine the status of sufficient textbooks, the safety, cleanliness and adequacy of the school facility, and the accuracy of the data reported on the school accountability report card (SARC). In Placer County, three schools have been identified as *Williams* schools: Kings Beach Elementary School in the Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District, Foresthill High School in the Placer Union High School District, and First Street School in the Western Placer Unified School District. Visits were made to each school and the following are the results of those visits:

Kings Beach Elementary School, Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District

- Sufficient textbooks YES, after rectification
- Adequate facilities YES
- Accurate information on the SARC YES

Foresthill High School, Placer Union High School District

- Sufficient textbooks YES
- Adequate facilities YES
- Accurate information on the SARC YES

First Street School, Western Placer Unified School District

- Sufficient textbooks YES
- Adequate facilities YES
- Accurate information on the SARC YES

In addition, the county superintendent monitors teacher assignments and vacancies to ensure that teachers have the proper credentials for the content and students they are assigned to teach. Any misassignments found must be corrected by the district. This year, one teacher misassignment was found at Kings Beach Elementary. The Board authorization to correct this misassignment was Board approved at the November 4, 2009 Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting. Five teacher misassignments were found at Foresthill High School and all were corrected by Board authorization. No teacher misassignments were found at First Street School.