

Memorandum

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2008
TO: MEMEBERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 describing the state of the schools that are ranked in deciles 1-3 inclusive of the 2006 base Academic Performance Index. The priority objective of the visits made shall be 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). For the 2008-09 school year, this review also included an examination of records related to extra support services for high school students who have not graduated because they have not passed the California Exit Exam (CAHSEE). 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 within the first eight weeks of school and have found the following:

Kings Beach Elementary School, Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District

- Sufficient textbooks YES
- 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
- Adequate support for students to pass CAHSEE YES

First Street School, Western Placer Unified School District

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

