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# Title I Eligibility and Waiver Process

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# Alignment to Strategic Plan

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## Goal 2: Achievement Gap

Achievement gaps will be eliminated for all student groups in all areas



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# Title I Process and Programs

# Title I Programs and Eligibility

- Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards
- Districts may determine the threshold for eligibility
- **Two types of programs-**
  - Schoolwide Program (SWP) (40% low income)
    - Funds support all students
  - Targeted Assistance School (TAS) (less than 40%)
    - Funds support targeted students only

# Consolidated Application (ConApp)

- The Consolidated Application (ConApp) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various federal programs (Title I, II, III, IV) to county offices, school districts, and direct-funded charter schools throughout California.
- Annually, from mid-May to the end of June, each local educational agency (LEA), using the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS), submits the spring release of the ConApp. The spring release documents participation in these programs and provides assurances that the LEA will comply with the legal requirements of each program.
- The winter release of the ConApp is submitted from mid-January to the end of February each year and contains the LEA entitlements for each funded program.
- The winter submission includes updated low income reporting (real time data from districts)
  - May impact current year's designated funding if there are changes in demographics (e.g., 2019-2020 reporting now for possible adjustments during this school year)
  - If necessary, adjustments must happen immediately after report submission (funding increases, decreases, or program changes at school/district level)

# MVWSD Title I Timeline

- 2006-07: Theuerkauf, Castro, Landels and Monta Loma are all designated Title 1 Schools
- 2008-09: Crittenden is added
- 2011-12: District did not apply for Title I funding due to penalties incurred from No Child Left Behind
- 2014-15: Began Title I funding for Castro and Theuerkauf (turnaround schools) 65% low income threshold established
- 2018-19: Board approved eligibility threshold change to 55% due to declining low income counts at Theuerkauf

# Current Title I Programming

- Currently MVWSD operates two school wide programs.
- Funding is allocated annually based on prior year eligible pupil enrollment counts
  - Castro
    - 2019-2020 Title I allocation--\$220,336
  - Theuerkauf
    - 2019-2020 Title I allocation--\$131,735
  - District
    - Required reservations for McKinney-Vento and parent engagement
    - Summer school costs for Castro and Theuerkauf



# Castro and Theuerkauf Data Trends

Year	Castro	Theuerkauf
<b>2017 - 2018</b>	88% - Low Income Students	63% - Low Income Students
	67% - English Language Learners	42% - English Language Learners
<b>2018 - 2019</b>	85% - Low Income Students	55% - Low Income Students
	66% - English Language Learners	36% - English Language Learners
<b>2019 - 2020</b>	85% - Low Income Students	38% - Low Income Students
	69% - English Language Learners	28% - English Language Learners

- A review of recently submitted income verification/applications has revealed many families earning well over federal household guidelines for subsidy lunch program.
- For example, \$24,000, \$12,000 and \$45,000 monthly incomes have been reported in the 2019-2020 school year.

# ConApp Winter Submission

- Based on data collected for the winter submission of the ConApp, Theuerkauf has fallen below the minimum low income eligibility criteria to operate as a Title I schoolwide program
- While Theuerkauf has seen a decline in the percentage of low income students over the past few years, it was not anticipated that percentages would change so much in one year
  - 2018-19 - 55%
  - 2019-20 - 38%
- This is a growing trend in the state of California and there is a process in place to ensure Theuerkauf can continue as a Title I Schoolwide program for the remainder of the school year.

# Schoolwide Program Waiver Criteria

Schoolwide Program (SWP) waivers may be approved by the California Department of Education if the local governing board approves such a request and if the school meets *one or more* of the following criteria:

- ≥25 percent student low income;
- Graduation rate is below state average;
- Local governing board recommends that the SWP is the best way to serve the student population;
- ≥30 percent English Learner student population;
- School has been identified for comprehensive or targeted support; or
- School has been identified as the lowest 5 percent of low performing schools.

# Schoolwide Program Waiver Process

The local governing board must approve a request for a waiver for the participating school

The school must then complete the following:

1. Conduct a Needs Assessment
2. Develop a Schoolwide Plan
3. Obtain the local governing board approval of the SWP Plan
4. The LEA will indicate dates of the local governing board approval of the SWP status including the waiver in the Consolidated Application Reporting System by February 28

School Board approval and revised site plan approval may occur at the same meeting; however, the school site plan cannot be approved prior to Board approval of the waiver.

# Steps for Waiver - Theuerkauf

Since identifying a need for waiver, the following actions have taken place:

- Follow up on incomplete free and reduced lunch applications from this fall
- Revision to the Theuerkauf site plan to include iReady assessment data and updated low income family counts
- Scheduling Theuerkauf update meetings with School Site Council and ELAC



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# Recommendation

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To meet the existing high needs of the student population at Theuerkauf for the 2019-2020 school year the following recommendation is presented:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Title I waiver and the revised school site plan and request for Theuerkauf Elementary School.



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# Next Steps



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- Board approves waiver and updated school site plan
- Come back to the Board of Trustees in March to gather input regarding next steps for Title I funding
- Make decisions for 2020-2021 Title I district programming and participating/eligible schools