

Report to the MVWSD Board of Trustees

Federal Program Monitoring 2021-22

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Background:

In Spring 2021, MVWSD received official notice from the California Department of Education that our district had been selected for a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Review in April 2022. This is a standard process for all public school districts receiving federal funding, and its purpose is to confirm compliance with all regulations related to the programs being reviewed. Districts are selected annually on a rotating basis; each district is reviewed approximately once every two to four years. MVWSD's last review was in the 2017-18 school year.

Review Process:

There were three specific programs reviewed in the 2022 FPM process:

- Compensatory Education (CE), or Title I Programs
- English Learner (EL), or Title III/English Learner Programs
- Early Learning and Care (ELC), or Preschool Programs

Each program had a number of specific evidence requests, each connected to one or more specific aspects of federal and/or state education laws. The review required the participation of staff at the District Office, Castro School, Theuerkauf School, and the Preschool. While Theuerkauf is no longer a Title I school and thus was not selected for CE program review, it was selected to participate in the EL program review. In total, there were approximately 150 separate evidence requests, each requiring varied types of documentation to prove that MVWSD is in compliance with all legal requirements.

Between August 2021 and April 2022, staff attended multiple CDE-sponsored FPM trainings and team members set up multiple regular working meetings based on varied levels of program involvement. In total, over the course of seven months and many hours of work, MVWSD submitted 432 documents to reviewers to fulfill initial evidence requests, follow up on feedback, and respond to secondary (and sometimes tertiary) requests for additional documentation.

Between April 5, 2022 and April 7, 2022, reviewers conducted virtual "on site" meetings and interviews with district staff, members of DELAC, Castro and Theuerkauf ELAC members, Castro School Site Council members, and employees whose salary is currently funded in part or whole by federal funds.

Results:

On April 7, 2022, staff received the Notification of Findings letter (attached below) from review lead April Woodcheke. There were 50 total possible findings across three programs, CE, EL, and ELC. **MVWSD received zero total findings, and no further action is required. For context, during the 2017-18 FPM review, MVWSD received twelve findings across five reviewed programs.** CDE staff offered positive feedback on our review, remarking that few FPM processes go as smoothly or were as well-organized as ours. The reviewer of EL programs will be recommending MVWSD as a model district for future state FPM training.



California Department of Education Federal Program Monitoring 2021-22 Notification of Findings

April 07, 2022

This is the official Notification of Findings (NOF) report of the review visit conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE). Because the methodology of the review involves sampling, it is not an assessment of all legal requirements. Nevertheless, the local educational agency (LEA) is responsible for operating its federal categorical programs in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Local Educational Agency: Mountain View Whisman (43695910000000)

Review Date(s): 04/05/2022 - 04/08/2022

Regional Team Leader(s): April Woodcheke, 916-319-0256

FPM Coordinator(s): Geoffrey Chang, 650-646-1660

Program Reviewed	Program Reviewer	Total Findings
Compensatory Education (CE)	Linda Moscatelli	0
English Learner (EL)	Theresa Hawk	0
Early Learning and Care (ELC)	Crystal Devlin, Nancy De Armond	0

No findings resulted from this monitoring review. No further action is required.

NOTE: Copies of this report were distributed to the Agency. This is a public report and must be made available upon request. (California Public Records Act, Government Code section 6250)

Sites Reviewed	Programs Reviewed
Mariano Castro Elementary (43695916048003)	CE, EL
MVWSD Preschool at Theuerkauf (6959)	ELC
Theuerkauf Elementary (43695916049514)	EL

Monitoring Results by Program

Compensatory Education

No program findings resulted from this monitoring review. No further action is required.

English Learner

No program findings resulted from this monitoring review. No further action is required.



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Early Learning and Care

No program findings resulted from this monitoring review. No further action is required.

The means by which a finding is resolved is the responsibility of the LEA unless specified in law. Authorized LEA staff may request suggestions from CDE staff on the resolution of findings.