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**SUBJECT: Interim Update on Residency Verification**

Because of the enhanced restrictions on interdistrict transfers (IDTs) in the elementary district, my focus as the residency verification officer has been on that district alone. Time remains the most significant issue in pursuing these cases: In any given week, because of my other district duties, I spend no more than 4-8 hours on this verification process – less if there are numerous expulsion hearings.

Prioritizing verification cases remains an evolving process, but, generally, the same procedure as described in a December Board Brief remains in place:

1. Cases considered suspicious by the site principal.
2. Students on IDTs last year, but now showing local addresses.
3. Secondary cases reported as suspicious.

(The exception is when district personnel ask for specific priority to any given case.)

To date, 62 cases have been investigated. 8 have been reported as fraudulent enrollments; 12 have been inconclusive, but remain suspicious; and the others verified as accurate. Nearly 12 case investigations are “active;” meaning that some information has been collected, but not enough to reasonably conclude fraudulent enrollment.

Requests from secondary schools for residency verification have been numerous and very likely to be more significant in the coming school year. I estimate that as much as 15-20% of the secondary school population will be fraudulent. That estimate is derived from an elementary population estimated to be at least 10% fraudulent (the percentage varies significantly from school to school).

Problems during the residency verification include, among others, multiple phone contacts, multiple addresses in the Santa Barbara area; custody issues (one parent lives locally and difficult to ascertain time in home); site clerical support that obfuscates or otherwise discourages investigation into certain cases; and the large geographic area to cover (investigations have included visits to Lompoc, Santa Ynez, Ventura, Oxnard, and Ojai).

One interesting finding: Carpinteria Unified recently advised me that some secondary students who live in that area have already enrolled in that district in anticipation of the new 2010-11 residency restrictions. Carpinteria is interested in conducting follow-ups to transferring students with disciplinary and attendance problems.

Adams Elementary School Cesar Chavez Charter School Cleveland Elementary School Franklin Elementary School Harding Elementary School	McKinley Elementary School Monroe Elementary School Open Alternative School Peabody Charter School	Roosevelt Elementary School Santa Barbara Charter School Santa Barbara Community Academy Washington Elementary School	Goleta Valley Junior High School La Colina Junior High School La Cumbre Junior High School Santa Barbara Junior High School	Dos Pueblos High School La Cuesta Continuation High School San Marcos High School Santa Barbara High School Home School Santa Barbara
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