



Public Hearing Notice

The Bakersfield City School District, The Bakersfield City Elementary SELPA, and the School Board does hereby give notice that a public hearing for public comment will be held as follows.

Bakersfield City School District's Extended School Year Waiver Submission to the California State Board of Education

Bakersfield City School District Board of Education Meeting

Date: February 28, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 1300 Baker Street

To provide public comment:

Members of the public may attend the meeting to provide public comments in person. Prior to the start of the meeting, persons wishing to speak will, on forms provided, indicate their name and the item on which they intend to speak. If the matter is listed as an item for Board action, the Board will not take action until persons who have requested to speak have done so.

Public Review:

The ESY Waiver Notice of Public Hearing and Rationale have been posted to the Bakersfield City School District SELPA Web Page for review by the SELPA Community Advisory Committee and all local stakeholders. Viewing of the ESY Waiver Notice of Public Hearing and Rationale have been posted to:

<https://www.bcsd.com/Page/441> . At the conclusion of the Public Hearing the Bakersfield City School District School Board will vote to adopt the Extended School Year Waiver. For Additional Information Please Contact:

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Extended School Year Waiver Request

Purpose:

The Bakersfield City School District (BCSD) is requesting a waiver from the California Department of Education to modify the required special education extended school year from 20 days to 15 days. BCSD will utilize a 15-day schedule of 5 hours 40 minutes per day totaling 85 hours of instructional time for students while maximizing both student attendance and staffing options, exclusive of any approved holidays. The proposed 15 days will also allow special education students attending ESY to be in alignment with the District's General Education Learning School Program

Rationale:

We have approximately 1,200 students who are eligible for ESY services. In recent years, even pre-pandemic, our families and students found it challenging to maintain attendance for the full 20 days. The geographic area for our attendance boundaries is expansive and students have long bus routes to attend class. As the summer progresses, more and more students drop from the program minimizing the effectiveness of ESY for these students. This proposed ESY schedule will allow BCSD to maximize student learning and lessen the typical drops in attendance. In addition, this schedule will promote staffing with highly qualified special education teachers and support staff given the session will end with adequate time for staff, students and their families to get a much-needed opportunity to re-charge for the upcoming school year.