Executive Summary  
Board Date: April 13, 2004

SUBJECT:
Request for Allowance of Attendance at San Diego City Schools From November 3, 2003 through December 19, 2003, Because of Emergency Conditions—San Diego County Fires

Recommendation(s):
In accordance with the provisions of Education Code Section 46392, the superintendent recommends approval of submission of a “Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions” (Form J-13A and Affidavit of Governing Board Members) to the California Department of Education (CDE) for a substitution of estimated days of attendance from November 3, 2003 through December 19, 2003, during which school attendance was materially decreased as a consequence of the wildfires.

Summary of Previous Board of Education Discussion and Action:
On November 18, 2003, the board approved submission of a waiver that allowed the district to receive credit for lost average daily attendance (ADA) and instructional time for the week of October 27 to October 31, 2003, when the schools were closed.

Summary of Key Issue(s):
The CDE permits districts to claim ADA credit for material decrease when attendance is below normal for days on which schools were kept open during, or immediately following an emergency. The October fires constitute that emergency. The district has determined that ADA was measurably lower after the schools re-opened for the period November 3 through December 19, 2003, than it was in the timeframe immediately prior to the school closures. As a result, a waiver request is warranted.

Appendix to the Executive Summary:
Form J-13A: (pps.1, 3, and 5) Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions

Fiscal Analysis:
This request, if approved, will provide additional ADA credit of 155,153.5 days of apportioned attendance for an approximate value of $6.0 Million that otherwise would not be forthcoming to the district.