

Transitional Kindergarten

Cardiff School District
Presentation

Presentation Agenda

- Revisit historical timeline for Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- Review previous Board action to discontinue TK
- Review recent updates

The Education Code *is the statute school districts follow.*

The California Department of Education
is the agency that oversees the CA public school system.

California Education Code 48000 statute provides that Transitional Kindergarten shall be provided *“as a condition of receipt of apportionment for pupils in a transitional kindergarten program...”*

The statute only requires TK if a school district receives an apportionment of funds for pupils in a transitional kindergarten program.

Historical Timeline

2010

- Kindergarten Readiness Act changes birthday for Kindergarten to Nov 1 in 2012, Oct 1 in 2013 and Sept 1 beginning 2014, and establishes Transitional Kindergarten

2013

- CA Legislative Counsel opinion concluded "...districts are not required to offer a TK program

Historical Timeline

2014

- Updated Kindergarten Readiness Bill considered changing the Ed Code language but the final draft did not change the conditions
- Updates that were made to TK language under Jerry Brown's tenure did not adjust the language to make TK a condition for apportionment

Historical Timeline

2015

- Board of Trustees takes action to discontinue the TK program, effective 2016-17

2018

- CA Legislative Counsel opinion again concluded: “...districts are not required to offer a TK program.”

Factors Impacting 2015 Decision

- Not an equitable program as it supports only the oldest students (Sept 2-Dec 2 Birthdays)
- Cost and facilities
- Focus funds on K-6 programming

Today

Current legal opinion still notes that Education Code has not changed.

The District continues to maintain a focused effort on the educational program and facilities needs of our K-6 students.

Next Steps

We will continue to review any revised or new legislation around early education requirements and will take all mandatory actions.

Thank You

