

Board Memo Re:

The Williams Settlement and the related Instructional Materials Resolution

Background on the Williams Lawsuit:

The Eliezer Williams, et al., vs. State of California, et al. (Williams) case was filed as a class action in 2000 in San Francisco County Superior Court. The plaintiffs include nearly 100 San Francisco County students, who filed suit against the State of California and state education agencies, including the California Department of Education (CDE). The basis of the lawsuit was that the agencies failed to provide public school students with equal access to instructional materials, safe and decent school facilities, and qualified teachers. The case settled in 2004.

3 Areas of Monitoring:

- Facilities: OCS was inspected on 9/14/22 and passed at 100%.
- Instructional Materials: OCS will be inspected on 11/16/22.
- Credentialed Teachers: This area is monitored through CALSAAS, the state reporting system for teacher credentialing. If 15% or more of the teachers at a school have a credential other than a preliminary or clear credential (such as an intern credential), the school is automatically added to the annual monitoring list for that year. OCS reported 18.2% of our teachers last year had intern or substitute credentials. NOTE: An intern credential is a valid, state-issued teaching credential that is awarded to a teacher who is teaching full- time and earning their credential simultaneously.

More information available at the CDE website:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/ce/wc/wmslawsuit.asp>