

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Education Code Section 33050)

Notice is hereby given that on June 9, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board meeting room, at 632 West 13th Street, Merced, California 94341-5908, the Merced County Board of Education will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the filing of a request to the State Department of Education for a general waiver of the provisions of Education Code sections 45122.1, 45123, and 45124 which bar Merced County Office of Education (“MCOE”) from employing any person convicted of a violent or serious felony, certain sex offenses or controlled substance offenses, or a person who has been determined to be a sexual psychopath. The proposed waiver request will be limited to those Regional Occupational Program (“ROP”) students who will be employed by MCOE and placed in the community for training and work experience as part of the “CalGRIP” and “Empower” programs funded under the Workforce Investment Act. These programs offer work experience and training to young persons ranging in age from 14-24 and 17-21 years of age at the time of enrollment, respectively, and target current gang members, gang involved, at-risk of gang involvement youth, and other at-risk youth. The waiver will not apply to anyone placed for work experience in a school setting or in another work setting in which the person will be expected to work or interact with students. Members of the public are invited to testify. Any interested party may make an oral or written presentation at said hearing regarding the proposed waiver application.