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Barbara G. Nemko, Ph.D.
 Superintendent
 (707) 253-6810

Dear Richard,

Business Services
 (707) 253-6819

I am writing to request a three-year extension of our land lease for the site of the Calistoga Preschool, and to ask you to begin planning with us to continue this essential service to the preschool children in Calistoga.

Fiscal Services
 (707) 253-6833

As you know, this program is vitally important to Calistoga. Because of it, over 400 preschool-age children, primarily non-English speakers, have entered kindergarten much better prepared to succeed in school. Attached is a 2006 study by an independent evaluator documenting how important the program has been in this regard. Or, you might speak to any kindergarten teacher at CES, particularly those who were teaching kindergarten prior to the opening of the Calistoga Preschool.

General Services
 (707) 253-6828

Human Resources
 (707) 253-6824

Also enclosed is a chart showing the \$319,000 in construction costs to establish the program spent by the County Office of Education. The projected cost for relocating the program is \$221,000, assuming that we are able to locate a suitable, no-cost site.

Educational Services
 (707) 253-6810

Court & Community Schools
 (707) 253-6817

I am very hopeful that we can continue to work together to find a way to keep the Calistoga Preschool in its current location, or to find the lowest-cost option for relocating it. Perhaps we could share relocation costs, should moving the facility be the only option.

Curriculum & Instruction
 (707) 253-6999

Early Childhood Services
 (707) 253-6914

Again, I want to sincerely thank you in advance for considering our request to extend our land lease by three years, with an 18 month termination notice. Because three years sounds long but passes quickly, I would like to begin the process of working together very soon to find a permanent home in Calistoga for this wonderful program.

College & Career Readiness
 (707) 253-6830

Community Programs
 (707) 259-5979

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

SELPA
 (707) 253-6807

Sincerely,

Barbara Nemko
 Napa County Superintendent of Schools

Calistoga Preschool Evaluation Study

June 14, 2006

Introduction

The Napa County Office of Education is supportive of Universal Preschool as a cost-effective method of increasing student achievement. At the request of NCOE Superintendent Barbara Nemko, a study was organized to examine the effectiveness of preschool options in Calistoga. Calistoga was selected as the study site since it has had two preschools operating since 2001/02. Since standardized testing begins in second grade, 2004/05 academic achievement test data was available for the first group of 2001/02 preschool participants.

Evaluation Design

The study group consisted of 57 2nd grade students attending Calistoga Elementary School during the 2004/05 school year who completed the California Standards Test. These students were cross-referenced to enrollment lists at Bridges and the State-funded preschools in Calistoga. A total of 21 of the 57 students had participated in one of these two programs in 2001/02. Upon initial examination of the data, 20 of the 21 preschool participants were classified as non-native English Learners at the time they entered Calistoga Elementary. Seventeen of the 36 students who did not attend either preschool program were classified as non-native English Learners upon entering public school. In order to account for English language ability and since nearly all preschool participants were not native English speaking, all native English-speaking students were dropped from the analysis. As a result, the achievement test data analysis compared the results for 20 preschool participants to the results for the 17 students who did not attend either preschool.

Results

The average scaled scores were much higher for preschool participants than for students not attending either Bridges or the State preschool. The average English Language Arts scores were 327 versus 293, respectively. Math scores were 356 versus 334. These represent differences of 34 points for English and 22 points for Math. See Chart 1, attached.

Performance levels were analyzed for both groups. The results again show that larger percentages of preschool participants scored at higher levels for both English language arts and math than students who did not participate. For English language arts, 75 percent of participants scored at "Basic" or above, with 20 percent scoring at "Proficient" or above. For non-participants, these figures were 41 percent and 12 percent, respectively. In math, 95 percent of participants scored at "Basic" or above, with 60 percent scoring at "Proficient" or above. Again, the percentages for non-participant were lower; 59 and 30, respectively. See Charts 2 and 3, attached.

Both analyses clearly show that students receiving a full year of preschool at Bridges or the State-funded program were academically superior compared to students who did not attend either program as a four-year old.

Chart 1
2004-05 Average California Standards Test Scaled Scores
for Second Grade Non-Native English Speaking Students in Calistoga
by Preschool Participation Status

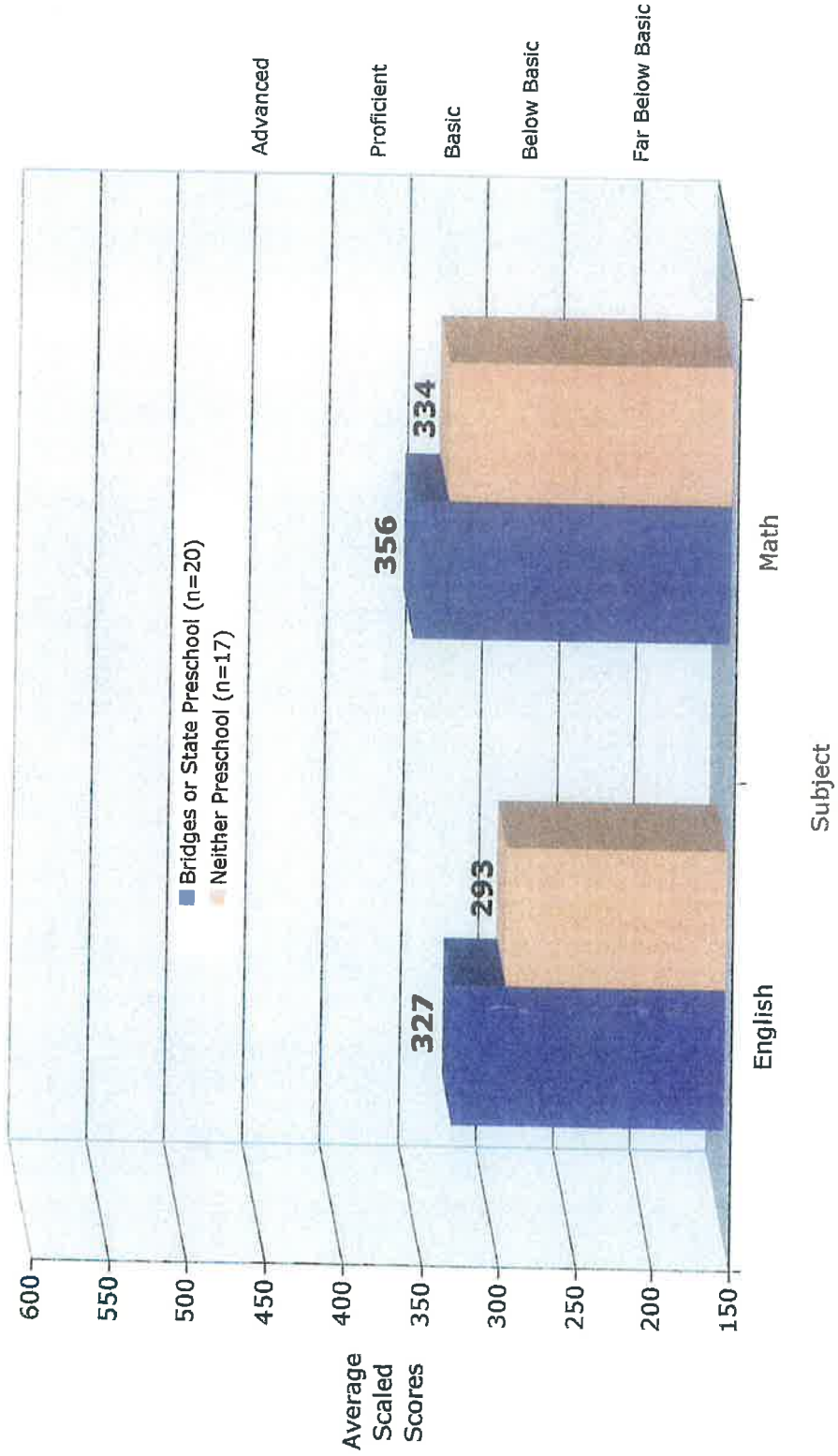


Chart 2
2004-05 California Standards Test English Language Arts Performance Levels
for Second Grade Non-Native English Speaking Students in Calistoga
by Preschool Participation Status

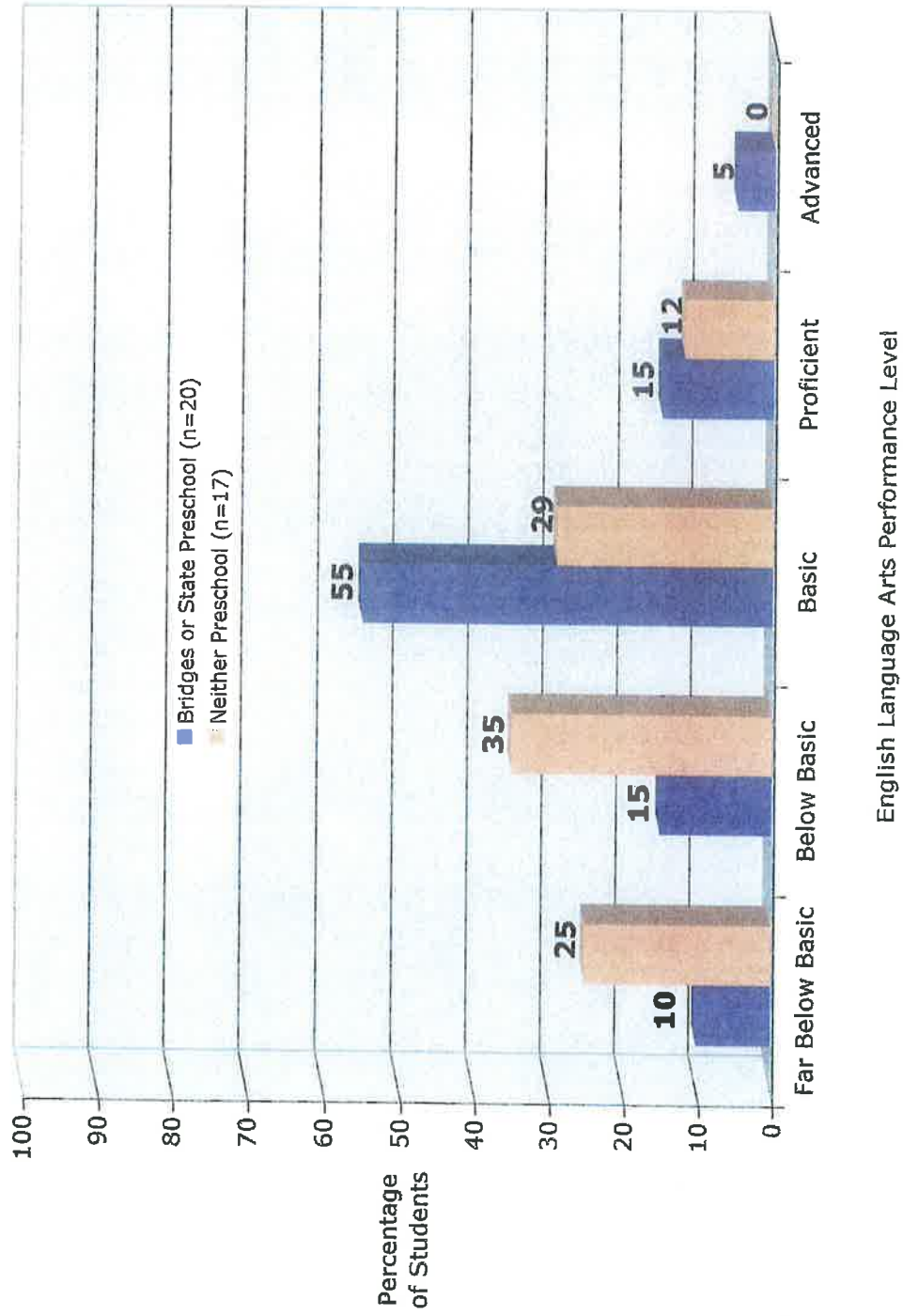
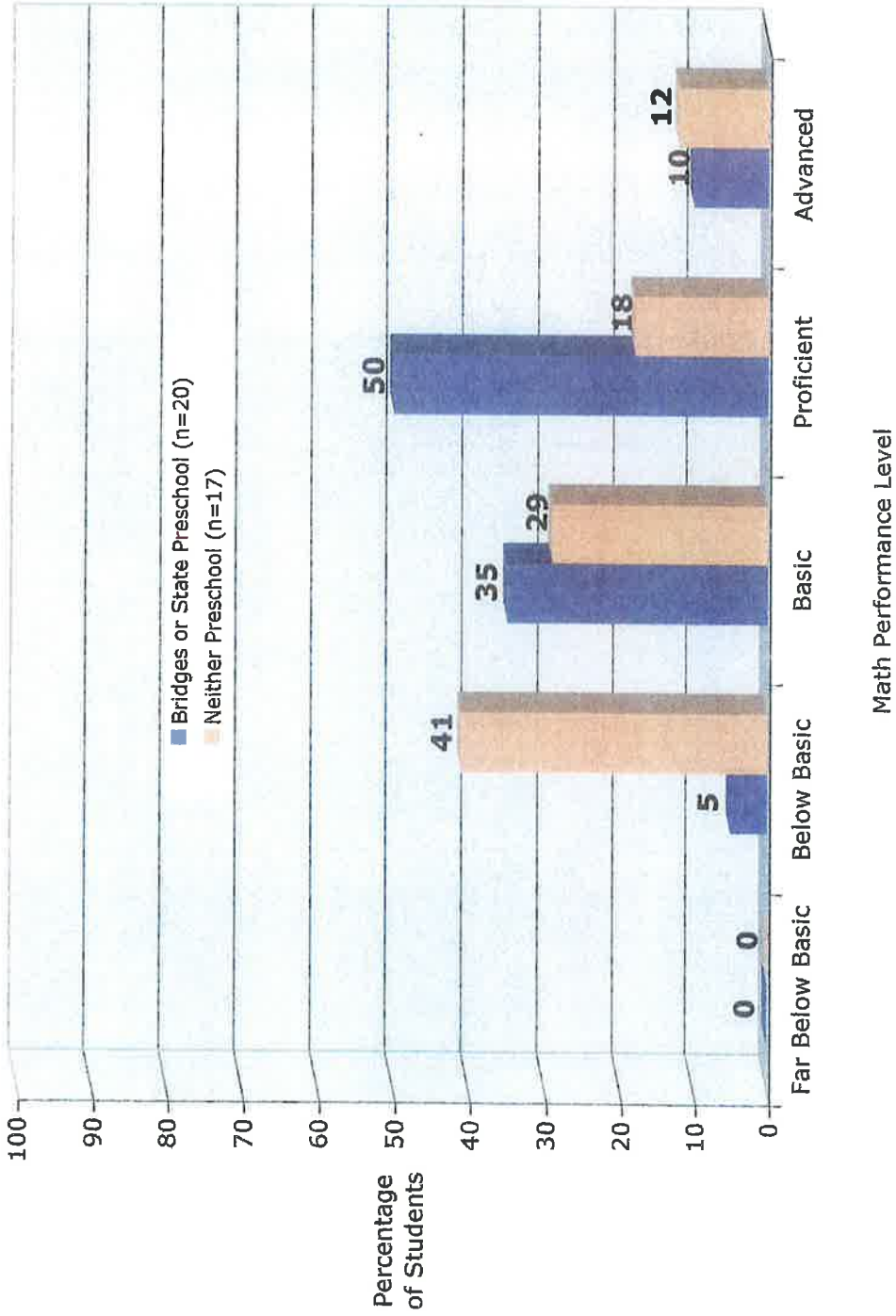


Chart 3
2004-05 California Standards Test Math Performance Levels
for Second Grade Non-Native English Speaking Students in Calistoga
by Preschool Participation Status



Calistoga Preschool Construction Costs 2001			
Building 36'x 40'		\$93,000.00	
Site Work		\$179,974.00	
Playground Equipment		\$9,000.00	
Playground Install and Surface		\$11,900.00	
Shade Structure		\$25,160.00	
Total Constructoin Costs		\$319,034.00	
Estimated Cost of Relocating Preschool (assumptions below)			
Architectural Services		\$25,000.00	
Building Pad		\$15,000.00	
Building Move		\$20,000.00	
Plumbing		\$50,000.00	
Electrical/Data & Voice		\$75,000.00	
Soils and Pad Testing		\$1,500.00	
Inspection Fees		\$2,500.00	
Playground Removal		\$3,000.00	
Playground Install and Surface		\$15,000.00	
Shade Structure Removal		\$6,000.00	
Shade Structure Install		\$8,000.00	
Total Estimated Relocation Costs		\$221,000.00	
Relocation Assumptions			
New site is located near existing utilities and they have the capability to handle additional loads			
Site is clean and has no environmental issues			
Site work would be limited to new pad			
New site is within 10 miles of old site			
Possible Residual Benefits to City if Program is Moved			
Fire Hydrant		\$24,451.97	
Sidewalk		\$12,325.00	
Access road and parking lot		\$54,165.00	
Playground(for surrounding neighborhood)		\$46,060.00	
Total Possible Residual Benefits		\$137,001.97	