

**SAN RAFAEL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #1683**

**General Waiver Request for Transitional Kindergarten Program
Length of School Day for 2015-16 and 2016-17**

WHEREAS, the State of California Kindergarten Readiness Act was signed into law in 2010 to establish a transitional kindergarten program, and;

WHEREAS, transitional kindergarten was created to provide a first year of a two year kindergarten program for students born between September 2 & December 2 of each year, and;

WHEREAS, school districts were empowered to develop a modified kindergarten curriculum for transitional kindergarten that is age and developmentally appropriate, and;

WHEREAS, transitional kindergarten must offer 36,000 instructional minutes per year, with no fewer than 180 minutes and no more than 240 minutes hours per school day, and;

WHEREAS, the district currently offers extended day kindergarten of 250 minutes per day, and;

WHEREAS, the district currently offers transitional kindergarten for 205 minutes per day, and;

WHEREAS, the district will continue to exceed the minimum required number of instructional minutes and there will be no fiscal impact, and;

WHEREAS, the district requests flexibility in determining the length of the transitional kindergarten program to provide an appropriately modified instructional day, with modified curricula, and developmentally appropriate instructional practices,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the San Rafael City Elementary School District go on record to request a waiver from the California Department of Education for transitional kindergarten program length of school day for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the San Rafael City Elementary School District will continue to strive to meet the individual needs of all students in the district and meet the required number of instructional minutes, and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the San Rafael City Elementary School District will provide a modified kindergarten curriculum for transitional kindergarten that is age and developmentally appropriate for the community.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of June 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Michael R. Watenpaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Date

Rachel Kertz, President, Board of Education

Date