

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA Consolidations and Affiliations

ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING: Consider Dixon Unified School District Library District change of System membership.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board approve the proposed change in System membership for the Dixon Unified School District Library District from the Mountain Valley Library System to the North Bay Cooperative Library System, contingent upon approval by the North Bay Administrative Council; and further move to accept the request to waive the September 1, 2002 filing date for 2003/04 affiliations so that this request becomes effective July 1, 2003.

BACKGROUND:

Notification has been received from the Dixon Unified School District Library District requesting change of System membership from Mountain Valley Library System (MVLS) to North Bay Cooperative Library System (see Exhibit A). Dixon Public Library further requests the Library of California Board to waive the September 1, 2002 filing date for submitting requests so that the new affiliation can begin July 1, 2003. Exhibit B is a letter from MVLS acknowledging Dixon's request to change systems. The North Bay Administrative Council is not schedule to meet to vote on the Dixon Public Library's request to affiliate until after the Library of California Board meeting. This request is being brought forward contingent upon the North Bay Council's approval to accept the Dixon Unified School District Library District as a member. A representative from the North Bay system will be present at the LoC Board meeting to speak to this request. This request meets the contiguous boundary requirement.

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: June 30, 1983 marked the last date on which public libraries affiliating with Systems were eligible for grants under the Affiliations Program.

Although affiliation grants are no longer available, the State Board must still approve the proposed affiliation of independent public libraries with Systems, since funds for several CLSA programs are allocated on the basis of formulas in which the number of System members is a significant factor.

Public library consolidations (Section 18732) and System consolidations remain eligible for reimbursement grants indefinitely. By statute, consolidation establishment grants are paid as follows:

	<u>For each of 2 years</u>	<u>Total Grant</u>
Public library consolidation	\$20,000	\$40,000
System consolidation	\$10,000	\$20,000

PROGRAM TRENDS: No notifications of intent to consolidate in the 2003/04 fiscal year were received by the September 1, 2002 filing date.

No notifications of intent to consolidate or affiliate in the 2004/05 fiscal year have been received to date.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: The State Board will be notified of all proposed affiliations or consolidations at the Board meeting immediately following the receipt of notices of intent.

Relevant Committee: Support Services
Staff Liaison: Sandy Habbestad

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January 31, 2003

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Library of California Board
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Dear Mr. Kallenberg and Members of the Board:

At the January meeting of the Library Commission of the Dixon Unified School District Library District, a proposal was presented to contract with SNAP (Sonoma, Napa and Partners Library Consortium) for library automation services. This proposal was received favorably and I was directed to follow up on the proposal to join SNAP and bring a final recommendation back to the Commission at their next meeting on February 18.

The Library currently has a basic standalone automated system that does not offer many of the features and services provided by modern public libraries, and the library has no technical staff to support it. It currently contracts for the services of a network coordinator and webmaster. The Dixon Library is the only public library in Solano County that is not affiliated with the Solano County Library, SNAP or the North Bay Cooperative Library System, and does not benefit from the excellent and well established resource sharing opportunities offered by these alliances. SNAP offers a very sophisticated automated library system, a shared catalog encompassing 12 public library and 2 community college collections, a dozen+ on-line data bases, and five day a week van delivery service.

The rationale for a small library like the Dixon Public Library joining an automation and resource sharing consortium such as SNAP is clear, but there is a requirement for membership to join the North Bay Cooperative Library System, in order to participate in their SuperSearch inter library loan program. This is a potential problem in that time is of the essence. Dixon Public Library would like to join SNAP and in turn NBCLS beginning FY 2003-04, but to do so entails withdrawing from the Mountain Valley Library System (MVLS) at the end of this fiscal year, which would require a waiver of regulations imposed in California Statute - *Sec. 20195. Public library change of system membership.*

Under this statute, we would have to file notice by September 1, in order to transfer membership in July of 2004. Please consider this letter a request for a waiver of that provision.

The Dixon Unified School District Library District is on the eastern edge of Solano County, and the only library in the County that is a member of MVLS. It is a participant in the Mountain Valley Virtual Catalog, and will seek to continue participation in this program. We will be exploring the possibility of maintaining an associate membership in that system. I have been working closely with the Directors of the Solano County Library, MVLS, and the North Bay Cooperative Library System (NBCLS) to affect withdrawal from Mountain Valley and transfer to North Bay. Given the relatively small size of Dixon, the loss of funding to MVLS would not have significant impact on their programs or services. Gerald Maginnity, Director of MVLS has been particularly helpful in our effort to transfer, having previously facilitated a similar transfer of Colusa County Library from the North State Cooperative Library System to MVLS.

The Dixon Unified School District Library District Commission will act on my recommendation to join SNAP at their meeting on February 18. If they act to join at this meeting, contingent on that action, I would like to request a waiver to permit the Dixon Public Library to transfer from MVLS to NBCLS effective July 1, 2003.

I will plan to attend the February 19 meeting of the Library of California Board to provide additional information. Could you please place our request on the agenda? Feel free to contact me should you need more information or have suggestions as to how to expedite this request. I may be reached at (707) 678-1805 or e-mail at pearsonr@dixon.lib.ca.us.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Dixon Public Library

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