



Transitional Kindergarten

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Legislation

- Kindergarten Readiness Act 2010 (SB 1381 Simitian)
- Changes minimum age for entry into kindergarten and first grade
 - 2011-12 December 2
 - 2012-13 November 1
 - 2013-14 October 1
 - 2014-15 and thereafter September 1



Legislation

- Beginning 2012-13 Districts must offer a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for students affected by the change in admission dates
- 2012 - 2013 Districts must offer Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for students who will have their fifth birthday between Nov 2. and Dec. 2
- Parents may choose to enroll or not enroll



Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- First year of a two-year kindergarten program
- Uses a modified curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate
- Current legislation provides ADA funding for TK



SVUSD Estimates

- We estimate approximately 11 students will be eligible for TK for students turning 5 years of age between November 2 and December 2, 2012



Governor's January Budget Proposal

- Eliminates requirement to offer TK
- Eliminates funding for the TK Program
- If districts provide the program, they pay for it on own dime!



What now?

- Wait the outcome of Governor's Budget Proposal and any impact on legislation
- Accept names and contact information on students turning five November 2 through December 2
- Be alert and ready to move into action when more is known