

State Board Should Name School Chief, Study Says

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SACRAMENTO — A national consulting firm has completed a \$198,000 study and recommended that the superintendent of public instruction be appointed by a board of education appointed by the governor.
 At present, the superintendent is elected by the people and the board appointed by the governor. But the superintendent, in addition to being director of the Department of Education, serves as executive officer to the board.
 The proposal advanced by the Arthur D. Little, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., is not a

new one. A number of proposals in the past have suggested that the board be elected by the people and, in turn, appoint the superintendent.
 The Little report was made to the state board of education which will have it printed and hold public hearings this summer.
 "As it presently functions, the State Department of Education is not capable of its full potential in providing staff support to the process of educational development," Little said. "Major changes are indicated."
 The report also emphasized the need for considerable im-

provement in functional capacities, particularly in planning and evaluating programs, handling information and managing human resources. Under the report, all top administrators in the department of education would be exempt from civil service, hired by the superintendent, with advice and consent of the board. Instead of five permanent divisions, each headed by a deputy or associate superintendent, Little proposed there be three deputies, none heading a division. Four associates would head divisions.
 A change in the constitution would be required if the superintendent were to be appointed. Any proposed change would not affect Dr. Max Rafferty, present elected superintendent.



READY TO GO . . . Sam Levy Elementary School began preparations for first classes June 19 as they enrolled the school's first class of kindergartners at a roundup last week. Clutching her birth certificate as she questions the principal, Dr. William Forrest, left, is Diane Griffith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Owen Griffith, 3432 W. 229th Place. Assisting Diane is her mother, Levy's first PTA president. Dr. Griffith (right) was named to the board of education last week to fill the vacancy created last month by the death of Dr. Kurt Shery.

Local Girls Will Appear in Recital

Two Torrance girls, Nina Johnson and Terri Powers, will appear in a dance recital at Inglewood High School auditorium June 24 at 8 p.m. Presented by the Vida Blunden School of Dance, the recital will feature some 100 dancers. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

To Advisory Group

Impact of Federal School Aid Shown

A background in federal aid programs and their influence in the Torrance Unified School District was offered to members of the Educational Council of Torrance Monday noon at the June meeting of the group at the Torrance Recreation Center. Robert Allen, curriculum coordinator for the district, used charts and graphs to show the impact of federal money on the local schools. In his talk, "Educational Programs With Federal Assistance," Allen showed slides depicting the district's participation in the federal programs such as the Educational Opportunities Act and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in areas of compensatory education, library resources, and planning and development.

HE PRESENTED material showing operation and success of the work training programs in the district including those in secretarial skills, power mechanics, industrial drawing, child care, nursing skills, and in radio broadcasting skills.

Other Torrance programs which receive federal funding are those financed half by the federal government and half by the school system under the National Defense Education Act, he said.

This matching funds setup has helped finance materials and equipment used in the teaching of art, social science, to provide eighth and ninth grade counseling service, and to set up seminars for teachers.

BERT M. LYNN, president of the Board of Education, introduced newly appointed board member Dr. Owen Griffith and his wife. Dr. Griffith was appointed to the post left vacant by the death of Dr. Kurt Shery.

A chorus at Newton Elementary School presented four members, and prompted Mrs. Kenneth Watts to urge other schools to offer this musical training to all elementary schools in the district.

A construction report was given by Dr. Frank Mattox, superintendent of business for the district, in which he told of a student-service center under construction at West High School. He also announced that the contract had been let to begin construction of portable classrooms at Hickory Elementary School.

Mrs. Watt, in reference to Allen's presentation, said that 3 to 4 per cent of the annual school budget was going into federal programs such as those mentioned.

Board member William Hanson urged interested citizens to attend the board's budget meeting Monday at the Torrance office of the Board of Education.

The next meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance will be in September, as the council adjourns for the summer months, according to Dr. Robert E. Fleming, moderator.

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