School executive staff cuts slated

An extensive program of reducing administrative staff throughout Berkeley Unified School District is planned, with staff consolidation of early childhood education, follow-through and compensatory education as the first step. Board members learned this fact last night, when Superintendent Laval Wilson outlined his proposal for pruning one director, in charge of early childhood education, compensatory education and follow-through, and eliminating the present coordinators, instructors and supervisors.

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This reorganization, the first of many revisions of the staff structure to reduce non-teaching positions, would save about $27,000 in salaries, it was indicated. More than 20 parents and program supporters spoke for nearly one hour last night, listing the qualifications and efforts of the staff people who would be dropped from supervising positions. They include George Perry of “comp ed,” Geraldine Gilliam of follow-through and Mildred Messinger, Lamont Williams and Betty Rubardt of early childhood education.

Board members discussed and then tabled the matter until their April 15 meeting. Marc Monheimer made a motion to approve the reorganization, and received supporting comments from Louise Stoll and Gene Ron while Mary Jane Johnson said she was opposed now and probably would vote no. Wilson's plan would create a director of early childhood and elementary education over the three programs, also an assistant director, both of them serving under Lawrence Wells assistant superintendent of curriculum and instructional services.

He told the TC that many "(Turn to page 2, col. 6)"

New staff policies on enriched instruction

Gifted Berkeley students no longer will be "pulled out" of their regular classrooms to attend enriched instruction classes, beginning next Fall.

The "High Potential Program" will have regular teachers working on the assistance of resource teachers. Schools Supt. Laval Wilson told board members and parents last night.

Wilson outlined the changes decided upon by administrators, emphasizing that the "Berkeley Plan" will continue to include minority youngsters who don't qualify by testing but are considered bright.

The controversial "pull-out" procedure will be eliminated in both the elementary and secondary levels, he said.

Resource teachers were assigned to provide curriculum materials and assistance to the regular teachers. In the secondary "(Turn to page 2, col. 7)"

Teacher strike still looming

The Berkeley school board and representatives of the teachers union met from midnight last night to 3 a.m. in an attempt to settle differences for tomorrow. No settlement was reached and talks resumed this morning. Today - Stoll reported that agreement has been reached on every thing but salaries.
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Staff Reductions

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Instruction Policy

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Board members also considered applications for rehabilitation studies for earthquake-risk schools and the use of emergency funds for schools in need.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a new user evaluation system for classified employees, which would have allowed selection from lesser staff.
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