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Financial Hardship Waiver (CIF Bylaw 207):

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, and the resulting financial impact on many families, a waiver of Bylaw 207 may be granted for a student who transfers to a new school during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year when there is a demonstrated and verifiable hardship condition due to financial difficulties.* In assessing whether a financial hardship will be granted, the family must provide evidence of an unforeseeable, unavoidable and uncorrectable act, condition, or event resulting from the COVID 19 virus that necessitated the transfer of schools. As verification of the financial hardship, the Section will require a statement from the family which outlines the unforeseeable, unavoidable and uncorrectable act, condition or event resulting from the COVID 19 virus that necessitated the transfer of schools along with the following documentary evidence:

- A letter from the employer/former employer stating that the parent/guardian/caregiver was employed during California's Shelter in Place Order and that the parent/guardian/caregiver was either laid-off, received a reduction in salary, or was terminated from their position due to circumstances related to COVID-19.
- In the case of a transfer from a private school, documentation from the administration of the private school demonstrating the family's efforts to obtain financial assistance from the private school and that aid or assistance offered by the private school was insufficient or denied.

In addition to the above listed documents, the Section Commissioner may request additional documentation deemed necessary by the Commissioner to verify the financial hardship. Once the above documentation is submitted to the Section, a determination will be made by the Section Commissioner within twenty (20) business days as to whether a hardship waiver will be granted. The decision of the Section Commissioner is final and may not be appealed as is the case with all hardship requests.

Please be advised that all other CIF Bylaws still apply when requesting a transfer based on a financial hardship, including the other provisions of Bylaw 207.

*Note: At its discretion, the CIF may extend the application period for the filing of a financial hardship beyond the first semester of 2020-2021.