

FY 2007 QUESTION NUMBER: 12

QUESTION:

Respond to the testimony provided by CAPSA regarding the lack of a qualified parent community coordinator and counselor for the Chinese community.

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: 3-83

ANSWER:

The Division of ESOL/Bilingual Programs presently has one full-time parent specialist and a .6 counselor with linguistic and cultural expertise serving the Chinese-speaking community. For FY 2006, a parent community coordinator position was created to support the parent specialist, using federal Title III grant funds. The parent specialist, counselor, and parent community coordinator collaborate with schools to support the needs of the Chinese-speaking community.