

Fresno County schools to 'wait and see' on ruling against teacher tenure

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Fresno County schools will be in a "wait and see" pattern this year — and maybe for a year or two — following [Tuesday's court decision](#) on teacher tenure, said Robert Piacente, in-house counsel for the Fresno County Office of Education.

The decision by the Los Angeles County Superior Court likely will be appealed, Piacente said. The lower court decision will have "no real binding effect until an appellate court looks at it," he said.

Or short of that, he said, the state Legislature could step in and revise the teacher tenure laws.

But if the lower court decision is upheld, Piacente said it would give districts more power to terminate ineffective teachers.

"The reality is the way the laws are right now, unless a teacher is involved in some kind of sexual misconduct with a student or drug abuse issues or something like that, it's almost impossible to terminate them."

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