

2020/21 Budget Act - Highlights

Overview

- “Full” funding for LCFF
 - 0% COLA
 - Massive Deferrals
- Instructional Minute Flexibility
- Requirement to reopen
- 20-21 LCAP replaced with “Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan”
- August layoffs suspended
- Custodial and Food Service Layoffs suspended

“Full Funding” for LCFF

- ADA “hold harmless” to P2 ADA level
- State Aide Payment Deferrals
 - June 2020 ---> July 2020
 - Feb, March, April and May 2021 ---> August, September, October, November
- Where does the District pay the bills without State Aide payments?
 - Cash on hand
 - SCOE Line of Credit
 - TRANS

Instructional Minute Flexibility

- Districts must meet instructional minutes requirements, *but* may meet through a combination of in-person and distance learning,
- 180 instructional day requirement not waived,
 - may be met through a combination of in-person and distance learning.

Distance learning must meet State requirements

Distance Learning Requirements

- Districts must open with some version of in-person learning
 - may incorporate distance learning to meet instructional minutes requirements.
- Bill prohibits Districts from operating a “distance learning only” model for 20-21.
 - Unless ordered by local Health Officer

Distance Learning Requirements

- Confirm equal access to connectivity
- Content aligned with grade level standards and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person
- Academic supports to address the needs of underperforming students
- Special education accommodations
- Designated and Integrated ELD
- Daily live interaction with certificated teacher and peers

No 20-21 LCAP

- “Learning Continuity and Attendance” plan
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Template to come

August Layoff Window

- Certificated - 2% Rule Suspended = no layoffs
- Classified - Layoffs in custodial or food service prohibited

Where does this leave us?

- Bill is not law yet
- 45 Day Budget Revision (after the tax revenue is due)
- CARES Act
 - How much?
 - Restrictions?
- Are we still be deficit spending?
 - May not know for 45 days
- Can we deficit spend?
 - High risk - we will need our cash to make payroll and AP
- What about our vacant positions?
 - Restoring LCFF means we *may* not have to make *further* cuts
 - Can we fund any of the vacant positions with CARES Act funding
 - What are the rules for spending?
 - Is there a deadline for spending?