

Governor and Legislature Reach Agreement on Final State Budget for 2022-23

This weekend, the Governor and the Legislature announced agreement on the State Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The joint agreement makes several amendments to the prior budget bill, <u>Assembly Bill 154</u> that was passed by the Legislature earlier this month, and includes a number of implementing Trailer Bills. The primary Budget Bill Amendments are contained in <u>SB 178</u> and <u>SB 180</u>. The main Education Trailer Bills are <u>AB 181</u> and <u>AB 182</u>. The package of Budget Bills is quickly moving through the final steps of the legislative process and are expected to be passed this week.

While we are still analyzing the details of the agreement, we would note these highlights for K12 education and charter school priorities.

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF):

- Provides a base increase to LCFF of about 13% over the 2021-22 base levels.
- Provides \$2,813 supplement per TK ADA to accommodate increased staff ratios

ADA Hold Harmless:

 The final agreement is generally consistent with the Governor's May Revision proposal. For 2021-22 only, classroom-based charters will receive the higher of their current year ADA or the adjusted ADA per the hold harmless formula.

SB 740 Facility Grants:

• \$154.3 million in base funding plus \$30 million more in each of the next two years primarily for nonlease building improvements.

One-Time Flexible Block Grants Available to ALL Charter Schools:

- Learning Recovery Emergency Fund Block Grants: \$7.936 billion one-time block grants for use through 2027-28 allocated based on 2021-22 Unduplicated Pupil Count, for a broad range of uses specified, including, increased instructional time, tutoring, early intervention, literacy, supplementing, training counseling, mental health services meals, credit deficiency support, and other academic services such as assessment, diagnosis, and monitoring. On average, this provides about \$1,400 per pupil.
- Arts, Music, and Material Block Grant: \$3.561 billion for flexible one-time Block Grant loosely targeted at
 instructional materials, arts, and music, but also allows a wider range of uses. This provides about \$645 per
 pupil based on 2021-22 ADA.

Other New or Expanded Programs:

- \$3 billion more for Expanded Learning Opportunities Program for a total of \$4 billion, including grant increases.
- \$1.1 billion for Community School Implementation Grants.
- \$1.125 billion Zero emission buses and \$375 million charging infrastructure.
- \$600 million for kitchen upgrades and \$100m Meal improvements.
- \$500 million Golden State Pathways Grants.
- \$300 million more for TK/PreK planning grants.
- \$250 million Literacy coaches and reading specialists grants.

We will provide more details on these actions once the Budget has passed. Please remember to register for <u>our member</u> <u>webinar this Thursday</u> where we will provide more details and answer your questions about the final budget agreement. You can register for the webinar here.

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