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A Weekly Update to County Superintendents of Schools

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Proposed Budget Includes \$20 million in One-time Funding for LCAP Process

Today the Governor released his proposed budget for 2015-16. In terms of addressing the LCAP workload for county offices of education, the proposed budget includes \$20 million for county offices, to be distributed to all county offices on the basis of countywide ADA and the number of school districts in a county. The funding is one-time. The Governor's staff and Department of Finance indicate they recognize that an ongoing funding adjustment is necessary, but are reluctant to propose such an adjustment until the ongoing workload is better defined.

The budget also includes:

- \$250 million per year for three years to support a "transitional CTE Incentive Grant Program" that would be allocated by CDE through a competitive grant program. The proposal requires a dollar-for-dollar local match and places a priority on partnerships that offer regional programs;
- \$100 million in one-time funding for additional investments in internet connectivity and infrastructure;
- \$1.1 billion in one-time funding for common core implementation, allocated on a per ADA basis. The \$20 million for LCAP support comes "off the top" from this allocation. County offices would be eligible for a share of the remaining common core funding, and we have entered into conversations with the Department of Finance concerning language to recognize that LCFF radically reduced the definition of county office ADA. Any funding allocated to districts or counties from this allocation would offset any applicable mandate reimbursement claims for those agencies; and
- \$500 million for an adult education block grant to be administered by CDE and the community colleges, to be allocated pursuant to local consortia agreements.

\$4 billion is proposed for the school district LCFF, to eliminate more than 32% of the remaining gap.

County offices have reached their funding model targets, so they are only eligible for ADA growth and the cost-of-living adjustment of 1.58%. Most of this increase is paid for from higher property tax revenues, with the result that the new state cost is only \$109,000.

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