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An Update to County Superintendents of Schools

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Governor Releases May Revision

Today Governor Brown released his May Revision to the proposed budget. The May Revision includes more than \$6 billion in additional funding for schools. Of this amount, \$2.1 billion is on-going funding that is proposed to be appropriated to gap funding under the LCFF formula.

One-time per ADA funding is increased by \$2.4 billion, bringing the total to \$3.5 billion (\$1.1 billion was proposed in the January budget). The budget summary says these funds are to “further the implementation of the state-adopted academic standards”, but use of the funds is discretionary at the local level. \$3.5 billion represents an allocation of approximately \$580 per ADA.

The Governor proposes to double the allocation to county offices of education for LCAP work, from \$20 million to \$40 million.

Special Education - Referencing the recent Special Education Task Force report, the Governor proposes \$50 million in on-going funding and \$10 million in one-time funding to:

- Augment Early Education Program for Infants and Toddlers with Exceptional Needs by \$30 million;
- Fund an additional 2,500 slots in State Preschool—with priority for students with exceptional needs - \$12.1 million;
- Increase preschool reimbursement rates by 1%-- described as designed to help fund improved parent information and professional development on behavioral strategies - \$6 million;
- Provide technical assistance and build statewide resources to assist local educational agencies “interested in implementing school-wide, data-driven systems of support and intervention” - \$10 million in one-time funding.

Career Technical Education - The Governor revises his earlier proposal of \$250 million per year for three years to instead be scheduled \$400 million in 2015-16, \$300 million in 2016-17, and \$200 million in 2017-18. He also proposes to change the local:state matching requirements as follows: 2015-16—1:1; 2016-17—1.5:1; 2017-18—2:1. Further, he proposes to eliminate the option of using the Pathway Grants as a local match. The Governor also proposes to direct that priority be given to grants for rural districts or regions with high student dropout rates.

Adult Education - The funding amount remains unchanged, but the Governor proposes to eliminate the “allocation boards” that were a controversial part of his January proposal. Instead, each consortium will be required to create rules and procedures regarding how it will make decisions.

The cost-of-living adjustment is lower than was projected in the January budget proposal. The 2015-16 COLA is 1.02%.

We will participate in briefing by the Department of Finance this afternoon where we expect to learn additional details about the proposal.

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