2021-22 State Budget: Overview of May Revision TK-12 Education Proposals

Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 25, 2021
Overview

- Allocates nearly $24 billion for one-time initiatives and $6 billion ongoing

- May Revision reflects the largest funding increase since the adoption of Proposition 98 in 1988

- Prop. 98 State School Reserve balance proposed at $4.6 billion
  - School district reserve cap operative in 2022-23
$20 Billion TK-12 Funding Package Over 5 Years

Ongoing

- $3.2 billion for LCFF COLA (5.07%)
- COLA for special education (4.05%)
- COLA for categorical programs (1.7%)
- $1.1 billion for LCFF Concentration Grant
- $1-5 billion Expanded Learning (ASES/summer)
- $300 million Special Education Early Intervention
- $150 million for child nutrition

One-Time

- $3 billion Community Schools Grants*
- $2.8 billion Education Workforce Initiatives*
- $2.6 billion Targeted Intervention Grants
- $2 billion School Health & Safety Grants
- $100 million school kitchen upgrades & staff training
- Transitional Kindergarten Expansion

*Competitive grants
Multiyear Plan for Transitional Kindergarten

Funding Proposals:

- $50 million professional development grant*
- $190 million facility grants for TK/K expansion*
- $250 million planning and implementation grants
- $380 million in 2022-23 for 1:12 ratio
- $900 million in 2022-23 for ADA

*Competitive grants
Other Proposals of Interest on Non-Prop. 98 Side

- **Child Savings Accounts**
  - $2 billion one-time federal funds for $500 college savings accounts for all current low-income students as defined by LCFF, plus $500 more for foster youth and homeless students
  - $170 million ongoing General Fund to continue program after 2022-23 for 1st graders

- **Broadband Infrastructure**
  - $7 billion one-time federal funds over 3 years to reduce upfront infrastructure costs

- **Student Mental Health**
  - $4 billion one-time General Funds for Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative*
  - $30 million one-time Prop. 63 to expand Mental Health Student Services Act partnerships*

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Proposed Changes to Independent Study (IS)

● **In-person instruction as default learning mode in 2021-22, but…**
  ○ IS can be provided as an option for students with health conditions if requested by parent/guardian

● **Proposed new requirements:**
  ○ Daily live interaction between student and teacher
  ○ Synchronous instruction at least once per week
  ○ Tiered reengagement plan for students absent more than 3 days or 60 percent in a school week
  ○ Plan to transition students back to in-person expeditiously as they ask to return
  ○ Communication with parents/guardians regarding academic progress
  ○ Requires students be provided access to device and internet
  ○ Supports for underperforming students, EL, special needs, foster, homeless and those requiring mental health supports
  ○ Track daily participation for each student, or will be counted as absent
Potential Benefits to Los Angeles Unified

Good Chance

- COLA
- Transitional Kindergarten expansion
- Education workforce proposals
- Special education funding
- Community schools grants
- Child nutrition
- Mental health funds

Uncertainty

- LCFF Concentration Grant increase
- Expanded Learning Grant for ASES and summer enrichment
- Targeted Intervention Grant
- School Health and Safety Grant
Proposals Under Legislative Scrutiny: 
Reject, Reduce or Change Eligibility Criteria

- $1.1 billion ongoing LCFF Concentration Grant increase
- $1 billion growing to $5 billion ongoing by 2025-26 for Expanded Learning Grant for ASES and summer enrichment
- Additional $2.6 billion one-time Targeted Intervention Grant
- Additional $2 billion one-time School Health and Safety Grant
- Transitional Kindergarten expansion
- Educator workforce initiatives
- Independent Study
Alternative Proposals by Education Stakeholders & Legislature

Ongoing:

● Increase special education, preschool and adult education COLA to 5.07%
● Repurpose $300 million special education early intervention funds towards AB 602
● $300 million for Career Technical Education Incentive Grant
● Redistribute concentration & expanded learning time grant proposals to all LEAs
● Rate reimbursement reform for child care programs, including CA State Preschool

One-time:

● Eliminate $2.6 billion in deferrals
● $1 billion federal funds for special education alternative dispute resolution grants
● General Fund allocation for pension relief for employer contributions
Los Angeles Unified Possible Advocacy Priorities

- Expanded Learning Grant for ASES and summer enrichment
- Increased LCFF concentration grant
- Targeted Intervention Grant
- School Health and Safety Grant
- Educator workforce initiatives
- Special education funding
- Pension relief
- Higher COLA for special education, preschool and adult education
- Transitional kindergarten expansion
- Mental health proposals
Timeline

- Week of May 17: Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittee hearings
- Week of May 24: Each house adopts proposals and offer alternatives
- Week of June 1: Joint Budget Conference Committee hearings
- June 15: Legislature must adopt a budget; trailer budget language to follow
- July 1: New fiscal year begins
- August: Trailer budget language clean-up
Questions