



County School Facilities Consortium – FY 20-21 Budget Proposal Highlights

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The Governor released his FY 20-21 budget proposal on January 10, 2020. This document outlines highlights on school facilities and other items of interest to county offices of education.

Proposition 51

- *Bond Sale Amount* – \$1.5 billion in FY 20-21.

Proposition 13

- If Proposition 13 is approved by voters, the Administration “will revise its proposed K-12 bond investments to address school district lead in drinking water testing and remediation, districts recovering from a natural disaster, and other priority areas not reflected in prior bond acts.”

Full-Day Kindergarten and Preschool Facilities

- *Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program/Preschool* – Redirect \$150 million of remaining Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program funds to support the construction of preschool facilities on school campuses.
- *Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program* – \$75 million (Proposition 98 General Fund) to expand the IEEEP to provide funding to local educational agencies to construct or modify preschool facilities to serve students with exceptional needs or severe disabilities.
- *Proposition 13/Preschool* – If Proposition 13 is approved by voters, the Administration “will propose statute authorizing the State Allocation Board to provide a new construction or modernization per-pupil grant enhancement to local educational agencies proposing to construct or modernize facilities to expand preschool programs on school campuses.”

Climate Change/Wildfires/Resiliency.

- *Public Safety Power Shutoffs* – \$50 million one-time General Fund to support additional preparedness measures that bolster community resiliency. These measures will support critical services still vulnerable to power outage events, including schools, county election offices, and food storage reserves. This proposal will support a matching grant program to help local governments prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the impacts of power outages.
- *Climate Resiliency Bond* – \$4.75 billion for November 2020 ballot to support investments over the next five years to reduce specific climate risks across California through long-term investment in natural and built infrastructure, especially in the state’s most climate-vulnerable communities.
 - o 80% of funds to address immediate, near-term risks (floods, drought, wildfires).
 - o 20% of funds to address long-term climate risk (sea level rise, extreme heat).



Special Education Finance

- The FY 20-21 budget proposes a three-phase, multi-year process to improve special education finance, services, and student outcomes.
- Initial Phase: The budget proposes a new special education base formula that uses a three-year rolling average of LEA ADA (but still allocated to SELPAs) and includes a 15 percent increase in the Proposition 98 General Fund contribution to the base formula over 2019.
 - o Approximately 100 LEAs with base rates higher than the proposed base rate will be held harmless.
 - o Additional \$250 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund based on the number of children ages 3 to 5 with exceptional needs served.
- Future Phases:
 - o Finalizing the new special education funding formula to support equity, and more inclusive practices and early intervention services.
 - o Incorporating changes in statute based on recommendations from the governance and accountability workgroups established in the Budget.
 - o Pursuing reforms related to family and student engagement, and refining funding, accountability, and service delivery for specialized services.
 - o Incorporating recommendations from the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care into the K-12 infrastructure of early intervention services for young children with exceptional needs.

Other Issues of Interest

- *Community Schools* – \$300 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to establish community school grants for local educational agencies supporting innovative community school models. The grants will provide resources to LEAs to implement programs aligned with the community school model.
- *School Nutrition* – \$60 million to improve the quality of subsidized school meals and encourage participation in the state and federal school nutrition programs, and \$10 million to train school food service workers to promote healthier meals.