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Fiscal Update



2019-20 State Budget Update

Over the weekend, the Budget Conference Committee took actions on the 2019-20 California State Budget. These actions reflect the budget compromise between the Legislature and Administration. The budget committees from each house will act early this week on the compromise, then both houses will vote on the State Budget on Friday, June 14.

For special education, the 2019-20 State Budget will provide:

- \$152.6 million to bring all SELPA base rates to the statewide target rate.
- \$493.2 million to provide grants to LEAs serving 3 and 4-year old students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
- Trailer bill language to require ongoing funding to be contingent upon the passage of legislation in the 2020-21 budget to reform the special education system to improve outcomes for students.

Since the Charter SELPA is already funded at the statewide target rate, there will be no change in the 2019-20 budget advice for Charter SELPA. The new preschool funding also will not provide any additional funding for Charter SELPA partners.

Regarding the trailer bill language to make these two streams of new funding ongoing contingent upon future legislation, the Administration will be seeking various reforms to the special education funding formula and accountability/statewide system of support, and recognizes that there needs to be larger, systemic changes to address the historically poor outcomes of students with disabilities.

Even though the level of equalization is lower than we were seeking (95th percentile of SELPA rates), the overall level of new special education funding is higher than either the Assembly or Senate provided in their proposed budgets. The additional funding falls just shy of the total allocation proposed in the budget from Governor Newsom, which was not adopted by the Legislature.

While we are disappointed that the Assembly's special education funding proposal was not adopted, we all recognize that an increase in special education funding statewide is a positive trend. Thank you to everyone for your advocacy in support of improving special education funding.