

# Governor's Proposal for the 2025-26 State Budget

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## SCUSD Core Value & Guiding Principle

#### **CORE VALUE**

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

## SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

## California State Budget Cycle



Governor's Budget Release



Governor issues "May Revision"

#### Early June

Conference Committee hearings & "Big Three" negotiations begin

#### June 30

Governor must act on Budget















#### Late January

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Budget Subcommittee hearings begin

#### February 1

Department of Finance (DOF) publishes trailer bill language

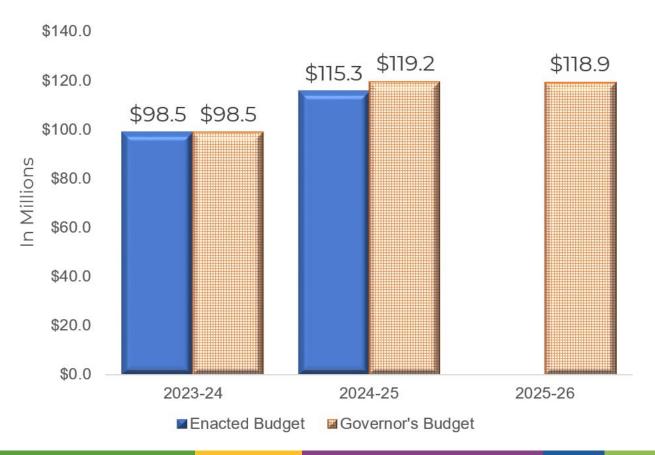
#### Late May

Subcommittees adopt recommendations & send to full Budget Committees

#### June 15

Legislature must pass budget

## **Proposition 98 Minimum Guarantee**



# Risks to Proposition 98 and the Education Budget

#### Certifying the Proposition 98 Minimum Guarantee

 The 2024-25 Enacted Budget included a negotiated agreement impacting the final certification of the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee

IRS and California extend 2024 tax filing deadline for Los Angeles County

Final certification of the minimum guarantee is deferred when the personal income and corporation tax filing deadline is extended by the IRS in counties that collectively contributed more than 50% of those revenues in the prior year

#### **POPULATION**

The population of Los Angeles County makes up 25% of total state population and exceeds the nation's most populous city—New York City—at 9.8 million residents

### **FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES**

Los Angeles County is home to 14 Fortune 500 companies, including the Walt Disney Company, Dole Food Company, and AECOM Technologies

## **SSC Financial Projection Dartboard**

Planning Factors								
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29		
DOF Planning COLA <sup>1</sup>		1.07%	2.43%	3.52%	3.63%	3.49%		
California Consumer Price Index		2.85%	2.92%	2.70%	2.76%	2.90%		
CalSTRS <sup>2</sup> Employer Rate		19.10%	19.10%	19.10%	19.10%	19.10%		
CalPERS <sup>3</sup> Employer Rate		27.05%	27.40%	27.50%	28.50%	28.20%		
Unemployment Insurance		0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%		
California Lottery	Unrestricted per ADA	\$191	\$191	\$191	\$191	\$191		
California Lottery	Restricted per ADA	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82		
Mandata Black Crowt (District)	Grades K-8 per ADA	\$38.21	\$39.14	\$40.52	\$41.99	\$43.46		
Mandate Block Grant (District)	Grades 9-12 per ADA	\$73.62	\$75.41	\$78.06	\$80.89	\$83.71		
Mandata Block Crant (Charter)	Grades K-8 per ADA	\$20.06	\$20.55	\$21.27	\$22.04	\$22.81		
Mandate Block Grant (Charter)	Grades 9-12 per ADA	\$55.76	\$57.11	\$59.12	\$61.27	\$63.41		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cost-of-living adjustment;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>California State Teachers' Retirement System;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>California Public Employees Retirement System;

## **LCFF Equity Multiplier**

#### Eligibility

Schools with prior-year nonstability rates greater than 25% and prior-year socioeconomically disadvantaged pupil rates greater than 70%

- In 2023-24, there were 968 eligible schools
- In 2024-25, School Services of California Inc. (SSC) projects there will be 1,012 eligible schools<sup>1</sup>
  - o 246 newly eligible schools
  - o 195 schools from 2023-24 are no longer eligible

The Governor's
Budget applies the
estimated statutory
COLA to
Equity Multiplier
funds, bringing the
total state
investment to \$311
million in 2025-26

#### Allocation

Funding allocated per student, using school's total prior-year adjusted cumulative enrollment

- In 2023-24, the per-pupil rate was \$1,052.61
- In 2024-25, SSC projects the per-pupil rate will be \$933.731
- The 2025-26 per-pupil rate will be available in February 2026

Minimum of \$50,535 per eligible school in 2024-25 and \$51,763<sup>2</sup> in 2025-26

Equity Multiplier funds must be used for evidence-based services and supports for students at Equity Multiplier schools and the funds must be included in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

<sup>1</sup>The California Department of Education is expected to publish the list of Equity Multiplier schools and the per-pupil rate in February; <sup>2</sup>Adjusted for COLA beginning in 2024-25

## **Universal Transitional Kindergarten Proposals**

Current Law

Governor's Budget Proposal

In 2025-26, transitional kindergarten (TK) will be available to four-year-olds whose fourth birthday occurs by September 1 of the school year



Includes a total of \$2.4 billion ongoing (inclusive of prior years' investments) for full implementation of universal TK in 2025-26, including funds for the final eligibility expansion of the birthdate to September 1

Includes an intent to fund the 10:1 student-to-adult ratio that is required starting in 2025-26



Provides a total of \$1.5 billion ongoing for the ratio requirement

Proposed TK Add-on per ADA: \$6,404 (inclusive of an additional \$3,252 for the reduction in ratio from 12:1 to 10:1)

TK students are exempt from taking the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California



Invests \$10 million one-time Proposition 98 funding for the state to provide a new English language screener for TK students

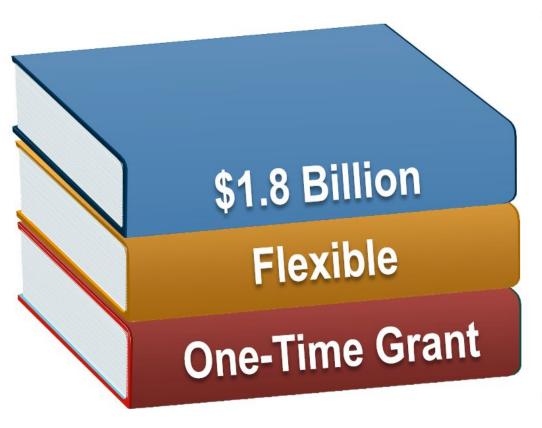
## **Expanded Learning Opportunities Program**

	2021-22	Current Law	Governor's Budget Proposal	
Total Funding	\$1.0 billion ongoing plus \$754 million one-time	\$4.0 billion ongoing	\$4.4 billion ongoing	
Requirement to offer the program and provide access for grades TK-6	Must offer the program to all unduplicated students and provide access to at least 50% of unduplicated students	<ul> <li>UPP<sup>1</sup> ≥ 75% must offer and provide access to all students</li> <li>UPP &lt; 75% must offer and provide access to all unduplicated students</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UPP ≥ 55% must offer and provide access to all students</li> <li>UPP &lt; 55% must offer and provide access to all unduplicated students</li> </ul>	
Per-Pupil Amount	UPP ≥ 80%: \$1,170.00 UPP < 80%: \$672.19	UPP ≥ 75%: \$2,750.00 in 2024-25 UPP < 75%: \$1,579.55 <sup>2</sup> in 2024-25	UPP ≥ 55%: \$2,750.00 in 2025-26 UPP < 55%: TBD in 2025-26	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Unduplicated Pupil Percentage;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Subject to change at the First Principal and Second Principal Apportionments (P-1 and P-2)

## Student Support and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant Proposal



- Local educational agencies (LEAs) may use to address rising costs, although state priorities are highlighted
  - Professional Development for teachers on the English Language Arts and English Language Development Framework, Literacy Roadmap, and Mathematics Framework
  - Teacher recruitment and retention efforts
  - Career pathways and dual enrollment
- Allocated on a per-ADA basis, estimated to be \$323 per ADA

## **Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant Proposal**

The Governor's Budget restores \$378.6 million to the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LREBG), which supports learning recovery initiatives through the 2027-28 school year

- The LREBG, initially funded at \$7.9 billion, was cut by in the 2023 Budget Act leaving \$6.8 billion
- Recall, the LREBG requirements were changed in the 2024 Budget Act beginning in the 2025-26 school year, to utilize these funds, LEAs must conduct a new student needs assessment and include expenditures and actions in the LCAP



### Next Steps for 2025-26 Budget Development— SSC Advice

Governor's Budget proposals are still subject to negotiation—the dollar amounts, allocation methodology, and allowable uses may change

Program	Include in 2025-26 Budget Development	Develop Tentative Internal Plan for Funding/Program Requirements
2.43% COLA (all applicable programs)	<b>✓</b>	
LREBG Additional Funding		<b>✓</b>
TK LCFF Add-On For Ratios		<b>✓</b>
Discretionary Block Grant		<b>✓</b>
TK-12 Literacy and Mathematics Coaches/Literacy Screenings		<b>✓</b>
Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) 55% Threshold		<b>✓</b>

## Thank you!



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