

Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

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California's 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. The following is a one-time mid-year report to the local governing board or body and educational partners related to engagement on, and implementation of, these Acts.

A description of how and when the LEA engaged, or plans to engage, its educational partners on the use of funds provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the 2020–21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The Virtual Preparatory Academy at Lucerne (VPAL) staff has initiated the annual process of stakeholder engagement to gain feedback on the use of funding. The Virtual Preparatory Academy at Lucerne Student Success Team holds weekly meetings and public hearings are held to gain public input. VPAL will continue to utilize family and teacher surveys to include feedback and insight toward decision making. The Educators Effectiveness grant was not included in the LCAP process but staff have identified the use of funds for Strategies to implement social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention, access to mental health services, and other approaches that improve pupil well-being, coaching and mentoring of staff serving in an instructional setting and teacher or administrator induction, and instructional Library, Media, and Technology Support Training for teachers

A description of how the LEA used, or plans to use, the additional concentration grant add-on funding it received to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students on school campuses with an enrollment of students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth that is greater than 55 percent.

Virtual Preparatory Academy at Lucerne (VPAL) has a designated Student Success Coach to provide regular support for students. The Student Success Coach ensures that students and families receive all appropriate academic and social supports offered by the school. VPAL has a designated Attendance Coordinator to monitor daily attendance rates for identification of absent and truant students. The Attendance Coordinator provides follow up with all notification and intervention steps as required by state regulations and in line with the policies adopted by the school, the rules of the governing Board, and State Board of Education. VPAL has a designated EL coordinator to provide intervention and support for EL students with direct instruction. VPAL has utilized funding to provide a school counselor to support students socially and emotionally.

A description of how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on pupils.

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A description of how the LEA is implementing the federal American Rescue Plan Act and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief expenditure plan, and the successes and challenges experienced during implementation.

The ESSER III funds allow Virtual Preparatory Academy at Lucerne (VPAL) the opportunity to provide additional tutoring support for students needing math and ELA intervention. The funds allow VPAL the opportunity to provide a school counselor to connect with students and staff on a weekly basis to provide social and emotional counseling services. There is a great deal of credit deficiency, learning loss, and social emotional needs for students incoming to VPAL. The ESSER III funds will allow staff to continue to provide academic intervention and mental health services for all students.

A description of how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year in a manner that is consistent with the applicable plans and is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP and Annual Update.

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Instructions for the Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan Year

For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), please contact the local county office of education (COE), or the California Department of Education’s (CDE’s) Local Agency Systems Support Office, by phone at 916-319-0809 or by email at lcff@cde.ca.gov.

Introduction

California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires LEAs to present an update on the Annual Update to the 2021–22 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents on or before February 28, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. At this meeting, the LEA must include all of the following:

- The Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 LCAP (2021–22 Supplement);
- All available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021–22 LCAP; and
- Mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021–22 LCAP.

When reporting available mid-year outcome, expenditure, and implementation data, LEAs have flexibility to provide this information as best suits the local context, provided that it is succinct and contains a level of detail that is meaningful and accessible for the LEA’s educational partners.

The 2021–22 Supplement is considered part of the 2022–23 LCAP for the purposes of adoption, review, and approval, and must be included with the LCAP as follows:

- The 2022–23 Budget Overview for Parents
- The 2021–22 Supplement
- The 2022–23 LCAP
- The Action Tables for the 2022–23 LCAP
- The Instructions for the LCAP Template

As such, the 2021–22 Supplement will be submitted for review and approval as part of the LEA’s 2022–23 LCAP.

Instructions

Respond to the following prompts, as required. In responding to these prompts, LEAs must, to the greatest extent practicable, provide succinct responses that contain a level of detail that will be meaningful and accessible for the LEA’s educational partners and the broader public and must, to the greatest extent practicable, use language that is understandable and accessible to parents.

In responding to these prompts, the LEA has flexibility to reference information provided in other planning documents. An LEA that chooses to

reference information provided in other planning documents must identify the plan(s) being referenced, where the plan(s) are located (such as a link to a web page), and where in the plan the information being referenced may be found.

Prompt 1: *“A description of how and when the LEA engaged, or plans to engage, its educational partners on the use of funds provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the 2020–21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).”*

In general, LEAs have flexibility in deciding what funds are included in the LCAP and to what extent those funds are included. If the LEA received funding through the Budget Act of 2021 that it would have typically included within its LCAP, identify the funds provided in the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the LCAP and provide a description of how the LEA has engaged its educational partners on the use of funds. If an LEA included the applicable funds in its adopted 2021–22 LCAP, provide this explanation.

Prompt 2: *“A description of how LEA used, or plans to use, the concentration grant add-on funding it received to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students on school campuses with an enrollment of students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth that is greater than 55 percent.”*

If LEA does not receive a concentration grant or the concentration grant add-on, provide this explanation.

Describe how the LEA is using, or plans to use, the concentration grant add-on funds received consistent with California *Education Code* Section 42238.02, as amended, to increase the number of certificated staff, classified staff, or both, including custodial staff, who provide direct services to students on school campuses with greater than 55 percent unduplicated pupil enrollment, as compared to schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is equal to or less than 55 percent.

In the event that the additional concentration grant add-on is not sufficient to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, describe how the LEA is using the funds to retain staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent.

Prompt 3: *“A description of how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on pupils.”*

If the LEA did not receive one-time federal funding to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on students, provide this explanation.

Describe how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds it received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on students. See the COVID-19 Relief Funding Summary Sheet web page (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/relieffunds.asp>) for a listing of COVID-19 relief funding and the Federal Stimulus Funding web page (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/>) for additional information on these funds. The LEA is not required to describe engagement that has taken place related to state funds.

Prompt 4: *“A description of how the LEA is implementing the federal American Rescue Plan Act and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief expenditure plan, and the successes and challenges experienced during implementation.”*

If an LEA does not receive ESSER III funding, provide this explanation.

Describe the LEA's implementation of its efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and ensure the continuity of services, as required by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and its implementation of the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) expenditure plan to date, including successes and challenges.

Prompt 5: "A description of how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year in a manner that is consistent with the applicable plans and is aligned with the LEA's 2021–22 LCAP and Annual Update."

Summarize how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year to implement the requirements of applicable plans in a manner that is aligned with the LEA's 2021–22 LCAP. For purposes of responding to this prompt, "applicable plans" include the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan and the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

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