



Coalition for
Adequate Funding
for
Special Education

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2021–22 May Revision

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2021–22 State Budget – January Proposals for Special Education

- **The January State Budget proposed \$300 million ongoing Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grants to be allocated based on preschoolers with disabilities**
 - Funds districts of residence based on their count of preschoolers with disabilities
 - Services and supports—both inside and outside of an IEP—in inclusive settings that have been determined to improve school readiness and long-term outcomes for infants, toddlers, and preschool students ages birth to five
- **AB 602 funding proposed to receive the statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) only**
 - Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) proposed to receive a compounded COLA to make up for lost COLA in 2020–21

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2021-22 State Budget – May Revision – Big Picture



- **The May Revision has significant increases in both ongoing and one-time funds, noting an increase of \$18 billion over the three-year budget window compared to January, including:**
 - Compounded COLA plus 1% to equate to an increase of 5.07% for the LCFF
 - Universal transitional kindergarten for all four-year-olds be implemented over a three-year period, beginning 2022–23
 - \$3.3 billion in a multiyear package of educator professional development
 - \$2.6 billion to provide research-tested interventions for students, including intensive tutoring
 - \$2 billion one-time to fund health and safety activities
 - \$1 billion to provide expanded-day, full-year instruction and enrichment for all elementary school students in local educational agencies (LEAs) with the highest concentrations of low-income students, English language learners, and youth in foster care
 - \$4 billion to identify and treat behavioral health in youth ages 0–25

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- **The May Revision continues the Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grants proposal**
 - Minor amendment to correct data collection point (from December to Fall census)
- **The May Revision proposes the compounded COLA of 4.05% for special education base funds**
 - Increase the special education base rate from \$625 to approximately \$650.31

Are the Regionalized Services/Program Specialist funds also receiving the COLA increase, or is it just the base AB602?

Yes! RSPS is proposed to receive the compounded COLA

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- **Increase of \$277.7 million one-time federal funding to IDEA from the American Rescue Plan**
- **Also proposes the following to be funded from other federal IDEA resources:**
 - \$15 million one-time to provide technical assistance and support to LEAs in developing and administering comprehensive IEPs
 - \$2.3 million to address special education complaints, perform court-ordered special education monitoring, and to purchase special education monitoring software
 - \$1.2 million to improve coordination between the California Department of Education (CDE), the California Department of Developmental Services, and LEAs to support the transition from infant to preschool programs, and convene stakeholder workgroups to address data sharing and disseminate best practices to increase access to more inclusive settings for three- to five-year-olds

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CAFSE Advocacy



- **Over the spring, CAFSE met with budget subcommittee member offices to advocate for:**
 - Preschool funding through AB 602 instead of the Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grants, aligned with the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recommendation
 - ◆ We will continue to advocate this position
 - A special education COLA up to the LCFF level
 - ◆ We will continue to advocate for equity, seeking the same 5.07% "Mega" COLA as the LCFF
 - AB 967
 - ◆ We will continue to advocate this position, suggesting to use \$1 billion of the \$2.6 billion for research-tested student interventions

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Questions?



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