



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting January 26, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ✦ Zoom Minutes

PLEASE NOTE: For public access instructions and opportunities for public comments, please contact tfrazier@fcoe.org or (559) 265-3049 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2023. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

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| I. Call to Order | T. Frazier |
| The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. | |
| II. Introductions | T. Frazier |
| III. *Adoption of Agenda | T. Frazier |
| <i>J. Moore / C. Schreiner</i> | |
| IV. Community Input | |
| None. | |
| V. *Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2022 | T. Frazier |
| <i>J. Moore / J. Stricker</i> | |
| VI. Standing Committee Reports | T. Frazier |
| 1. Executive Committee | |
| 2. SGC Committee | |
| VII. Information and Reports | T. Frazier |
| A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information | |
| 1. Fiscal Update | |
| Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, reported that the Governor's Budget Proposal was released on January 10, 2023. The estimated cost of living adjustment (COLA) for Special Education is 8.13 percent for a cost of 4.2 billion. There's a proposed limitation to the amount of funding that Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) are allowed to retain for non-direct student services before allocating special education base funding to their member Local Educational agencies (LEAs). Also proposed, is stabilizing current SELPA membership by extending the moratorium on creating new single-district SELPAs by two years, from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2026. Trina shared that included in the budget proposal, was increasing fiscal transparency by requiring California Department of Education (CDE) to post each SELPAs' annual local plan on its website, including its governance, budget, and services plans. Proposition 98 will most likely shelter education because of the revenues and reserves. | |

2. **Legislative Update**

Trina advised that at the time there are no updates as we wait for the February 17, 2023, deadline to introduce any new bills.

Trina provided an update for First Student; we are down five routes with one route that is doubled up. Four of the five routes will no longer be covered by out-of-town drivers in February. The Class B assessment process for drivers with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is still delayed.

3. **Infant Program Eligibility**

T. Frates

Tammy Frates, Senior Director of Behavioral Health Programs and Services, provided members with information on the impact of increased preschool assessments within districts and presented on infant program eligibility. Tammy discussed the Part C to Part B transition and new regulations.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates

C. Borges

1. ***Class Loading**

Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, reviewed the handout titled “Class Loading 2021-2022” as of January 24, 2023. She reported the enrollment numbers are as follows: 393 students within the Extensive Support Needs (ESN) program, 104 students for the CIRCLE and PIP programs, 65 students for TIES, and 38 students for DHH, totaling 600 students. There are 21 students enrolled in Non-Public Schools (NPS). There are 42 pending referrals. Chris pointed out that PIP currently has the largest number of pending referrals.

2. ***Percentage of Students Served**

Chris reviewed the handout titled “Students Served in County-Operated Programs by District of Residence”. The spreadsheet displays the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA and the percentage of enrollment in county-operated programs including NPSs. The data in the left columns are static. This data is collected from CALPADS.

3. **Updates**

None.

4. **County Operated class space**

Chris expressed to members the urgent need for space for one Adult Transition Program (ATP) classroom and a high school TIES classroom.

5. ***Least Restrictive Environment Indicator**

Chris has asked that districts consider eventually integrating classrooms on their campuses for the opportunity of inclusion for our students. Joy Bratton, Special Education Director, discussed the state performance plan indicator Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

6. **FAFSA Form**

Chris informed members that all 12th grade students are required to submit a FAFSA application or complete an opt out form.

7. **Alternative Pathway to High School Diploma**

Chris reported to the committee that guidance is expected at the end of the week from CDE.

C. *SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2021-22 and Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2022-23, Information E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, SELPA Fiscal Director, reviewed the handout titled "SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2021-22 and Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2022-23, Information." Eddie reviewed the recommendations for each fund and resource in the report. These recommendations were presented to the SELPA Executive Committee.

D. *Funding Allocations for 2022-23 Quarter 2 E.

Davidson

Eddie discussed the handout titled "Funding Allocations for 2022-23 Quarter 2" sharing an overview of the allocation amounts from funding sources to each member.

E. *Transportation Billback Update for 2022-23 Quarter 2 E. Davidson

Eddie reported on the handout titled "Transportation Billback Update for 2022-23 Quarter 2". As of now about of \$77,000 has been incurred in liquidated damages. The current cost-per-rider is \$11,200. Eddie added that because of Ed Code 41850, an estimated \$839,676.24 may be received towards transportation and could potentially drop the cost-per-rider amount to \$7,366.50.

F. * Private School Proportionate Share for 2022-23 Quarter 2 E. Davidson

Eddie discussed the handout titled "Private School Proportionate Share for 2022-23 Quarter 2". Eddie explained that a proportionate share of the federal fund allocations goes towards students with a disability who are parentally placed in a private school. The calculation is provided by CDE, the final proportionate share calculation will be provided once the Grant Award notification is received.

G. Annual Budget and Service Plans for 2023-24, Information E. Davidson

Eddie and Romy Chachere, SELPA Director, are working on the Annual Budget and Service Plans that must be approved by the Superintendents' Governance Council (SGC) by June 30, 2023. The data will be provided to the members for review and approval.

H. * State Reimbursement for Nonpublic School Sites E. Davidson

Eddie discussed the email received regarding state reimbursement for NPS sites. Districts that have students with NPS enrollments are eligible to receive reimbursement for meals. The expenditure claim forms have been updated to include meals.

I. SEIS/CALPADS/Compliance Reporting R. Chachere

1. **SEIS/CALPADS**

a) **CALPADS Fall 1-January 27, 2023**

Romy informed members that the CALPADS Fall 1 is due January 27, 2023. The CALPADS redesign will be piloted with select districts in the spring, but should be released for 2023-2024.

2. **Monitor and Compliance Reporting**

a) **Compliance Improvement Monitoring (CIM)**

Romy reported that there were three districts that completed compliance improvement plans and two of three districts were in intensive monitoring.

b) Small Local Educational Agencies Monitoring

The policies and procedures were completed for the six LEAs in monitoring. The educational benefit review process for these districts is due on January 30, 2023. The student file review notice will be provided and completed in the spring.

c) *IEP Implementation Monitoring

Romy discussed the new IEP implementation monitoring. CDE will be pulling specific student records for review based on the LEA size. CDE will request back up documentation from random districts. Romy reviewed the timeline of the process. CDE will be hosting webinars for guidance on the process.

3. *Private School SELPA Guide

Romy reviewed the updated Private School SELPA Guide. The guide will be added to SEIS.

J. Professional Development

1. 2022-2023 Workshops

R. Chachere

The IEP Essentials for Middle and High School Teams workshop will be held on February 1, 2023. Eligibility Series: Language or Speech Disorder workshop will be facilitated by Legal Counsel, Jennifer Rowe Gonzalez on February 8, 2023. All workshops are available on the SELPA website.

K. Community Advisory Committee

R. Chachere

1. District Representative

2. CAC – January 26, 2023

Romy announced that the second Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held January 26, 2023. There will be discussion of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process.

L. LCAP

C. Troxell

Cathy Troxell reminded members that a parent of a student in Special Education is required on the Parent Advisory Committee.

VIII. Hot Topics

T. Frazier

None.

IX. Future Agenda Items/Updates

T. Frazier

None.

X. Next Operations Committee Meeting, February 16, 2023, via Zoom

T. Frazier

XI. Adjournment

T. Frazier

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.