



# FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

## Superintendents' Governance Council October 26, 2023 ♦ 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Room 201 Minutes

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

- I. Call to Order** M. Copher  
The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.
- II. \*Adoption of Agenda** M. Copher  
Judi Szpor / Elizabeth Runyon
- III. \*Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes** M. Copher  
Steve Rosa / Lupe Nieves
- IV. Community Input** T. Frazier  
*The public may address the Fresno County SELPA Policy Committee pursuant to established procedures and will have up to three minutes to do so. No action shall be taken (E.C. 35145.5). Members of the public who have a disability in need of a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the SGC meeting may contact the SGC coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.*  
None.
- V. Communications** T. Frazier  
None.
- VI. Standing Committee Reports** T. Frazier  
**A. None**
- VII. Information and Reports**
  - A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information** T. Frazier  
Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared information regarding SB 88 regarding driver qualifications and background checks. An amendment prior to the Governor signing was accepted and the bill will no longer pertain to parent transporters. Trina reminded members that Local Educational Agencies (LEA) will be receiving the mental health dollars this year. Trina recommended that small districts create a reserve of these funds in case of a Non-Public School (NPS) placement. Trina shared that some districts have expressed the need for more support for behavioral issues in the classroom. Heidi Baldwin and Melissa Rose, Autism Content Specialists, are available to provide training and/or individual classroom help by observing classrooms.
  - B. \*FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** T. Frazier  
Trina shared the handout titled "FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity" as of October 5, 2023. This report shows the number of county-operated students in each classroom. There are 14 referrals pending placement for the CIRCLE program. Space is needed to support these referral placements. Trina asked members to please inform her if they have any space available so that another classroom can be opened. The TIES program has 12 pending placements. These classrooms

*\*indicates handout*

tend to be the most difficult to find placements for due to behaviors. Space on both the east and west side of the county is needed. A member asked about adding portable classrooms as a long-term plan. Trina will look at available funds.

- C. \*Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR** T. Frazier  
Trina shared the handout titled “Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR” as of October 5, 2023. This report shows the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA.

- D. \*Proposed Changes to the Funding Allocation Plan, First Reading** E. Davidson  
Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, shared the handout titled “Proposed Changes to the Funding Allocation Plan, First Reading”. Every SELPA has a unique funding allocation plan for federal and state mental health funds. As mental health dollars are no longer being distributed through the SELPA, items regarding mental health funds have been struck out in this plan. This has also been presented to the SELPA Executive Committee and will be brought forth as an action item at the next SGC meeting.

- E. \*Funding Allocations for 2023-24 Quarter 1** E. Davidson  
Eddie shared the handout titled “Funding Allocations for 2023-24 Quarter 1”. This report shows all funding sources and member LEAs as well as the regionalized programs. This report is updated every quarter.

- F. \*Transportation Billback Update for 2023-24 Quarter 1** E. Davidson  
Eddie shared the handout titled “Transportation Billback Update for 2023-24 Quarter 1”. Estimates are conservative at this point. Liquidated damages are not factored in until they occur. Currently the estimate is \$9,200 per rider.

- G. \*Private School Proportionate Share for 2023-24 Quarter 1** E. Davidson  
Eddie shared the handout titled “Private School Proportionate Share for 2023-24 Quarter 1”. A proportional share of the federal IDEA funds must go towards parentally placed students with disabilities at private schools. There were 59 students in our SELPA placed in private schools in the 2022-23 year. These funds must be used for these students. There is a resource available on our website on how to find qualifying expenses.

- H. \*Review Reimbursement Claims for 2022-23** E. Davidson  
Eddie shared the handout titled “Review Reimbursement Claims for 2022-23”. There were six legal costs claims from three LEAs. After thorough review, the SELPA recommends these claims be approved by the SELPA Executive Committee. There were 20 NPS claims that have also been thoroughly reviewed and recommended for approval. If these claims are approved, it is estimated that there will be about \$3.2 Million Dollars left in the NPS reserve. We propose that this balance goes back to the LEAs based on average daily attendance (ADA) to reserve for possible NPS placements.

- I. \*Federal IDEA & IDEA/ARP Expenditure Report 7 for 2021-22** E. Davidson  
Eddie shared the handout titled “Federal IDEA & IDEA/ARP Expenditure Report 7 for 2021-22”. This is for the 2021-22 IDEA grant. The handout shows how much was claimed in Report 7 as well as the remaining balances. Some members did not fully expend funds. As we do not want these dollars to go unclaimed, we can use them. Eddie also reviewed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars.

- VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates** M. Copher  
None.

**IX. Next SGC Meeting is November 9, 2023, Room 201**

M. Copher

**X. Adjournment**

M. Copher

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.  
Ketti Davis / Brian Clark