



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council October 23, 2025 ♦ 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 or (559) 265-3049 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2025. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

- I. Call to Order** M. Copher
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. *Adoption of Agenda** M. Copher
Judi Szpor / Wes Sever
- III. *Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2025** (pgs. 2-4) M. Copher
Brian Clark / Steve Rosa
- 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, reminded districts that Extraordinary Cost Pool Claims for NPS placements over \$98,000 are due October 31. She noted that only one submission had been received. Because the state pool is typically oversubscribed, reimbursements are usually prorated at about 50%. LEAs may only claim costs above the \$98,000 threshold. Trina shared that the legislative timeline for the Governor to sign/veto bills was extended to October 13, that two-year bills must pass their House of Origin by January 31, 2026, and that February 21, 2026 is the deadline for introducing new bills. Trina also shared that AB 560 was signed into law, requiring LEAs to distribute initial RSP assessments more equitably and directing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue maximum caseload recommendation by July 1, 2027. This represents the first statewide caseload guidance and may result in mandated costs. Trina also noted that AB 1224, which proposed extending substitute teacher assignments from 30 to 60 days, was vetoed, and the 30-day limit remains in effect.

Trina updated members on the proposed amendments to the First Student agreement beginning in 2026. We requested a six-hour minimum guarantee for drivers, maintenance of 10% standby drivers, daily route review expectations, installation of two cameras per bus, and an expanded liquidated damages structure. First Student indicated general support for these changes.

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Trina also shared an update on the CIRCLE program, noting that a meeting was held with Kingsburg Elementary District to review whether current placements align with district needs. Historically, CIRCLE programs have not served students with intellectual disabilities. We will explore potential updates to programming, including the possibility of opening an additional class.

1. *ESY Waiver (pg. 5)

Trina provided an update on the SELPA Extended School Year (ESY) waiver informing members that a waiver to the California Department of Education to modify the ESY schedule from the current 20-day model (which effectively results in 18 instructional days due to Juneteenth and July 4th) to a 15-day model with a five-hour instructional day. The revised structure would increase total instructional minutes from 4, 320 to 4,500. Trina explained that the student attendance is strong at the beginning of ESY but declines significantly near the end, requiring the consolidation of classes and increased use of substitutes. A shorter, more concentrated schedule is expected to stabilize attendance, reduce staffing challenges, and lower transportation costs. Meetings have been held with both unions, as union support is necessary for the waiver.

B. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity (pgs. 6-7)

T. Frazier

Trina reviewed the class size capacity report for county-operated programs. The report reflected current enrollment and pending referrals, with CIRCLE classrooms identified as the area of greatest need. There were four active placements and 21 pending referrals at the time the report was generated; however, 10 additional referrals were received since October 2, bringing the total number of pending CIRCLE referrals to roughly 31. Trina reminded members that we continue to seek available elementary classroom space to support these referrals. It was shared that Kingsburg Elementary District has offered a classroom space for use next year.

C. *Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR (pg. 8)

T. Frazier

Trina presented the updated report detailing the percentage of students served in county programs by district of residence. The SELPA-wide special education identification rate is 10.6 percent, which remains below the statewide average of approximately 14.7 to 14.9 percent. The report shows each district's total enrollment, the percentage of students receiving special education services, the number of students served in county-operated programs, and the proportion of each district's special education population placed in those programs.

D. *Funding Allocations for 2025-26 Quarter 1 (pgs. 9-10)

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, provided an update on the Quarter 1 funding allocations for the 2025-26 year. The allocations serve as a fiscal snapshot for LEAs and remain largely unchanged since Estimate 2. Adjustments were made to the counts of parentally placed private school students, which in turn affected the calculated proportionate share amounts. WorkAbility allocations were also included in the quarter's report. Each participating LEA has a designated claim threshold, and SELPA will conduct a mid-year review to determine whether LEAs can expend their full allocations. The total WorkAbility funding is approximately \$100,000, which must be fully utilized.

E. *Private School Proportionate Share for 2025-26 Quarter 1 (pgs. 11-12)

E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the private school proportionate share calculations required by CDE. The projected 2025-26 amounts, shown in red on the handout, will be updated once the final IDEA award is issued in the spring. SELPA is reviewing data to ensure that funds correctly follow the district of location rather than the district of residence. Eddie also shared that when a private school declines to accept IDEA funded services, the SELPA must obtain a letter documenting

the decision. The SELPA must then hold the funds for 24 months, after which remaining funds may be repurposed during the final three months. Eddie informed members that we will issue annual reminders, provide updated letter templates, and request documentation of efforts to contact families or private school staff when they do not respond.

F. *Transportation Billback Update for 2025-26 Quarter 1 (pg. 13) E. Davidson

Eddie reported that the recommended transportation billback remains at \$8,500 per full time rider. Actual expenditures are currently estimated at \$8,541.73; however, ongoing collection of liquidated damages from First Student is expected to continue offsetting overall costs, making the current billback appropriate.

G.*Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 7 for the 2023-24 Grant Award (pgs. 14-15) E. Davidson

Eddie presented the final Report 7 for the 2023-24 IDEA grant year. Most LEAs have fully expended their allocations. Remaining balances of approximately \$74,000 and \$23,000 in SACS resources 3310 and 3315 will be absorbed by county-operated programs to prevent the loss of funds. Approximately \$6,000 in private school funds in SACS resource 3311 must be forfeited/ Eddie will continue to work with districts to confirm that no additional eligible expenditures remain before finalizing future share amounts.

H. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4 for the 2024-25 Grant Award (pgs. 16-17) E. Davidson

Eddie updated members on the 2024-25 IDEA grant. Some negative balances appear in the report due to general ledger adjustments. A few hundred thousand dollars remain unspent from the \$19 million grant. The grant will remain open through September 30, 2026. Private school expenditure continues to pose the greatest challenge. Eddie will work with districts to maximize the use of these funds within federal guidelines.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates

None.

M. Copher

IX. Next SGC Meeting is November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Room 201

A. Fresno County DBH Meeting is November 20 at 8:00 a.m., Room 201

M. Copher

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

M. Copher