FRESNO COUNTY SELPA
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting
September 9, 2026
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
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 September 8, 2026. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

I. Call to Order T. Frazier
The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Introductions T. Frazier
The meeting was held online, and a few new participants were introduced.

III. *Adoption of Agenda T. Frazier
Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Jeff Moore and seconded by Laurie Henkle. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Community Input
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 Operations Committee meeting may contact the Operations Committee coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.
None.

V. *Minutes from May 21, 2026 T. Frazier
Minutes were provided and approved unanimously.

VI. Standing Committee Reports T. Frazier
A. Executive Committee
B. SGC Committee
Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, reported that the items from both the Executive Committee and SGC Committee meetings would be addressed throughout the informational reports presented during the meeting.

VII. LCAP D. Budd
Dana Budd, Director of LCAP and Compliance, reported that the 2026-27 school year is the final year of the current three-year LCAP cycle and that development of the new 2027-28 cycle is beginning. She shared that the State Board of Education is expected to adopt a revised LCAP template later this year. Dana emphasized that LEAs will be required to address any lowest-performing student groups identified through the 2026 California Dashboard with new LCAP actions and encouraged districts to work closely with LCAP writers to ensure alignment between LCAP and CIM/SIM plans.

VIII. Information and Reports T. Frazier

A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information

1. **Fiscal Update**
   Trina reported that the statewide special education base funding rate increased from approximately $917 to $1,340 per ADA for the 2026-27 school year, representing an increase of approximately 43 percent statewide. She noted that the increase provides member districts with additional opportunities to strengthen special education programs and services.
2. **Legislative Update**
   Trina reviewed current legislation of interest, including SB 1082 regarding interdistrict attendance agreements, AB 2490 extending substitute teacher assignment flexibility, AB 2555 establishing an alternative pathway for English learner reclassification for students with IEPs, and AB 2241 related to inclusive playground design. Several of the measures had been approved by the Legislature and were awaiting action by the Governor.
3. **First Student Update**
   Trina provided an update regarding transportation services under the new First Student contract. She reminded members that transportation costs are expected to increase during the 2026-27 school year, with estimated per-rider costs of approximately $13,500 before decreasing the following year after receipt of home-to-school transportation funding. Trina also discussed transportation challenges related to specialized routes and single-rider transportation costs.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates C. Borges

1. ***Class Loading and Referrals** Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, reviewed class loading and referral data as of August 27, 2026. County-operated programs were serving 625 students in 82 classrooms, including 410 students receiving services through Extensive Support Needs programs. An additional ESN classroom space is being developed at Caruthers Elementary School and is expected to be operational by the end of October. Current referral data reflected 62 referrals, including three pending immediate placements. ESN referrals remain manageable, while CIRCLE and TIES referrals continue to present placement challenges.
2. ***Percentage of Students Served** Chris reviewed SELPA enrollment and special education participation data. Overall enrollment decreased by approximately 470 students from the previous year, while the number of students receiving special education services increased by 667 students to 9,258. Members were encouraged to review district-specific data and notify SELPA staff of any discrepancies.

IX. *Funding Allocations for 2025-26 Year End E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, reviewed final 2025-26 funding allocations, including state, federal, and local funding sources. He emphasized that special education programs should be driven by student needs and IEP requirements rather than available revenue.

X. *Private School Proportionate Share for 2025-26 Year End E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed IDEA proportionate share requirements and encouraged districts to fully utilize allocated funds designated for eligible private school services.

XI. *Transportation Billback Update for 2025-26 Year End E. Davidson

Eddie reported that transportation billback costs were lower than originally projected due to route efficiencies and cost management efforts. Transportation reimbursement offsets and route utilization practices were reviewed.

XII. *Funding Allocations for 2026-27 Budget 45-Day Revision E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the significant increase in special education funding allocations projected for 2026-27 and encouraged districts to consider investing in intervention services, behavioral supports, and early intervention programs. Potential impacts on Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements were also discussed.

XIII. *SELPA 3-Year ADA History Report E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed ADA trends within the SELPA and discussed statewide enrollment declines and their impact on future funding.

XIV. *SELPA Weighted Votes for 2026-27 E. Davidson

Annual weighted voting calculations were reviewed. Members were informed that 16 votes are required to establish a quorum.

XV. *SELPA Charter School Review E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed charter school ADA information and explained how locally funded charters and charter SELPA memberships impact ADA calculations, funding allocations, and special education service responsibilities. Members were encouraged to understand charter relationships within their districts and associated responsibilities for special education services.

XVI. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 6 for the 2024-25 Grant Award E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed Report 6 expenditure data for the 2024-25 IDEA grant award and discussed remaining balances. Districts were encouraged to review remaining balances and expend remaining funds prior to the final reporting period to avoid forfeiture, particularly funds reserved for private school services.

XVII. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 3 for the 2025-26 Grant Award E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed Report 3 expenditure information for the 2025-26 IDEA grant award. Members were reminded that sufficient time remains to expend current grant allocations and to contact SELPA staff if assistance is needed regarding IDEA, private school, or CCEIS expenditures.

XVIII. Fiscal Due Dates E. Davidson

A. Special Education MOE for 2025-26 SEMA and 2026-27 SEMB, Due 9/15/26
B. Excess Cost Calculation for 2025-26, Due 9/30/26
C. Consolidated Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4, Due 9/30/26
D. State Extraordinary Cost Pool Claims for 2025-26, Due 10/15/26
E. IDEA Sub-Recipient Assurance for 2026-27, Due 10/15/26

Upcoming due dates related to Maintenance of Effort, excess cost calculations, IDEA reporting, extraordinary cost pool claims, and subrecipient assurances were reviewed.

XIX. SEIS/CALPADS/Compliance Reporting R. Chachere

Romy Chachere, SELPA Director, provided updates regarding SEIS historical records, pending statewide IEP form revisions, Census Day timelines, annual determination reporting, and upcoming state and regional training opportunities.

A. SEIS/CALPADS

1. **SEIS Update**
2. **Census Day- 10/7/26**

B. Monitor and Compliance Reporting

1. **CIM Plans- Step 2**
2. **Small LEA Review-Cycle C**
3. **Fall DRDP**

Romy reviewed current CIM implementation activities and timelines, Cycle C Small LEA reviews, and Fall DRDP requirements. Districts were reminded of submission deadlines and available SELPA support.

XX. Professional Development R. Chachere

Romy reviewed upcoming professional development opportunities, including autism strategies training, facilitated IEP training, IEP foundations, and NCI training. She also shared information regarding a potential online facilitated IEP conflict resolution training program. Romy reported that the August Paraprofessional boot camp served 91 participants from 12 districts and received highly positive feedback. Additional preschool-focused professional development opportunities are being planned for spring 2027.

XXI. Community Advisory Committee R. Chachere

Romy encouraged districts to share Community Advisory Committee information and resources with families and highlighted additional free training opportunities available through partner organizations.

XXII. Hot Topics & Lesson of the Month T. Frazier

A. CIRCLE Workgroup Update C. Borges

Chris reviewed ongoing discussions related to autism program capacity and service delivery. The workgroup continues to explore strategies to address increasing demand for autism services and improve support for younger students.

B. MOE Tool Update E. Davidson

Eddie discussed results from the SELPA Maintenance of Effort tool pilot project involving approximately 11 LEAs. The tool has assisted districts in identifying MOE concerns and opportunities for allowable adjustments and exemptions.

XXIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates T. Frazier

No additional future agenda items were proposed.

XXIV. Next Operations Committee Meeting, October 13, 12:30-2:30 p.m. in FCSS Room 201 T. Frazier

XXV. Adjournment T. Frazier

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.
Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Moore and seconded by Erin Pasillas. Motion carried unanimously.