

2009-10 QEIA Funding

Three weeks ago, CTA President David Sanchez sent a letter to all chapter presidents with QEIA schools explaining how QEIA would be funded for 2009-10 (www.cta.org/issues/current/QEIAFundingfor200910.htm). Since that time, we can tell you that the California Department of Education and the California Department of Finance have met to begin discussions on QEIA funding details.

For many of our QEIA schools, the new year is underway or shortly will be. Beginning school with some questions unanswered is challenging. However, right now districts need to be patient. CTA has been assured that funding will be there in the full amount that was promised for each QEIA school for 2009-10. There has been particular concern from QEIA schools that are not designated as Title I or in Program Improvement status that they may be ineligible for federal funding. We believe that the final funding mix will provide the dollars equal to the revenue limit cut in QEIA districts from sources that will ensure all districts are "made whole" regardless of Title I or Program Improvement status.

As additional details are released by the CDE, we will forward them to you immediately.

2008-09 Expenditure Reports

Districts with QEIA schools are required to file an expenditure report by August 31st with the California Department of Education (CDE) accounting for how they spent their 2008-09 QEIA funds for each funded school. The report asks only for major categories of expenditures; the reporting template can be viewed on the CDE website at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/lp/qe/resources.asp . QEIA Site Contacts will want to work with their chapter presidents to request a copy of the completed form from your district office.

The law allowed QEIA funds in 2007-08 to be consolidated and spent on **any** QEIA funded school for facilities purposes. After that initial year, funds may only be spent at the QEIA site that generates the funds. Any district that retained and used these consolidated or "pooled funds" from 2007-08 for facilities purposes during 2008-09 has to file an additional report, the *QEIA Pooled Facilities Funds Report* with the 2008-09 Expenditure Report. Districts should have returned these pooled funds to the schools from which they originated unless they justified to the CDE retaining the funds for outstanding QEIA facilities needs in the *QEIA Pooled Facilities Funds Report*.