

# *The Education Coalition*

July 14, 2020

## **Memorandum**

TO: CA State Policymakers  
FM: The Education Coalition  
RE: Statement on Outstanding Issues for 2020-21 Budget

Working together to support and improve California's public schools

### **Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)**

representing more than 17,000 school administrators

### **California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)**

representing more than 23,000 school business officials

### **California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)**

representing all 58 county superintendents throughout California

### **California Federation of Teachers (CFT-AFL-CIO)**

representing nearly 120,000 education employees

### **California School Boards Association (CSBA)**

representing nearly 1,000 K-12 school districts and county offices of education throughout California

### **California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

representing more than 250,000 classified school employees

### **California State PTA**

representing 700,000 parents, teachers, and students in California

### **California Teachers Association (CTA)**

representing over 325,000 educators

### **Service Employees International Union (SEIU)**

representing more than 50,000 school employees in California

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The Education Coalition is comprised of the nine statewide K-12 education associations to provide consensus positions protecting the integrity of Proposition 98 and funding in the budget for K-12 public education.

The nine statewide organizations include:

- Association of California School Administrators [ACSA]
- California Association of School Business Officials [CASBO]
- California County Superintendents Educational Services Association [CCSESA]
- California Federation of Teachers [CFT]
- California School Boards Association [CSBA]
- California School Employees Association [CSEA]
- California State Parent Teachers Association [PTA]
- California Teachers Association [CTA]
- Service Employees International Union [SEIU]

Each year, the Education Coalition issues budget position papers and meets with legislative members of the budget and policy committees to share our consensus position on the major budget proposals in education in the state budget.

Attached is the Education Coalition's Statement on Outstanding Issues for 2020-21 Budget. For further information contact Dale Shimasaki, the Consultant to the Education Coalition at 916-441-3909.

## **Education Coalition Statement on Outstanding Issues for 2020-21 Budget**

The Education Coalition would like to thank the Legislature and Administration for its efforts to adopt the 2020-2021 state budget under extremely challenging circumstances. We appreciate your leadership in prioritizing education in the budget and rejecting the proposed cuts to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and other programs. Upon the legislature's return, the following issues need to be addressed in order for school districts to operate for the 2020-21 academic year:

- **Distance Learning.** The trailer bill language related to distance learning caused confusion among the education community. We appreciate the clarification of the Legislative intent provided through the Letter to the Journal. Additionally, we ask the Legislature and Administration to include these clarifications in clean-up legislation. These changes will ensure local educational agencies have the flexibility necessary to implement distance learning, when necessary, to comply with federal, state, or local health and safety guidance.
- **Audit Penalties.** The audit language in the trailer bill puts school districts at extreme risk of losing funding due to record-keeping issues, rather than quality and equity of educational services. These provisions need to be revised to ensure timely guidance to school districts on audit requirements and to focus on critical services, rather than paperwork.
- **ADA Growth.** The Governor's signing message in SB 98 indicated an interest "to pursue targeted solutions" for schools experiencing certain types of expansions. He noted that by not funding those expansions, families enrolled in these schools may be displaced. The Education Coalition would like to engage in a discussion to identify unique situations that would warrant targeted solutions.

The Education Coalition looks forward to discussing these issues further with the Legislature and the Administration so that we can ensure that our students are safe and provided with the high-quality education that they deserve.