LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

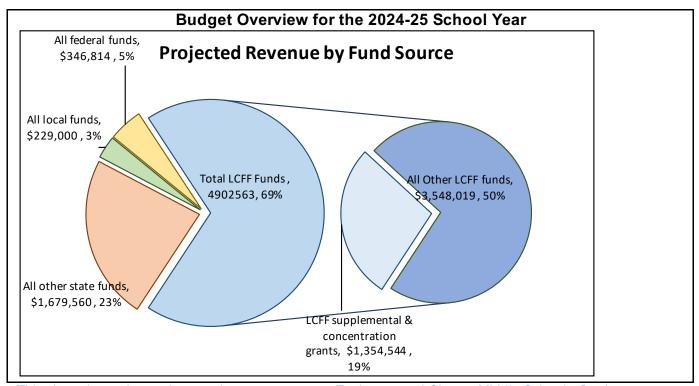
Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name: Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena

CDS Code: 19101990121772

School Year: 2024-25

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School districts receive funding from different sources: state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding - called "supplemental and concentration" grants - to LEAs based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learners, and low-income students).

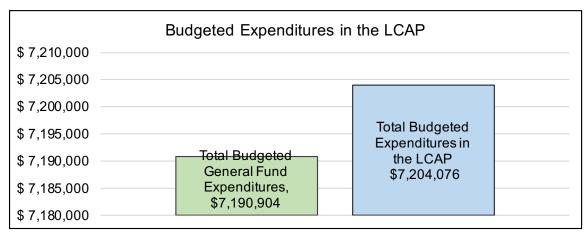


This chart shows the total general purpose revenue Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The text description for the above chart is as follows: The total revenue projected for Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena is \$7,157,936.57, of which \$4,902,563.00 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$1,679,559.57 is other state funds, \$229,000.00 is local funds, and \$346,814.00 is federal funds. Of the \$4,902,563.00 in LCFF Funds, \$1,354,544.00 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).

The LCFF gives school districts more flexibility in deciding how to use state funds. In exchange, school districts must work with parents, educators, students, and the community to develop a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) that shows how they will use these funds to serve students.

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This chart provides a quick summary of how much Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena plans to spend for 2024-25. It shows how much of the total is tied to planned actions and services in the LCAP.

The text description of the above chart is as follows: Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena plans to spend \$7,190,903.93 for the 2024-25 school year. Of that amount, \$7,204,076.00 is tied to actions/services in the LCAP and \$-13,172.07 is not included in the LCAP. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the LCAP will be used for the following:

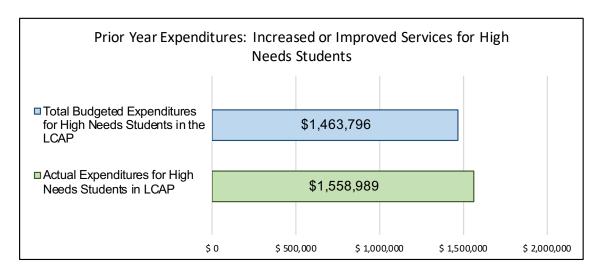
All general fund expenditures were accounted for in the LCAP.

Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in the LCAP for the 2024-25 School Year

In 2024-25, Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena is projecting it will receive \$1,354,544.00 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the LCAP. Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena plans to spend \$1,594,570.00 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the LCAP.

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Update on Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in 2023-24



This chart compares what Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena budgeted last year in the LCAP for actions and services that contribute to increasing or improving services for high needs students with what Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena estimates it has spent on actions and services that contribute to increasing or improving services for high needs students in the current year.

The text description of the above chart is as follows: In 2023-24, Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena's LCAP budgeted \$1,463,796.00 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. Environmental Charter Middle School - Gardena actually spent \$1,558,989.00 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2023-24.

2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update

The instructions for completing the 2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Annual Update follow the template.

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name	Contact Name and Title	Email and Phone
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Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
1	Improved Student Outcomes. We will improve outcomes for all students by improving instruction and programs.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
CAASPP English Language Arts Average Distance from Meeting Standard (DFS)	<u>2019</u> -21.2 SWE: -108.5 EL: -74	2022 -44.2 SWE: -124.7 EL: -94.3	2023 -34.8 SWE: -130 EL: -79.3	2024 -33.5 SWE: -104.5 EL: -73.7	-12.2 SWE: -96.5 EL: -62
CAASPP Math Average Distance from Meeting Standard (DFS)	<u>2019</u> -73.9 SWE: -170.7 EL: -119	2022 -103.3 SWE: -181.3 EL: -149	2023 -94.9 SWE: -167.6 EL: -137.4	2024 -81.9 SWE: -153.7 EL: -126.9	-64.9 SWE: -158.7 EL: -107
Percentage of English Learners who make progress on ELPAC	<u>2018-2019</u> 58.1%	57.4%	83.7%	65.5%	60%
Percentage of students reclassified out of those who started the year as an English Learner	<u>2019-2020</u> 14.1%	26%	31%	31%	18%
Percentage of students who meet standard on state science test	<u>2018-2019</u> 32.4%	25%	17%	22%	33.5%
Other course outcomes: MS Physical Fitness Test Percentage of pupils in the Healthy Fitness Zone for aerobic capacity.	<u>2018-2019</u> 80.7%	N/A* *HFZ was not part of the PFT in 21-22	N/A* *HFZ was not part of the PFT in 22-23	N/A* *HFZ was not part of the PFT in 22-23	83.7%

Goal Analysis

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

Central to the goal to improve student learning outcomes is the cultivation of a robust literary and analytical foundation that engages students, explores diverse genres and perspectives, while also reflecting the complex realities of our world. All learners are given the opportunity to broaden their ELA horizons and gain insight into intersectionalities, as well as power dynamics. While leveraging Tier 1 instructional best practices, middle schoolers are encouraged to develop their critical thinking skills through writings, assignments, and other classroom discussions. Interdisciplinary projects also create planned class time for innovation, creativity and collaboration with peers thereby fostering a sense of belonging and community. An advisory period built into the bell schedule allows for multi-tiered interventions including differentiated learning, academic support, wellness services and counseling (when necessary). Additionally, through regular professional development and weekly meetings with the site's ELD team, Special Education Coordinator and Instructional Leadership Team, academic achievement is monitored and the data informs lesson planning to enhance student outcomes.

Furthermore, as research consistently shows a strong connection between academic achievement and student well-being and/or a sense of connectedness, the site is committed to improving the school's overall climate of care. Through a two-year CA Community School Partnership grant, ECMS-Gardena has hired a dedicated social worker on campus to help implement MTSS, SEL and PBIS programs. In conjunction with the Social Worker, the Principal and Dean of Students also implemented a series of restorative justice practices for disciplinary issues that arose during the reporting period. Concurrently, as the community experienced a steady decline in covid cases, there were less health and safety disruptions and a decrease in staffing shortages. Concurrently, as the community experienced a steady decline in covid cases, there were less health and safety disruptions, more consistent student attendance, and a decrease in staffing shortages, all leading to improved student growth.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

The discrepancy between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures is the addition of unbudgeted software. The original budget did not include Elevation, an ELD (English Language Development) software program. This software was later deemed essential to better support our students, ensure compliance with regulations, and improve instructional planning for our English Language Learners.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

ECMS-Gardena continues to focus on strategic planning, professional development, and program evaluation in order to administer high level instructional practices that support achievement and academic growth, of all learners, but also those students who are not meeting the standard in both ELA and Math. Tailored instructional strategies for English language learners, students with disabilities, and Black/African American students continue to be implemented as the site works to reduce CA Dashboard distance from standard metric and increase subject matter proficiency. To address these disparities, ECMSG implemented a range of targeted interventions through MTSS. With an influx of new ELA teachers, the site first focused on the Reading Apprenticeship and Planning for Critical Thinking framework within our unique EL curriculum while exploring the development of materials created by our own educators to foster interdisciplinary connections between core

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curriculum including reading and history (Tier 1). Data driven analysis from I-Ready allowed educators to identify foundational reading gaps and tailor teaching modules to ensure optimal achievement outcomes for those not meeting grade-level targets (Tier 2). In addition to providing ample opportunities for reading and writing in order to make progress towards our literacy goals, STEM and Humanities teachers provided extra support (Tier 3) for those who are falling behind and struggling.

Furthermore, by embedding WestEd's Reading Apprenticeship into professional development, beginning with a 3-day summer institute for all new teachers, ECMS-Gardena continues to model this teaching framework for staff during their weekly meetings, as well as during regular check points with instructional coaches or key administrators.

In Math, the site focused on fortifying Tier 1 instruction across all classrooms, emphasizing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Active learning strategies were incorporated into classroom "look-fors" and common assessments monitored student growth to ensure that all learners had access to rich content appropriate with their grade and learning level. For those who required additional support in Tier 2, individualized instruction was provided for during advisory periods, along with adaptive online learning sessions that assisted with overall content and math fluency. Finally, Tier 3 support offered through small groups or one-on-one instruction was integrated within the class structure, whenever possible, to provide the least restrictive environment. Additionally, the site is meeting to design a structure, along with a timeline to bring Algebra supplementary courses to the campus in future years.

However going forward, in order to boost English Learner's achievement and close CAASPP performance gaps, ECMSG will frequently review I-Ready & common assessments to track progress, monitor proficiency with NWEA (proven math predictor), provide ongoing PD focuses on effective Tier 1 instruction using the Reading Apprenticeship framework (modeled by the Principal and AP of Instruction), regularly analyze data via common assessments and exit tickets to inform instructional refinement, and dedicated time during Advisory periods for student conferences to enhance communication and collaboration around learning goals.

As a result of the aforementioned actions and the development of instructional/service plans, ECMSG will continue to streamline processes that directly respond to the needs of learners in a more timely fashion. This year, site leaders reported a majority of their students engaging in collaborative conversations that were task or core-text based, as well as students who regularly participated in independent thinking or processing during classroom observations. When conducting visits to observe teaching and collect evidence of Tier 1 systems, site leaders also observed students documenting their process in writing or through verbal explanations, justifying answers, asking questions, and annotating their text. Finally, to improve academic growth amongst our students with disabilities, weekly department meetings, para-professional meetings, and 1:1 specialist meetings were scheduled to support an effective delivery model. Finally, a district-wide tracking system helps to ensure compliance in the delivery of processes, program/technical support, and other services.

Lastly, in response to stakeholder feedback and the increased need for collaboration time, as well as student support, the site maintained the same updated bell schedule implemented during the previous 2022-23 academic year. Though the school day ends 30 minutes earlier, we have preserved both our advisory periods and intervention time and continue to meet our required instructional minutes all while also providing additional opportunities for teachers and support staff to collaborate in pursuit of meeting the challenges of our most vulnerable students.

As part of our ongoing mission to educate underserved and low income students, ECMS-Gardena offers pivotal support during the transition from elementary to middle school. By working together with key stakeholders, including our families and staff, we are preparing students for

the demands of a rigorous high school, and fostering important skills, such as essay writing, public speaking, organization, research protocols, effective group collaboration, and critical thinking, encouraging success in core content courses.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, desired outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

Expanding on the work ELA teachers have done this year, ECMS-Gardena continues to build curriculum that is vertically aligned, while leaning into common rubrics including data from IABs, NWEA and CAASPP scores, and end of unit assessments to ensure grade-level rigor and that standards are being met. Through a focus of "claim - evidence - analysis" the site supports the correlation between formative and summative assessments, and increases student ownership of their learning. Additionally, by enhancing Math classroom "look-fors," we are giving students a multi-modality experience that protects independent think time, encourages collaboration, elevates student voice and provides an opportunity to both revise/synthesize thinking.

To combat post-pandemic passivity amongst many students, teachers have reduced lecture-style instruction and increased opportunities for student voice. This approach not only strengthens formative assessments, but it encourages greater student engagement which often translates into higher academic achievement.

A report of the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for last year's actions may be found in the Annual Update Table. A report of the Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services for last year's actions may be found in the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table.

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
2	Climate & Engagement: We will develop a caring school culture that supports student wellness, is responsive to stakeholder feedback, and ensures organizational sustainability

Measuring and Reporting Results

	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
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Attendance	2020-2021** 96.2% Per the LCAP instructions, we are presenting the most recent data. We are basing our targets on pre-pandemic data that may turn out to be more relevant for a baseline. **rate as of 4/20/21	92.6%	93.3%	93.4%	97%
Chronic Absenteeism Groups with Gaps	2020-2021** 8% EL: 6.3% SWE: 14.6% B/AfA: 10.9% Per the LCAP instructions, we are presenting the most recent data. We are basing our targets on pre-pandemic data that may turn out to be more relevant for a baseline. **rate as of 4/20/21	24.6% EL: 17.6% SWE: 31.7% B/AfA: 35.9%	19.3% EL: 16.7% SWE: 22% B/AfA: 32.5%	24.7% EL: 30.8% SWE: 25% B/AfA: 27.1%	All: 3% EL: 6.8% SWE: 6.7% B/AfA: 8.5%
Drop Out Rates	0%	0%	0%	0.6%	0%

Suspension Rates	2018-2019**				
	3.3%				
	EL: 8.1%	3.8%	1.4%	0.5%	<2%
	SWE: 4.1%	EL: 5.4%	EL: 1.3%	EL: 2.3%	EL 6.6%
	B/AfA: 1.9%	SWE: 6.3%	SWE: 2%	SWE: 1.5%	SWE 2.6%
	**No suspensions in 20-21. Basing targets on in-person data from 18-19.	B/AfA: 4.4%	B/AfA: 5%	B/AfA: 2.1%	B/AfA .4%
Expulsion Rates	2020-2021 0%*	0%	0%	0%	0%
	*rate as of 4/20/21				
Parent input in decision-making					
Percentage of parents who agree that the school allows, seeks, and welcomes their input.	<u>2019-2020</u> 93%	95%	94%	98%	>=90%
Parent participation in programs for UDPs					
Percentage of parents who participate in parent conferences, ELAC and other activities aimed at engaging parents in school decision-making	<u>2019-2020</u> 89%	98%		tba	>=90%

Student Safety & Connectedness Percentage of students who agree or strongly agree that the school is safe on annual climate survey	<u>2019-2020</u> 60%	65.3%	60.4%	63%	64%
Average level of agreement with connectedness questions on CA Healthy Kids Survey or similar climate survey	56%	64.8%	51%	56%	60%
Parent safety & connectedness Percentage of parents who agree or strongly agree that campus is a safe place for their child. Average percentage of parents who agree or strongly agree that school staff treat them with respect, take their concerns seriously, and are helpful to them.	2019-2020 100% 2018-2019 98%	96% 94%	95% 95%	97% 96%	>=95% >=95%
Staff safety & connectedness Avg level of agreement with staff working environment and collegiality questions on CSSS or similar survey	<u>2019-2020</u> 99%	91%	*For 2023, we used a different survey. This result is the average of the survey items most similar to the usual survey.	79%	>=95%

Goal Analysis

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

ECMS-Gardena maintains a caring school culture that supports student wellness, is responsive to stakeholder feedback, and ensures organizational sustainability. However, over the past few years we recognize that virtual learning during Covid school closures impacted our students' connectedness and created increased feelings of isolation. We have also seen a higher volume of anxiety, peer pressure, as well as attention-seeking behavior resulting in disciplinary issues. Additionally, our counselors and social workers have identified a direct correlation between those who are socially withdrawn and chronic absenteeism.

To navigate these issues we prioritized advisory time to develop positive relationships between students and a trusted adult on campus. We implemented an interdisciplinary curriculum that provided opportunities for collaboration and encouraged engagement. And we focused on strong partnerships with our families, staff, and local community organizations to add another layer of support ensuring student success. Specifically, ECMSG actively engaged parents through Town Hall meetings, coffee with the Principal, newsletters, two-way messaging platforms that provided targeted communication, and other on-campus events, all of which reinforce a supportive home-school connection. As a result, 99% of parents agree/strongly agree that the site welcomes their input and 96% agree/strongly agree that before important decisions are made, parent feedback is collected. Equally important is the regular and consistent practice of staff meetings, professional development, surveys, listening tours, and an 'open door' policy with site administration to help align programming, practices, and policies for a thriving school culture.

During this academic year, the site remained focused on creating a learning environment where students feel safe sharing concerns and vulnerabilities. In conjunction with our strong advisory model that meets weekly to focus on topics ranging from academic pressures to substance abuse, the school hired a dedicated social worker to assist with SEL and PBIS programs, along with the implementation of restorative justice practices and other interventions as needed. Local partnerships that provided our students with direct experiential learning opportunities and fostered a sense of environmental stewardship within the community also continued. Additionally, to address issues of chronic absenteeism amongst our English Learners, ECMSG plans to create a more effective tracking system using weekly attendance reports from PowerSchool to address insufficient follow-up when a student frequently misses school and to better engage families so they understand our attendance policies.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

Material differences between budgeted and estimated actual expenditures are attributed to overnight field trips and day-excursions that link academic content to real-life beyond the classroom. During these outdoor education experiences, students learned interpersonal skills and group cohesion through team-building activities, while exploring the wilderness and promoting a healthy adolescent development.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

ECMS-Gardena is dedicated to meeting the social-emotional learning needs of all students. As a result, the staff have implemented various measures to foster a climate of care that enhances each student's sense of belonging on campus. To promote wellness and healing, the

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school organized overnight and day field trips that provided the middle schoolers with opportunities to experience open spaces, wilderness, and community-building beyond the school environment.

While the advisory program further strengthens connectedness and identity, ECMSG acknowledges the need for additional initiatives to enhance the experiences of Black/African American students who, compared to their peers, may feel less respected. To address this, the school introduced Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) assemblies and a more robust SEL curriculum. Collaborations with organizations such as Empowher, The League, and The Alliance also provided positive role models and non-therapeutic support. Additionally, a student Advisory Council was established for 6th to 8th graders, allowing them to assume leadership roles within the school community. This framework engaged a diverse range of students and provided a safe space for them to express themselves, while communicating their unique needs.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, desired outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

None at this time.

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Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
3	Excellent Operations & Facilities . We will ensure operations and facilities are mission-aligned, meet the needs of our educational program and facilitate the achievement of student learning outcomes. With the support of the ECS Home Office, we will establish operations that support the smooth and compliant functioning of our school.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Teachers: Fully credentialed & appropriately assigned	<u>2020-2021</u> 1	0	1	2	0 misassignments
Number of misassignments Instructional Materials:					
Percentage of students with access to standards-aligned instructional materials.	<u>2020-2021</u> 100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
School Facilities in "Good Repair": Clean, safe, and functional as determined by Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or other local instrument that meets same criteria	2020-2021 The facility received ratings of Good on all inspected systems, and an overall rating of Exemplary.	Met	Met	Met	The facility will receive ratings of good on all inspected systems and an overall rating of exemplary.
Course Access	2020-2021 100% of students have access to the educational program as outlined in the charter petition	100%	100%	100%	All students will have access to CCSS and CA ELD Standards-aligned curriculum and to the educational program as outlined in the charter petition.

Goal Analysis

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

It is imperative that our operations and facilities remain mission-aligned and continue to meet the needs of our educational programs. In order to ensure the achievement of all learning goals, the ECS Home Office, which includes human resources, accounting, financial/fund development, and data management, has developed policies, procedures and protocols for the ECMS-Gardena leadership team to direct their focus on student outcomes. In addition to the regular use of Door Bloks in each classroom, gates were regularly monitored, and emergency drills were practiced throughout the year. ECS also updated its Network Safety Plan with protocols and communication templates should there be a health or safety issue on campus.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

The differences between ECMS-Gardena's budgeted and estimated actuals are directly correlated to several key staffing changes in certain areas. The SpEd Coordinator left before the end of the year, resulting in unplanned salary savings. The site also underspent on teacher substitutes, as fewer were actually needed in comparison to what was initially budgeted, and some certificated supervisory roles were either left vacant or duties were covered by existing staff at lower costs. Additionally, the Assistant Principal of Instruction went on leave, leading to further salary savings. These factors combined contributed to the variances between the budgeted expenditures and the estimated actuals for the year.

However, the site did spend more than budgeted on our child nutrition program. Per CA Ed Code, LEAs are required to provide 2 meals through the school day. In an effort to ensure that our learners were eating and were not left hungry, the site enhanced the food offerings available to all 6th-8th graders enrolled in the school.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

In an effort to ensure excellent operations, ECMSG audited the current condition of all campus facilities and reviewed infrastructure upgrades necessary for the proper implementation of our mission-aligned programming. While the site's estimated actual expenditures slightly exceeded those originally budgeted, requisite actions were taken to enhance compliance and goal accountability. As a result, student learning flourished, campus safety increased, and staff felt supported thereby making significant progress towards our goal.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, desired outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

None at this time.

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Local Control and Accountability Plan

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Plan Summary 2024-2025

General Information

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades transitional kindergarten–12, as applicable to the LEA.

ECMS-Gardena (ECMSG) is a free, public charter school, authorized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, that serves students in 6th - 8th grade from Gardena, Harbor Gateway, and other neighboring communities. As one of four campuses that comprises the non-profit organization Environmental Charter Schools (ECS), our mission is to reimagine public education in low-income communities of color to prepare conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world. With over 350 students enrolled in the school, 83% are low income and qualify for free or reduced lunch, 15% are English learners, and 17% are students with disabilities.

Since its opening in 2010, ECMSG has provided all students with an interdisciplinary curriculum that utilizes authentic assessments, as well as outdoor education and environmental experiential services learning opportunities, to link academic content to real-life and professional careers beyond the classroom. Students are inspired to break down barriers that prevent them from growing at their highest potential and find meaning in education. Learners from this school are resilient, motivated to continue in their academic studies, prepared for high school, and are driven to make a positive contribution in their community through leadership and civic engagement.

ECS Best Practices

ECMSG was founded on a best practices model that includes small learning communities, challenging core academics, interdisciplinary curriculum, authentic assessments, service learning projects, and strong partnerships with the local community. We believe that students learn better in an environment where there is ample support from teachers, parents, and others around them. In fact, recognizing the importance of collaboration, the school continues to cultivate strong partnerships with neighbors and local community members to further enrich the educational experience of all learners. Additionally, in order to foster engagement and personal growth, educators provide project-based, thematic instruction that encourages student interaction and helps them apply content standards to real-world problems. Daily teaching pedagogy is also consistent with our academic priority of developing higher order critical thinking skills.

Outdoor Education

ECMSG's outdoor education program promotes environmental awareness, interpersonal skills, group cohesion through team-building activities, landscape explorations, wilderness expeditions, and fun off campus. All trips feature developmentally appropriate challenges and

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100% of students in every grade level are encouraged to participate free of charge. Younger students begin their experience with easier expeditions, which gradually scale in difficulty and scope as they mature. In previous years, middle school students will have participated in a variety of camping and hiking activities in locations such as the Pacific Crest Trail, Joshua Tree National Park, Catalina Island, the Santa Monica Mountains, Los Padres National Forest, Idyllwild, San Bernardino National Forest, Angeles National Forest, Big Sur, and Yosemite.

Beyond these off-campus expeditions, every year all students participate in a Green Ambassadors (GA) class, which incorporates environmental education with service-learning in an effort to empower ECMSG middle schoolers to become agents of change, take action locally, and improve their own communities. The GA class also develops leadership skills and addresses critical environmental issues facing Southern California, including water conservation, water quality, air quality, open space conservation, food sovereignty, and environmental justice. Throughout the year, students work with their classmates in team cohorts and organize campus-based events for their peers, as well as the greater community.

ECMSG prides itself on its work to address inequalities for all students and recognizes that there is a responsibility to proactively confront anti-Blackness and racism that undermine efforts to educate all learners. Through the creation of professional development focused on Confronting Anti-Blackness, school leaders, teachers and staff examined teaching practices that disenfranchise some of the communities we serve. This training not only informs our work, it allows us to better address issues that impact communities of color and support achievement for all learners. As a result, this year we've seen some impressive gains and academic outcomes from our Black/African American students.

Climate of care and social and emotional wellness (SEW) also remains a top priority at ECMSG. To maintain a strong school culture that fosters supportive relationships with peers and a trusted adult on campus, advisory periods are built into the bell schedule and are used to teach skills, as well as behavioral norms that enhance self-esteem while alleviating depression, anxiety and stress. With the implementation of this holistic approach that educates the whole child, students' performance in reading, math, standardized tests and even grades have improved greatly. We also continue to collaborate with other ECS sites in order to develop effective, efficient, and inclusive structures that better serve our students with disabilities and our English Language Learners.

To further strengthen student achievement and the percentage of those who meet or exceed the standard, ECMSG continues to actively refine the implementation of academics and educational programs. This includes a focus on planning for critical thinking, increasing reading and writing opportunities to better support student outcomes, and utilizing teacher-created curricula that weaves in additional interdisciplinary connections between ELA and History.

Reflections: Annual Performance

A reflection on annual performance based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

During this reporting period, ECMSG students demonstrated academic success and continued to make progress towards closing achievement gaps. Based on the CA School Dashboard and recent ELA CAASPP data (*pulled on 6/5/24) the current 6th graders, a majority of whom enroll in our school testing far below the standard, demonstrated 22% proficiency (-48.2 points to norm) while our overall scores (6th - 8th grade) increased slightly from 32% last year to 35% this year and also moved closer to the standard by 5 points (-39.7 in 2022-23 >> -34.7 in 2023-24). When analyzing annual performance, it is also important to look at specific cohorts where growth was seen too. For

example, last reporting period 26% of our current 7th class tested proficiency and scored -53.2 points below standard; however this year their proficiency improved 8% (26% >> 34%) and they moved 10.6 points closer to the state average (-53.4 in 2022-23 >> -42.8 in 2023-24). Even more impressive is how much the 8th grade class has improved. Over the past 3 years this group of students has demonstrated a substantial increase in ELA proficiency by testing at 27% (-55.1 points below standard) in 2021-22 to 38% (-26.3 points below standard) in 2022-23 and now at 47% and just 10.9 points from the state norm. ECMSG recognizes the need for continuous efforts to raise achievement for all learners, specifically our Black/African American students whose proficiency unfortunately dropped from 32% in 2022-23 to 29% this period. However, it is important to celebrate the impressive growth patterns demonstrated by our students with disabilities, English Language Learners and Hispanic/Latino students. Since returning to school after covid closures, our students with disabilities not only increased their proficiency levels from 4% to 7%, but their distance from standard scores also saw great progress from -132.4 in 2021-22 to 127.9 in 2022-23 and now to -107.6. Similar improvement was seen by our Hispanic/Latino students who are 35% proficient vs. 31% in 2022-23 as well as English Language Learners who are now 19% proficient, as compared to 13% in the previous school year. That said, ECMSG is aware that our EL's performance on the dashboard has lagged behind non-EL performance in ELA on CAASPP testing reports.

In Math, while all test takers are still performing below the state average, we did see growth in every student group. Last year only 22% of our 6th grade class was proficient in the subject compared to 22% this year. Additionally, overall student proficiency increased from 16% in 2022-23 to 22% this school year and distance from standard improved 16.7 points as well (-98.6 in 2022-23 >> -81.9 in 2023-24). Akin to our ELA analysis, it is also helpful to look at how specific cohorts performed. For example, our current 7th graders are now testing at 19% proficiency, compared to 15% last year, and their distance from standard decreased slightly as well (-94.1 in 2022-23 >> -91.1 in 2023-24). As a result of targeted interventions and support, the 8th grade is now 26% proficient, compared to 17% in 2022-23 and 15% in 2021-22, and moved 27.7 points closer to the state standard (-101.6 in 2022-23 >> -73.9 in 2023-24). Though still testing below the norm, our English Language Learners improved their distance from standard by 12.2 points (-139.1 in 2022-23 >> -126.9 in 2023-24) and their proficiency is now 8% as compared to 5% last reporting period. However, we acknowledge that this performance is behind the Math growth we have seen by other student groups. Our Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino students, along with our students with disabilities, performed well this testing period. Last year only 6% of our Black/African American students were proficient in Math, but this school year 18% demonstrated proficiency and they moved 25.7 points closer to the state standard (-128.1 in 2022-23 >> -102.4 in 2023-24) closer to the state standard by. Likewise, our Hispanic/Latino students increased proficiency from 16% to 222% and moved 15.8 points closer to the norm (-98.1 in 2022-23 >> -82.3 in 2023-24), while our students with disabilities more than doubled the percent that are proficient (4% in 2022-23 >> 10% in 2023-24) and their distance from standard score improved 17.3 points (-171 in 2022-23 >> 153.7).

When reviewing ELPAC data, the site demonstrated a similar trend to CAASPP data and 65.5% of test takers advanced at least 1 performance level, compared to 72.2% last year. It is important to note, that while the percentage fell slightly, the current rate is in line with our historical norms and well above the state's rate. ECMSG believes that targeted instruction, workshops, and data conferencing in ELD classes has helped with these scores. The school's ELA IAB results emphasize that 25% of students are testing above the standard and 46% are near the standard, while reclassification goals are approximately 14%. Furthermore, ECMSG students continue to do well in all of their classes too, with a high course passage rates in English of 81% (Q1) / 85% (Q2) / 81% (Q3) and 83% (Q1) / 80% (Q2) / 78% (Q3) in Math.

Throughout the school year, we closely analyzed CAASPP scores and monitored student achievement on NWEA tests from Fall to Winter to Spring. While we are pleased to see some increases in proficiency rates in both ELA and Math, we acknowledge that specific student groups

have not made as much progress as we had hoped. Based on our mission to reimagine public education, it is crucial to address these disparities and provide necessary support for all students. To improve overall ELA scores, which are still 34.7 points below the standard and only 35% proficiency, ECMSG focused on a Tier 1 planning for critical thinking with the EL curriculum. Educators across all grade levels also had the opportunity to utilize and explore teacher-created materials that built connections between interdisciplinary subjects, such as English and History. Additionally, the site intentionally increased reading and writing opportunities to better support student outcomes. For Tier 2 students who needed greater assistance, specifically those with foundational reading gaps, ECMSG piloted I-Ready which provided adaptive assessments and actionable data for reading instruction and online lessons to help improve academic success. This program also helped to determine which students should participate in ELOP and ESY summer programming (Tier 3 support).

Our dedication to continuous improvement and equity also drives our work to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student thrives in Math. Accordingly, during the 2023-24 school year whereby overall student growth increased from 16% to 22% and distance from standard improved 16.7 points, ECMSG implemented Tier 1 classroom "look-fors" which included protected independent think time, partner/small group collaboration, whole group discussion with elevated student voice and opportunities to revise/synthesize thinking. Our organization-wide priority, Planning for Critical Thinking, further allowed for the design and implementation of lessons that provided space for all students to think about math, write about math, and talk about math each day. Not only did teachers use common assessments as a starting place for their classroom planning, after unpacking end of unit assessments, lessons were signed to match the grade level standard and rigor necessary for student proficiency. In addition to responsive instruction, Tier 2 support was implemented during advisory periods where targeted individuals were given assistance, through online learning sessions and direct tutoring, to support the understanding of content and overall math fluency. Finally, through co-teaching teams, Tier 3 support adapted and modified lessons to meet the needs detailed in IEPs and instruction was delivered in small groups or one-to-one instruction that was integrated within the whole class structure, whenever possible, to provide the least restrictive environment.

Going forward, to specifically improve our English Language Learner's academic outcomes, and decrease their distance from standard on CAASPP, I-Ready modules and common assessments will be reviewed to track progress while NWEA testing data will monitor proficiency, as it has traditionally been a strong predictor of Math results. Additionally, in order to ensure that all students benefit from these Tier 1 supports, ECMSG will provide ongoing PD opportunities focused on effective teaching strategies using the Reading Apprenticeship framework modeled by the Principal and AP of Instruction. By regularly following student achievement on common assessments and providing coaching sessions to help educators analyze exit ticket data, the school will leverage data to refine its instructional approach. Lastly, designated advisory time will be used to hold data conferences with students, fostering communication and collaboration around learning goals.

While academic performance is a predominant focus at ECMSG, student wellness is also a priority. Through a CA Community Schools Partnership Grant, a social worker on site is able to track chronic absences and follow up directly with families whose student may be experiencing social or emotional issues. According to internal data, this year approximately 23% of students have chronically missed school, compared to 20.4% in 2022-23. As with other schools in the surrounding area, absenteeism remains a concern amongst site leaders. To address disciplinary incidents and implement restorative practices with fidelity, counselors and the social worker are helping wrongdoers foster a sense of accountability, provide opportunities for reintegration in the learning community and continue to ensure a supportive learning environment for all. During set advisory periods, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies are taught to help students manage their emotions, make responsible decisions, and set positive goals. These SEL practices also aim to boost self-esteem and mitigate

the effects of depression, anxiety, stress, and social withdrawal, while positively impacting performance in reading, math, standardized tests, and overall grades.

ECMS-Gardena is committed to providing all students with the tools and resources they need to succeed. This includes laptops, access to the internet, accessible classroom materials, and other applicable program support. Furthermore, while the learning community has returned to a new normal post-pandemic, health and safety remains a top priority. The site continues to follow LADPH protocol and offers hand sanitizing/washing stations, face masks and Rapid-Antigens tests.

Reflections: Technical Assistance

As applicable, a summary of the work underway as part of technical assistance.

ECMS-G began the Differentiated Assistance (DA) process with Heather Richter, Ed.D, Administrator, Instructional Leadership, Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Tammy Gabel, Ed.D, Tammy Gabel Consulting on February 20, 2024. The school met the DA criteria for two consecutive years based on CAASPP ELA/Math assessments and Chronic Absenteeism rates from: Students with Disabilities in 2022 and English Learners in 2023. The DA process spanned six days and focused on collaborative analysis, planning, and implementation of strategies to improve student outcomes as follows:

Day 1 (May 23, 2024): The session began with a review of state data to identify strengths and weaknesses. Discussions revolved around understanding why the DA process is necessary and preparing for an analysis of local data.

Day 2 (May 31, 2024): This session focused on local data analysis, including CAASPP/ELPAC results and Chronic Absenteeism. The introduction to the LEA Self-Assessment set the stage to identify systemic issues and areas for growth.

Day 3 (June 4, 2024): The team defined the problem of practice and conducted a root cause analysis using a fishbone diagram. Connections were made to the LCAP in order to align improvement efforts.

Day 4 (June 6, 2024): Reviewed previous findings and introduced evidence-based interventions. The session involved building teacher capacity for effective Tier 1 strategies to support English Learners and their families, while addressing the root cause of the problem: a lack of school-wide ownership and systems to meet EL students' needs.

Day 5 (June 11, 2024): Focused on developing an action plan and theory of improvement, including primary and secondary drivers, change ideas, and an equity review. The session concluded with finalizing the action plan and scheduling quarterly check-ins.

As a result of the DA, ECMSG established a dedicated school team that identified evidence-based programs and practices necessary in order to monitor progress and maintain continuous improvement from specific student groups. The technical assistance provided will help ensure that ECMSG is equipped with the tools and strategies needed to support its diverse student population effectively.

Engaging Educational Partners

A summary of the process used to engage educational partners in the development of the LCAP.

School districts and county offices of education must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

Charter schools must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

Educational Partner(s)	Process for Engagement
Students	-Climate Survey: Students complete an abbreviated version of the the California Healthy Kids Survey -Advisory Survey: During advisory periods teachers ask questions about school connectedness, peer relations, and learning environment -Student bulletins

Parents

- -Survey: Parents are asked to complete the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Survey
- -Town Halls
- -Parent/Teacher conferences
- -School Site Council (Note: the SSC meets three times a year. SSC members review data, identify student needs, develop the School Plan for Student Achievement, and provide input on the LCAP)
- -PTA meetings with administration
- -English Learner Advisory committee (Note: at ELAC meetings parents of English Learners are invited to provide feedback on the English Language Development program and strategize on ways to improve attendance. To improve academic outcomes and attendance, and reduce chronic absenteeism for EL students and their families, we will focus on building teacher capacity in Tier 1 strategies. This will ensure consistent and effective support from Summer Bridge through 8th grade, fostering holistic engagement for both students and families.)
- -Coffee with the Principal
- -Parent Workshops to enhance community relationships and improve communication between families and school staff
- -Ice Cream Socials
- -Open Houses
- -Back to School Night
- -ECS Board Meetings
- -Community Events (Earth Day Soiree, Garden Days, Harvest Fest, Unity Festival)
- -Access to administration via email, phone, and in person

Staff

- -Weekly meetings with staff
- -Feedback questionnaires following staff meetings (Note: at the end of the weekly meeting, teachers and staff complete a feedback form. Information from these forms drives decisions about future professional development and the refinement of processes & procedures)
- -Listening tours with Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of Instruction
- -Regular meetings with the Assistant Principal, College Prep and Student Services Support Office Manager, Instructional Coaches, Community Liaison, Mental Health Team, Facilities (Campus Engineer) to solicit feedback on school operations and plan for future school events
- -Weekly meetings with the Mental health team (Counselor and Social worker) to solicit feedback and proactively address the needs of tier 2 and tier 3 behavioral concerns and/or families requiring additional support from the school
- -Weekly meetings with Weekly ELD and Special Education Coordinators to progress monitor the academic achievement of special populations as well as ensure compliance with the implementation of the requisite support
- -Meeting with the Office Manager to solicit feedback and monitor progress of compliance activities related to attendance
- -Meetings with Instructional Leadership Team (ILT, includes department chairs, instructional coaches, ELD and SPED coordinators) meetings to analyze feedback from teachers pertaining to professional development and student academic achievement. (Note: the ILT uses student achievement data and teacher feedback to adjust the scope and sequence of professional learning to respond to the needs of the stakeholder)
- -Cabinet meeting with fellow ECS principals, assistant principals, organization directors, and specialists to progress monitor charter implementation and adjust accordingly
- -Collaboration with staff at other ECS sites to produce "Unity Fest" a community event which celebrates Black/African American culture, history and partners

Community/Organizational	-Starview
Partners	-Luminarias
	-ADAP (substance abuse)
	-Masada Homes
	-Vida (behavioral issues)
	-Gardena Juvenile Justice & Intervention Program (gang intervention partner)
	-Boys and Girls Club (after school programming),
	-Crossroads and WICK (families with little babies),
	-Outdoor Education Partners (Pali Institute and Neighborhood Council)

A description of how the adopted LCAP was influenced by the feedback provided by educational partners.

ECMSG provides multiple in-person and virtual opportunities for students, families and staff to review and discuss upcoming school decisions, provide suggestions and feedback to administration, and debrief processes and procedures. Throughout the year, input is actively sought both formally and informally, data is shared out, and recommendations are made to administration. Not only do stakeholders' perspectives and insights inform the identification of critical priorities as well as the allocation of resources, they also inform program implementation, create actionable goals, and help with accountability.

Recent survey data collected from students indicates that 58% feel safe on campus and 68% believe there is a teacher or trusted adult on campus who cares about them. When asked about advisory period, which is built into the schedule and provides intentional check-in points with an educator on campus, 66% agree/strongly agree that their advisor makes them feel known and valued, 72% agree/strongly agree that their advisor helps them keep track of academic progress, and 63% agree/strongly agree that their advisor provides opportunities for wellness, including taking circles, reflection time, and outdoor activities.

Families: ECS believes that it is important to solicit regular feedback from our families in order to tailor instruction to better meet student needs, as well as to build collaboration to create a more positive and supportive learning environment. When asked about the school, 86% said they were very likely to recommend ECMSG to a friend. 99% agree/strongly agree that the site allows input and welcomes parent contributions, and 96% agree/strongly agree that we seek parent input before making important decisions. Furthermore, 94% of parents agree/strongly agree that school staff take their concerns seriously, and 97% agree/strongly agree that ECMSG encourages them to be an active partner in their student's education.

Staff: As our teachers and classified employees are the designated frontline professionals who interact with our students on a daily basis, it is imperative to hear their insight about effective learning strategies, engagement activities, and areas for improvement. When asked, 63% agree/strongly agree that the site promotes personnel participation in decision making that affects school practices and policies, and 93%

agree/strongly agree that ECMSG is a supportive and inviting place for staff to work. 78% agree/strongly agree that the campus is a safe place.

Community/Organizational Partners: In addition to MOU's, ECMSG regularly communicates with external providers at both the site and organizational level. This two-way structure for communicating with key stakeholders has proven to be both self-sustaining and very effective as the site continues to focus on increasing student performance.

In conjunction with the pursuit of our organization-wide priorities, ECMSG regularly seeks input regarding the following priorities that have influenced our LCAP goals: (1) Planning for Critical Thinking; (2) Confronting Anti-Blackness and Racism; (3) Providing resources that support the tenet, "Every Child Is a Blessing"; (4) Aligning systems for effective and equitable learning; and (5) Wellness and engagement.

Planning for Critical Thinking (PCT) is both mission-aligned and supportive of teaching planning. To align best practices, constructive feedback from teachers helped site leaders evaluate what parts of PCT impacted student learning the most and various ways student-facing tasks could improve academic outcomes.

Our commitment to Confronting Anti-Blackness and Racism (CABR) remains the cornerstone of our effort to achieve equity in our schools. Initially, we collaborated with educational partners to provide comprehensive professional development to all ECS employees that focused on various ways to support the well-being of our Black/African American students. While we no longer offer the same multi-session programming, the principles learned during this educational series continue to inform our best practices. For example, the theories and texts used for current staff training are selected with CABR concepts in mind. Additionally, we analyze data in the aggregate, as well as for specific student groups, in order to develop action plans that address disparities in achievement outcomes. While our teaching model incorporates small learning communities to foster meaningful relationships with adults on campus, it also generates a positive climate of care that improves student engagement. Finally, our commitment to CABR has led to the successful implementation of restorative practices that has resulted in lower suspension rates and zero expulsions.

To inform our actions, while rekindling a natural curiosity for learning, the site continues to align best practices while developing multi-tier systems of support to meet the needs of all learners where equity gaps exist. As a result, students feel supported, seen, heard, respected and celebrated for what they bring to campus each day.

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
1	Improved Student Outcomes. We will improve outcomes for all students by improving instruction and programs.	Broad

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

The mission of ECS is to reimagine public education in low-income communities of color to prepare conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world. To fulfill this goal, ECMS-Gardena (ECMSG) consistently implements a best-practice teaching model and strives to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of existing education programs. For example, through targeted initiatives, such as Reading Apprenticeship and Math programs, we have witnessed significant improvements in student performance outcomes. Building upon this progress, we continue to administer necessary interventions that provide additional support to those students who require it.

During the past year, we introduced multi-tiered interventions to increase daily attendance rates, encourage student engagement, decrease disciplinary issues, develop social-emotional wellness, and reinforce academic skills. In addition to closing achievement gaps, our efforts also focused on supporting students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, those with disabilities, kids who are currently placed in foster care or are experiencing homelessness, and learners where English as a second language. As a result of our goal to improve student outcomes through small class sizes, authentic assessments, and a best-practices teaching model, those enrolled at ECMSG are consistently exceeding academic benchmarks and demonstrating both highschool and college-readiness. Our focus on planning for critical thinking with responsive and differentiated instruction has also ensured that all learners are both challenged and supported. Based on internal data, this year, the average ELA GPA stands at 2.53. Similarly the average Math GPA is at 2.67.

Recognizing this, ECMSG is committed to improving our school climate and fostering student engagement as a key part of our second goal. The school was fortunate to have been awarded a two-year grant through the CA Community Partnership Program that allows us to have a dedicated social worker on campus who helps with SEL and PBIS programs, along with the implementation of restorative justice practices. Furthermore the school adopted the DeansList software platform to track behavior in a more streamlined manner. The school is now able to monitor both positive student contributions and negative student deductions to the learning community. With this new system of tracking we expected a potential one year increase in referrals due to the ease of documentation and a reduction in issues falling to the cracks. Last school year, the site reported 177 referrals, of which 27 were Black/African American students, and 5 suspensions. This year, to date, there

are 121 referrals, of which 22 are Black/African American students, and 4 suspensions. We now expect that despite the ease in documentation we will have significantly less referrals this year and a reduction of suspensions. Additionally with the logging of positive behaviors we have been able to acknowledge and reward students who are positively contributing consistently. This year, teachers logged positive behaviors at a 2:1 ratio over negative behaviors. Therefore, it is critical that we foster a holistic and educational experience that supports the whole child, improves disciplinary issues, and simultaneously elevates behavioral and academic success.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
1	CAASPP English Language Arts	<u>2024</u>				
		-34			-25	
	Average Distance from Meeting Standard (DFS)	SWE: -107			SWE: -95	
		EL: -74			EL: -62	
2	CAASPP Math	<u>2024</u>				
	Average Distance from	-82			-73	
	Meeting Standard (DFS)	AA: -102			AA: -90	
		EL: -127			EL: -115	
3	CAST Science					
	Average Distance from Meeting Standard (DFS)	Each cohort's average 5th Gr distance from met			Cohort baseline +9	
4	Percentage of English Learners who make progress on ELPAC	2023 ELPI Status: 72%			65% or greater	
5	Per cohort, the percentage of students reclassified out of those who started at the site as an English Learner	Average reclassification rate for cohorts 2019 to 2023: 48%			55%	
6	Other course outcomes: MS Physical Fitness Test Percentage of pupils	TBD in year 1			95% of students required to take the test.	
	participating in the Physical Fitness Test				to take the test.	

Goal Analysis for 2024-2025

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

Not Applicable.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

Not Applicable.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.

Not Applicable.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

Not Applicable.

A report of the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for last year's actions may be found in the Annual Update Table. A report of the Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services for last year's actions may be found in the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table.

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.a	ECS Certified	ECS personnel will provide support with analyzing and visualizing data, planning and delivering teacher and administrator professional development, curriculum selection, program evaluation and strategic planning.	\$26,711	N

		ECS will improve systems for supporting equity in student learning. As we return to the new normal of in-person learning, we will consider how our instructional best practices evolved during the global pandemic, through distance learning, and amid a collective social awakening. We will articulate and implement an inclusive multi-tiered system of support that ensures that all ECS students become conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world.	\$512,679	Y
		We will articulate the highest leverage instructional best practices for students who are low-income, English learners and/or foster youth and, through our Teacher Development System, we will prepare our new teachers and provide student-centered coaching and professional development.		
		In year one, we will:		
	Multi Tiered Systems of	Determine which standards need to be prioritized to address the impact of the pandemic on student learning		
1.b	Support/Teacher	Determine the role of teacher-created versus adopted curricula and assessments		
	(MTSS/TDS)	Audit our existing intervention systems		
		Articulate high leverage instructional best practices to serve as the bedrock for each of the three tiers of academic supports		
		Train and support teachers through a variety of professional development modalities		
		Monitor implementation of tiered supports		
		Develop organization-wide tools to make MTSS efficient and sustainable in identifying students and providing appropriate interventions		
		Draft a 3 year vision for improving MTSS at ECMS Gardena		
		Observe and gather data to evaluate efficacy of practices and to ensure implementation with fidelity		
		In years two and three we will continue to implement our teacher development system and integrate the systems and practices identified in year one to ensure our MTSS is coordinated, data-based, sustainable and supports equitable outcomes for students.		

1.d	English Language Development Program (ELD)	Collaborate with other ECS sites to create shared systems of compliance and accountability. Assign a full-time paraeducator to support 6th grade English learners	\$39,569	Y
1.e	ELD PD	Improve delivery of ELD services through targeted professional development for general education teachers on serving English Learners at our site	\$131,132	Y
1.f	Special Ed Program	Collaborate with other ECS sites to create a shared system of compliance and accountability so department is prepared to step in to provide additional support for ELA and Math, or seamless substitution when an education specialist is absent.	\$897,672	N
1.g	Special Ed PD	Improve delivery of special education services through intensive and targeted professional development opportunities.	\$5,008	N
1.h	Literacy & Math Initiatives	Continue implementation of WestEd's Reading Apprenticeship across content areas with a focus on metacognition, text selection and classroom conditions. Continue implementation of adopted CCSS-aligned mathematics curricula.	\$344,256	Y
1.i	Specialty Classes	Specialty classes, including Green Ambassadors, Games and Handwork, College Readiness will help low income students and English learners develop the skills needed to succeed in a college preparatory high school, develop students' social emotional skills and reinforce content and skills from core courses through engaging activities appealing to multiple modalities.	\$276,803	Y
1.j	College/Career Readiness	We will continue to provide our College/Career Readiness program, which helps low income students and English learners develop the skills needed to succeed in work and college. We will also review and refine this program, as informed by our 2020-21 workshops on Confronting Anti-Blackness & Racism. Based on this work, we intend to embed the development of each student's individual sense of purpose into advisory, counseling and College Prep/readiness classes.	\$87,259	Y

Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
2	Climate & Engagement: We will develop a caring school culture that supports student wellness, is responsive to stakeholder feedback, and ensures organizational sustainability	Broad

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

As a new normal post-pandemic has finally set in, ECMSG remains focused on our mission of reimagining public education in low income communities of color and to meet the evolving needs of all learners enrolled in the school. We recognize the virtual learning during Covid school closures impacted our students' connectedness and created increased feelings of isolation. Not only have we seen a higher volume of students dealing with anxiety, peer pressure, or questioning their gender identity, we are also seeing the negative consequences of attention-seeking behavior resulting in disciplinary issues. Additionally, our counselors and social workers are seeing the direct correlation between those who are socially withdrawn and chronic absenteeism, particularly amongst our English Learners. To navigate these issues we implemented a comprehensive approach to further develop a caring school culture that supports student wellness and is responsive to feedback.

ECMSG continues to prioritize positive relationships between students and their peers, as well as trusted adults on campus in order to create a learning environment that encourages engagement and regular participation. Our interdisciplinary curriculum also provides opportunities for student collaboration and partnerships beyond the classroom. As students work with one another, they not only build communication and relationship skills, they are fostering a strong school climate along with a sense of community.

Strong partnerships with our families and staff is also a key element for student success. ECMSG actively engages our parents through newsletters, targeted communication, conferences, and on-campus events, all of which reinforce a supportive home-school connection. Equally important is the regular and consistent practice of staff meetings, professional development, surveys, listening tours, and an 'open door' policy with site administration to ensure programs and practices are aligned to enhance a positive and thriving school culture. However, with respect to our EL families, we recognize that there have been limited opportunities for cross-developmental communication, inconsistent use of platforms, and limited feedback between the school and these parents. As a result there has been insufficient clarity and transparency likely contributing to limited involvement in educational processes. To rectify this issue, the site will create a more effective tracking system using weekly attendance reports generated by PowerSchool and Tableau.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
7	Attendance	23-24: 93%			95%	
8	Chronic Absenteeism	23-24: 25%			23.5% AA: 23.5%	
		AA: 27%			AA. 23.370	
9	Drop Out Rates	23-24: 0.6%			0%	
10	Suspension Rates	23-24: 0%			≤.5%	
11	Expulsion Rates	23-24: 0%			0%	
12	Parent input in decision-making % of parents who agree that the school allows, seeks, and welcomes their input.	23-24: 98%			>=90%	
13	Parent participation in programs for UDPs Percentage of parents who participate in parent conferences, ELAC and other activities aimed at engaging parents in school decision-making.	21-21: 98%			>=90%	
14	Student Safety & Connectedness Percentage of students who say they felt Safe or Very Safe at school. Percentage of students who say they felt "Unsafe" or "Very unsafe" at	<u>23-24</u> 63% 6%			69%	

15	Student Safety & Connectedness			
	Average level of agreement with connectedness questions on CA Healthy Kids Survey or similar climate survey	23-24: 56%	62%	

Goal Analysis for 2024-2025

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

Not Applicable.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

Not Applicable.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.

Not Applicable.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

Not Applicable.

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Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
2.a	Partnerships/Outdoor Education	Quality outdoor education experiences, service learning and community service and action relies upon community partnerships. ECS and school-site leadership will develop and sustain partnerships in order to increase engagement of unduplicated pupils, so they are able to access resources, experience, and expertise related to their educational/career plans. Overnight field trips and day field trips will contribute to wellness and healing efforts as they will allow students to experience open space, wilderness, a sense of belonging in outdoor environments, and community building outside of school. Substantial evidence supports the value of outdoor education programs for promoting healthy adolescent development (Cason & Gillis, 1994; Dillon et al., 2006; Hattie, Marsh, Neill, & Richards, 1997; Norton & Watt, 2013).	\$224,807	Y

2.b	CABR- MTSS (SEL)	We will continue our commitment to Confronting Anti-Blackness and Racism in order to seek systemic ways to support the wellness of our Black/African American students. Building upon the professional development series required of all employees, in conjunction with our previous work with Dr. Kenjus Watson and Dr. Tiffani Marie, we continue to reimagine our advisory program, implement community circles and restorative practices, while providing training, systems and resources that support the tenet, "Every Child Is a Blessing". Our Best Practice model that incorporates small learning communities centers meaningful relationships with adults as a critical element needed for student engagement and learning. In advisory, these relationships act as a Tier 1 support for social emotional & academic needs, where every student belongs and can engage in healing. Due to the fact that our teachers' expertise in developing small learning communities and providing social emotional learning varies, we utilize theories and texts selected with CABR concepts in mind to guide staff trainings, identify resources and tools that address disparities in achievement outcomes, and develop the capacity of teachers to provide an advisory program that fulfills our vision and works to improve our Black/African American students' overall performance (including attendance, engagement and CAASPP scores). Tools and strategies from advisory can be incorporated in classes across content areas. Practicing building community in advisory will also increase teachers' capacity to implement Universal Design for Learning and Reading Apprenticeship in academic settings. We continue to improve Tier 3 social emotional support by creating a new position for a trained social worker, who can provide targeted interventions for student engagement and restorative practices that is currently provided by our counselors, enabling the counselors to spend more time supporting students in Tier 2.	\$269,292	Y
2.c	Parent Engagement	Leverage new parent engagement strategies, like online Town halls, to expand parent involvement in decision-making and increase participation and sense of connection of parents of low-income students and English learners.	\$30,359	Y

2.d	Student Engagement	We will develop programming, community partners, enrichment, and mentoring programs piloting these strategies with our highest needs students to improve attendance and decrease chronic absenteeism, particularly amongst our Black/African American students. We will provide a robust afterschool program to supplement the educational program and increase student engagement and sense of connectedness	\$20,086	Y	
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Goal

Goal #	Description	Type of Goal
3	Excellent Operations & Facilities . We will ensure operations and facilities are mission-aligned, meet the needs of our educational program and facilitate the achievement of student learning outcomes. With the support of the ECS Home Office, we will establish operations that support the smooth and compliant functioning of our school.	Broad

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

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An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

In order to achieve successful student learning outcomes, operations and facilities continue to support the educational programs in place at ECMSG. With assistance from the ECS Home Office, we have established effective protocols and policies that maintain compliance and help the site efficiently function day-to-day.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric #	Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
16	Teachers: Fully credentialed & appropriately assigned Number of misassignments	23-24: 2			0	
17	Instructional Materials: Percentage of students with access to standards-aligned instructional materials.	23-24: 100%			100%	
18	School Facilities in "Good Repair": Clean, safe, and functional as determined by Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or other local instrument that meets same criteria	23-24: The facility received ratings of Good on all inspected systems, and an overall rating of Exemplary			The facility will receive ratings of good on all inspected systems and an overall rating of exemplary.	
19	Course Access	23-24: All students have access to CCSS and CA ELD Standards-aligned curriculum and to the educational program as outlined in the charter petition.			100% of students have access to CCSS and CA ELD Standards-aligned curriculum and to the educational program as outlined in the charter petition.	

Goal Analysis for 2024-2025

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

Not Applicable.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

Not Applicable.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.

Not Applicable.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

Not Applicable.

A report of the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for last year's actions may be found in the Annual Update Table. A report of the Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services for last year's actions may be found in the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table.

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
3.a	Employees for Ed. Program	School will employ certificated employees necessary to implement educational programs.	\$995,531	N
3.b	Employees for Operations	School will employ staff necessary for school operations and facilities to ensure student safety and support implementation of educational program	\$230,251	N
3.c	Insurance/Benefits	School will maintain required insurance and will offer competitive employee benefits packages.	\$747,441	N
3.d	Curriculum	School will purchase books, materials and supplies to ensure smooth operations and effective implementation of educational programs. Students will be provided with free and reduced lunch.	\$310,869	N
3.e	Professional Services	School will leverage professional services and other ongoing operating expenses to ensure smooth operations and effective implementation of educational programs. Action encompasses budget series 5000, including professional services such as attorneys and auditors and expenses such as copier rentals, tech support, and district oversight.	\$1,721,106	N
3.f	Capital Improvements	School site will make capital improvements as required to ensure student safety and support implementation of educational programs. Over the next three years improvements to the facility will include adding soundproofing to the multipurpose room. In the long term, we will be seeking ways to expand available space for educational programs.	\$50,000	N
3.g	CMO Classified	ECS personnel will provide the school with human resources, accounting, financial and facilities support to ensure smooth operations. ECS personnel will also support the school's implementation of standards and work to secure additional resources needed to implement educational programs.	\$283,246	N

Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students for 2024-2025

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant
\$1,354,544	\$163,226

Required Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the LCAP Year

Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year	LCFF Carryover — Percentage	LCFF Carryover — Dollar	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year
38.177%	0%	\$0	38.177%

The Budgeted Expenditures for Actions identified as Contributing may be found in the Contributing Actions Table.

Required Descriptions

LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions

For each action being provided to an entire LEA or school, provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s) and why it is being provided on an LEA or schoolwide basis, and (3) the metric(s) used to measure the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s).

Goal and Action	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) Address Need(s) and Why it is Provided on an LEA-wide or Schoolwide	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
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			In year one, we will:
Goal 1 Action b Action h Action j	After assessing the needs, conditions and circumstances of our low income students and English language learners, we determined that as a result of the pandemic there was a higher proportion of these students who were not passing their courses (ELA and Math) than we've seen in previous years.	In order to address this condition, we will improve instruction via our teacher development system (Action 1.b), our literacy and math initiatives (Action 1.h), and Confronting Anti-Blackness & Racism (Action 1.j). Through our Teacher Development System, including professional development, classroom observations, and regular meetings with Instructional Leadership Teams, we will articulate the highest leverage instructional best practices for students who are	In year one, we will: Determine which standards need to be prioritized to address the impact of the pandemic on student learning Determine the role of teacher-created versus adopted curricula and assessments Audit our existing intervention systems Articulate high leverage instructional best practices to serve as the bedrock for each of the three tiers of academic supports Train and support teachers through a variety of professional development modalities
	we ve seen in previous years.	low-income, English learners and/or foster youth, while preparing our new teachers with student-centered coaching and related mentorship from site administration.	Principal and AP of Instruction to train and support teachers through modeling of RA Framework
			Monitor implementation of tiered supports
			Develop organization-wide tools to make MTSS efficient and sustainable in identifying students and providing appropriate interventions
			Draft a 3 year vision for improving MTSS at ECS

Via our Literacy & Math Initiatives (Action 1.h), we will continue implementing MTSS, along with WestEd's Reading Apprenticeship (RA), we are focusing on metacognition across all content areas, text selection and classroom conditions, building vertical alignment and common rubrics to ensure grade level rigor, while also aligning with our organizational-wide priority "planning for critical thinking." In addition to the continued implementation of adopted CCSS-aligned mathematics curricula, to support learning we have implemented "Look-Fors" which include protected independent think time, small group collaboration, group discussion, and opportunities to synthesize thinking in order to better support the balance of fluency, rigor and overall student success.

Additionally, to support ELs we will focus on effective Tier 1 instruction, through professional development available to all teachers, that provides strategies and an RA Framework modeled by the Principal and AP of Instruction. Student work analysis on common math assessments will strengthen responsive instruction, as will teacher coaching on exit ticket sorting and designating Advisory time for student data conferences.

To increase the effectiveness and sustainability of academic interventions, we will increase resources and refine the functioning of our Multi-Tiered systems of support (Action 1.b) for both ELA and Math courses. These targeted supports to ensure that all ECS students become conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world.

Observe and gather data to evaluate efficacy of practices and to ensure implementation with fidelity

In years two and three we will continue to implement our teacher development system and integrate the systems and practices identified in year one to ensure our MTSS is coordinated, data-based, sustainable and supports equitable outcomes for students.

We also discovered that a lower percentage of our English Language Learners entered and completed college, in comparison to other student groups, including our low income students who have a lower rate of college completion than students statewide. In order to address these conditions, we will provide all learners with our College/Career Readiness program and we will refine the program as informed by our ongoing work supporting Confronting Anti-Blackness & Racism (Action 1.j).

These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis and we expect that all students whose academic achievement has declined post-pandemic will benefit from these supports. However, because of ECS' targeted actions implemented to meet the news associated with specific students, EL and low-income students are able to achieve high GPAs and course passage rates in ELA and Math. Additionally, we expect that other academic measures (specifically NWEA and CAASPP scores) for our low-income students and English learners will increase as well.

Goal 2 Action a Action b Action c Action d Action e

After assessing the needs, conditions and circumstances of our low income students and our English Language learners, we understand that post-pandemic many schools experienced lower attendance rates and higher rates of chronic absenteeism. Overall, chronic absenteeism increased from 20.4% in the previous year to 23% in the current year. Similar trends were observed for English Learner and low-income student groups.

To proactively address this condition, we hired a social worker, through a CA Community Schools Partnership Grant, to help track chronic absences and follow up directly with families whose students were regularly absent. We also provided outdoor education and service learning opportunities to our students (Action 2.a), free of charge, reimagined advisory to increase engagement, school connectedness and provide opportunities for c social emotional and academic support (Action 2b). To address insufficient follow-up regarding chronic absenteeism from our ELs, we plan to create a more effective tracking system and to better engage families so they understand our attendance policies.

We will continue to leverage successful parent engagement strategies, while expanding parent involvement in the decision making process (2.c). In an effort to build a more inclusive learning environment for low-income students and English language learners (Action 2.d), we are continuing to develop programming, work with community partners, offer enrichment opportunities (like a robust afterschool program), and create mentoring programs to increase student engagement and sense of connectedness. (Action 2.e).

We will closely monitor progress to increase the attendance rate of our EL and low-income students, as well as all students using PowerSchool weekly attendance reports.

We will also regularly review parent participation rates through our Parent Engagement Tracker tool.

Through surveys and School Site Council, we will also seek feedback from students, parents, and staff about attendance and chronic absenteeism issues.

	These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis and we expect that all students with less than a 95% attendance rate will benefit. The actions also meet needs most associated with those who experience chronic stress, anxiety, feelings of isolation, and are currently experiencing a socio-economically disadvantaged status; however, we expect that the attendance rate for our low-income students will increase significantly more than the average attendance rate of other student groups.	
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Limited Actions

For each action being solely provided to one or more unduplicated student group(s), provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s), and (3) how the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s) will be measured.

Goal and Action #	Identified Need(s)	How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s)	Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness
Goal 1 Action d Action e	Our Interdisciplinary Benchmark and ELPAC test scores indicate our EL students often struggle with the writing substrand of the written language claims and achieve lower ELA scores on CAASPP tests.	We will collaborate with other ECS sites to create shared systems of compliance and accountability (Action 1.d). To fulfill the high needs of English Learners upon school entry, we will continue to assign a full-time paraeducator to support 6th grade English learners. We'll improve delivery of ELD services through targeted professional development (Action 1.e) that focuses on the Reading Apprenticeship framework for all staff, including general education teachers serving English Learners at our site.	We will monitor progress in increasing our percentage of English Learners who make progress on ELPAC. We will also review, for each cohort, the percentage of students reclassified out of those who started at the site as an English Learner.

For any limited action contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement that is associated with a Planned Percentage of Improved Services in the Contributing Summary Table rather than an expenditure of LCFF funds, describe the methodology that was used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage, as applicable.

Not Applicable.

Additional Concentration Grant Funding

A description of the plan for how the additional concentration grant add-on funding identified above will be used to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at schools that have a high concentration (above 55 percent) of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, as applicable.

Concentration funds will be used for the retention of critical positions for educational service at ECMS-G: counselor and dean. These funds will be used cover the salary expenses for these roles. Without these funds, the ECMS-G would not be able to retain the current number of employees in these roles.

Staff-to-student ratios by type of school and concentration of unduplicated students	ischools with a stillgent concentration of as bereent of less.	Schools with a student concentration of greater than 55 percent
Staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students	Not Applicable–single school LEA.	Not Applicable–single school LEA.
Staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students	Not Applicable–single school LEA.	Not Applicable–single school LEA.

2024-25 Total Planned Expenditures Table

LCAP Year (Input)	Projected LCFF Base Grant out Dollar Amount)	Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (Input Dollar Amount)	Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (2 divided by 1)	LCFF Carryover —	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (3 + Carryover %)
2024-25	\$ 3,548,019	\$ 1,354,544	38.177%	0.000%	38.177%

Totals	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Total Personnel	Total Non-personnel
Totals	\$ 4,973,544	\$ 1,738,690	\$ 168,563	\$ 323,279	\$ 7,204,076.00	\$ 4,478,695	\$ 2,725,381

Go	oal#	Action #	Action Title	Student Group(s)	Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?	Scope	Unduplicated Student Group(s)	Location	Time Span	Total	Personnel	Total Non- personnel	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Planned Percentage of Improved Services
	1	1.a	ECS Certificated	All	No					\$	26,711	\$ - \$	26,711	\$ -	\$ - 5		26,711	0.000%
	1	1.b	Multi-Tiered Sys of Support/TDS	All	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	Ongoing	\$	494,035	\$ 18,644 \$	450,854		\$ - 5	61,825 \$	512,679	0.000%
	1	1.d	ELD Program	English Learners	Yes	Limited	English Learners	All	Ongoing	\$	39,569		,		\$ - !		39,569	0.000%
	1	1.e	ELD PD	English Learners	Yes	Limited	English Learners	All	Ongoing	\$	122,032	9,100 \$			•	129,032 \$	131,132	0.000%
	1	1.f	Special Ed Program	Students with Exceptionalities						\$	792,875	\$ 104,796 \$	483,263	\$ 414,408	\$ - !	- \$	897,671	0.000%
	1	1.g	Special Ed PD	Students with Exceptionalities						\$	- !	\$ 5,008 \$	- :	\$ -	\$ - 5	5,008 \$	5,008	0.000%
	1	1.h	Literacy & Math Initiatives	All	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	Ongoing	\$	337,756	\$ 6,500 \$	319,007	\$ 25,249	\$ - !	- \$	344,256	0.000%
	1	1.i	Specialty Classes	All	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	Ongoing	\$	271,103	\$ 5,700 \$	276,803	\$ -	\$ - 5	- \$	276,803	0.000%
	1	1.j	College/Career Readiness	All	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	Ongoing	\$	87,259	\$ - \$	87,259	\$ -	\$ - !	- \$	87,259	0.000%
	2	2.a	Partnerships/Outdoor Education	All	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	Ongoing	\$	21,000	\$ 203,807 \$	224,807	\$ -	\$ - 5	- \$	224,807	0.000%
	2	2.b	CABR- MTSS (SEL)	All	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	Ongoing	\$	269,292	\$ - \$	163,812	\$ 101,540	\$ - !	3,940 \$	269,292	0.000%
	2	2.c	Parent Engagement	All	Yes	LEA-wide		All	Ongoing	\$	23,754	\$ 6,605 \$	30,359	\$ -	\$ - 5	- \$	30,359	0.000%
	2	2.d	Student Engagement	All	Yes	LEA-wide		All	Ongoing	\$	20,086	\$ - \$	- :	\$ -	\$ - 5	20,086 \$	20,086	0.000%
	3	3.a	Employees for Educational Program	All						\$	995,531	- \$	785,043	\$ 210,488	\$ - 5	- \$	995,531	0.000%
	3	3.b	Employees for Operations	All						\$	230,251	- \$	16,525	\$ 45,163	\$ 168,563	- \$	230,251	0.000%
	3	3.c	Insurance/Benefits	All						\$	747,441	\$ - \$	729,634	\$ 17,807	\$ - 5	- \$	747,441	0.000%
	3	3.d	Curriculum	All						\$	- :	\$ 310,869 \$	147,044	\$ 60,437	\$	103,388 \$	310,869	0.000%
	3	3.e	Professional Services	All						\$	- :	\$ 1,721,106 \$	857,508	\$ 863,598	\$ - 5	- \$	1,721,106	0.000%
	3	3.f	Capital Improvements	All						\$	- :	\$ 50,000 \$	50,000	\$ -	\$	- \$	50,000	0.000%
	3	3.g	Home Office Classified	All						\$	- :	\$ 283,246 \$	283,246	\$ -	\$ - 5	- \$	283,246	0.000%

2024-25 Contributing Actions Table

1	. Projected LCFF Base Grant	Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (2 divided by 1)	LCFF Carryover — Percentage (Percentage from Prior Year)	Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (3 + Carryover %)	4. T	otal Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	5. I otal Planned Percentage of Improved Services	Planned Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year (4 divided by 1, plus 5)	Totals by Type	Tota	al LCFF Funds
\$	3,548,019	\$ 1,354,544	38.177%	0.000%	38.177%	\$	4,946,833	0.000%	139.425%	Total:	\$	4,946,833
										LEA-wide Total:	\$	1,552,901
										Limited Total:	\$	41,669
										Schoolwide Total:	\$	_

Goal#	Action#	Action Title	Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?	Scope	Unduplicated Student Group(s)	Location	Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)
1	1.b	Multi-Tiered Sys of Support/TDS	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	\$ 450,854	0.000%
1	1.d	ELD Program	Yes	Limited	English Learners	All	\$ 39,569	0.000%
1	1.e	ELD PD	Yes	Limited	English Learners	All	\$ 2,100	0.000%
1	1.h	Literacy & Math Initiatives	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	\$ 319,007	0.000%
1	1.i	Specialty Classes	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	\$ 276,803	0.000%
1	1.j	College/Career Readiness	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	\$ 87,259	0.000%
2	2.a	Partnerships/Outdoor Education	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	\$ 224,807	0.000%
2	2.b	CABR- MTSS (SEL)	Yes	LEA-wide	All	All	\$ 163,812	0.000%
2	2.c	Parent Engagement	Yes	LEA-wide	0	All	\$ 30,359	0.000%
2	2.d	Student Engagement	Yes	LEA-wide	0	All	\$ -	0.000%

2023–24 Annual Update Table

Totals:	Last Year's Total Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Total Estimated Actual Expenditures (Total Funds)
Totals:	\$ 7,261,567.00	\$ 7,708,400.00

Last Year's Goal #	Last Year's Action #	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?	La	ast Year's Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Estimated Actual Expenditures (Input Total Funds)
1	1.a	ECS Certificated	No	\$	219,257	\$207,378
1	1.b	Multi-Tiered Sys of Support/TDS	Yes	\$	490,740	\$468,133
1	1.d	ELD Program	Yes	\$	138,243	\$134,954
1	1.e	ELD PD	No	\$	126,533	\$128,301
1	1.f	Special Ed Program	No	\$	657,352	\$684,080
1	1.g	Special Ed PD	No	\$	8,150	\$7,340
1	1.h	Literacy & Math Initiatives	Yes	\$	352,078	\$328,914
1	1.i	Specialty Classes	Yes	\$	258,833	\$271,576
1	1.j	College/Career Readiness	Yes	\$	85,549	\$85,549
2	2.a	Partnerships/Outdoor Education	Yes	\$	160,795	\$234,807
2	2.b	CABR- MTSS (SEL)	Yes	\$	202,694	\$264,653
2	2.c	Parent Engagement	No	\$	47,063	\$46,104
2	2.d	Student Engagement	No	\$	42,421	\$49,879
3	3.a	Employees for Educational Program	No	\$	1,100,847	\$1,060,921
3	3.b	Employees for Operations	No	\$	338,684	\$414,328
3	3.c	Insurance/Benefits	No	\$	691,621	\$776,005
3	3.d	Curriculum	No	\$	314,215	\$377,885
3	3.e	Professional Services	No	\$	1,685,042	\$1,872,109
3	3.f	Capital Improvements	No	\$	-	\$0
3	3.g	Home Office Classified	No	\$	341,450	\$295,484

2023–24 Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (Input Dollar Amount)	4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	7. Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)	5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)	8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)
\$ 1,204,694	\$ 1,463,796	\$ 1,558,989	\$ (95,193)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00% - No Difference

Last Year's Goal #	Last Year's Action #	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?	Last Year's Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)		Planned Percentage of Improved Services	Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Input Percentage)
1	1.b	Multi-Tiered Sys of Support/TDS	Yes	\$ 378,452	\$ 352,545	0.00%	0.00%
1	1.d	ELD Program	Yes	\$ 138,243	\$ 134,954	0.00%	0.00%
1	1.h	Literacy & Math Initiatives	Yes	\$ 321,676	\$ 300,388	0.00%	0.00%
1	1.i	Specialty Classes	Yes	\$ 258,833	\$ 271,576	0.00%	0.00%
1	1.j	College/Career Readiness	Yes	\$ 85,549	\$ 85,549	0.00%	0.00%
2	2.a	Partnerships/Outdoor Education	Yes	\$ 160,795	\$ 234,807	0.00%	0.00%
2	2.b	CABR- MTSS (SEL)	Yes	\$ 120,248	\$ 179,170	0.00%	0.00%

2023–24 LCFF Carryover Table

9. Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (Input Dollar Amount)	6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants		10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year (6 divided by 9 + Carryover %)	7. Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)	11. Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (7 divided by 9, plus 8)	12. LCFF Carryover — Dollar Amount (Subtract 11 from 10 and multiply by 9)	13. LCFF Carryover — Percentage (12 divided by 9)
\$ 3,116,287	\$ 1,204,694	2.25%	40.91%	\$ 1,558,989	0.00%	50.03%	\$0.00 - No Carryover	0.00% - No Carryover

Instructions

For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) template, please contact the local county office of education (COE), or the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Local Agency Systems Support Office, by phone at 916-319-0809 or by email at LCFF@cde.ca.gov.

Complete the prompts as instructed for each goal included in the 2023–24 LCAP. Duplicate the tables as needed. The 2023–24 LCAP Annual Update must be included with the 2024–25 LCAP.

Goals and Actions

Goal(s)

Description:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Measuring and Reporting Results

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Metric:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Baseline:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Year 1 Outcome:

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Year 2 Outcome:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Year 3 Outcome:

 When completing the 2023–24 LCAP Annual Update, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.

Desired Outcome for 2023-24:

Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Timeline for completing the "**Measuring and Reporting Results**" part of the Goal. 2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update Instructions Page **1** of **3**

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for Year 3 (2023–24)
Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.	Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.	Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.	Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.	Enter information in this box when completing the 2023–24 LCAP Annual Update.	Copy and paste verbatim from the 2023–24 LCAP.

Goal Analysis

Using actual annual measurable outcome data, including data from the Dashboard, analyze whether the planned actions were effective in achieving the goal. Respond to the prompts as instructed.

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

• Describe the overall implementation of the actions to achieve the articulated goal. Include a discussion of relevant challenges and successes experienced with the implementation process. This must include any instance where the LEA did not implement a planned action or implemented a planned action in a manner that differs substantively from how it was described in the adopted LCAP.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

• Explain material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and between the Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services, as applicable. Minor variances in expenditures or percentages do not need to be addressed, and a dollar-for-dollar accounting is not required.

An explanation of how effective or ineffective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP cycle.

- Describe the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions in making progress toward the goal during the three-year LCAP
 cycle. "Effectiveness" means the degree to which the actions were successful in producing the desired result and "ineffectiveness"
 means that the actions did not produce any significant or desired result.
 - o In some cases, not all actions in a goal will be intended to improve performance on all of the metrics associated with the goal.
 - When responding to this prompt, LEAs may assess the effectiveness of a single action or group of actions within the goal in the context of performance on a single metric or group of specific metrics within the goal that are applicable to the action(s). Grouping actions with metrics will allow for more robust analysis of whether the strategy the LEA is using to impact a specified set of metrics is working and increase transparency for educational partners. LEAs are encouraged to use such an approach when goals include multiple actions and metrics that are not closely associated.

o Beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, desired outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

- Describe any changes made to this goal, expected outcomes, metrics, or actions to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis and analysis of the data provided in the Dashboard or other local data, as applicable.
 - o As noted above, beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period. For actions that have been identified as ineffective, the LEA must identify the ineffective action and must include a description of the following:
 - The reasons for the ineffectiveness, and
 - How changes to the action will result in a new or strengthened approach.

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Plan Summary

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Goals and Actions

Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students

For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) template, please contact the local county office of education (COE), or the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Local Agency Systems Support Office, by phone at 916-319-0809 or by email at LCFF@cde.ca.gov.

Introduction and Instructions

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to engage their local educational partners in an annual planning process to evaluate their progress within eight state priority areas encompassing all statutory metrics (COEs have 10 state priorities). LEAs document the results of this planning process in the LCAP using the template adopted by the State Board of Education.

The LCAP development process serves three distinct, but related functions:

- Comprehensive Strategic Planning: The process of developing and annually updating the LCAP supports comprehensive strategic planning, particularly to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the California School Dashboard (California Education Code [EC] Section 52064[e][1]). Strategic planning that is comprehensive connects budgetary decisions to teaching and learning performance data. LEAs should continually evaluate the hard choices they make about the use of limited resources to meet student and community needs to ensure opportunities and outcomes are improved for all students.
- Meaningful Engagement of Educational Partners: The LCAP development process should result in an LCAP that reflects decisions
 made through meaningful engagement (EC Section 52064[e][1]). Local educational partners possess valuable perspectives and insights
 about an LEA's programs and services. Effective strategic planning will incorporate these perspectives and insights in order to identify
 potential goals and actions to be included in the LCAP.
- Accountability and Compliance: The LCAP serves an important accountability function because the nature of some LCAP template
 sections require LEAs to show that they have complied with various requirements specified in the LCFF statutes and regulations, most
 notably:
 - o Demonstrating that LEAs are increasing or improving services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students in proportion to the amount of additional funding those students generate under LCFF (*EC* Section 52064[b][4-6]).

- o Establishing goals, supported by actions and related expenditures, that address the statutory priority areas and statutory metrics (*EC* sections 52064[b][1] and [2]).
 - **NOTE:** As specified in *EC* Section 62064(b)(1), the LCAP must provide a description of the annual goals, for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils identified pursuant to *EC* Section 52052, to be achieved for each of the state priorities. Beginning in 2023–24, *EC* Section 52052 identifies long-term English learners as a separate and distinct pupil subgroup with a numerical significance at 15 students.
- o Annually reviewing and updating the LCAP to reflect progress toward the goals (EC Section 52064[b][7]).
- o Ensuring that all increases attributable to supplemental and concentration grant calculations, including concentration grant add-on funding and/or LCFF carryover, are reflected in the LCAP (*EC* sections 52064[b][6], [8], and [11]).

The LCAP template, like each LEA's final adopted LCAP, is a document, not a process. LEAs must use the template to memorialize the outcome of their LCAP development process, which must: (a) reflect comprehensive strategic planning, particularly to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), (b) through meaningful engagement with educational partners that (c) meets legal requirements, as reflected in the final adopted LCAP. The sections included within the LCAP template do not and cannot reflect the full development process, just as the LCAP template itself is not intended as a tool for engaging educational partners.

If a county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over a single school district, the county board of education and the governing board of the school district may adopt and file for review and approval a single LCAP consistent with the requirements in *EC* sections 52060, 52066, 52068, and 52070. The LCAP must clearly articulate to which entity's budget (school district or county superintendent of schools) all budgeted and actual expenditures are aligned.

The revised LCAP template for the 2024–25, 2025–26, and 2026–27 school years reflects statutory changes made through Senate Bill 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), Chapter 48, Statutes of 2023.

At its most basic, the adopted LCAP should attempt to distill not just what the LEA is doing for students in transitional kindergarten through grade twelve (TK–12), but also allow educational partners to understand why, and whether those strategies are leading to improved opportunities and outcomes for students. LEAs are strongly encouraged to use language and a level of detail in their adopted LCAPs intended to be meaningful and accessible for the LEA's diverse educational partners and the broader public.

In developing and finalizing the LCAP for adoption, LEAs are encouraged to keep the following overarching frame at the forefront of the strategic planning and educational partner engagement functions:

Given present performance across the state priorities and on indicators in the Dashboard, how is the LEA using its budgetary resources to respond to TK–12 student and community needs, and address any performance gaps, including by meeting its obligation to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students?

LEAs are encouraged to focus on a set of metrics and actions which, based on research, experience, and input gathered from educational partners, the LEA believes will have the biggest impact on behalf of its TK–12 students.

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These instructions address the requirements for each section of the LCAP, but may include information about effective practices when developing the LCAP and completing the LCAP document. Additionally, the beginning of each template section includes information emphasizing the purpose that section serves.

Plan Summary

Purpose

A well-developed Plan Summary section provides a meaningful context for the LCAP. This section provides information about an LEA's community as well as relevant information about student needs and performance. In order to present a meaningful context for the rest of the LCAP, the content of this section should be clearly and meaningfully related to the content included throughout each subsequent section of the LCAP.

Requirements and Instructions

General Information

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades transitional kindergarten–12, as applicable to the LEA.

Briefly describe the LEA, its schools, and its students in grades TK–12, as applicable to the LEA.

- For example, information about an LEA in terms of geography, enrollment, employment, the number and size of specific schools, recent community challenges, and other such information the LEA may wish to include can enable a reader to more fully understand the LEA's LCAP.
- As part of this response, identify all schools within the LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funding.

Reflections: Annual Performance

A reflection on annual performance based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

Reflect on the LEA's annual performance on the Dashboard and local data. This may include both successes and challenges identified by the LEA during the development process.

LEAs are encouraged to highlight how they are addressing the identified needs of student groups, and/or schools within the LCAP as part of this response.

As part of this response, the LEA must identify the following, which will remain unchanged during the three-year LCAP cycle:

- Any school within the LEA that received the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the 2023 Dashboard;
- Any student group within the LEA that received the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the 2023 Dashboard;
 and/or

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 Any student group within a school within the LEA that received the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the 2023 Dashboard.

Reflections: Technical Assistance

As applicable, a summary of the work underway as part of technical assistance.

Annually identify the reason(s) the LEA is eligible for or has requested technical assistance consistent with *EC* sections 47607.3, 52071, 52071.5, 52072, or 52072.5, and provide a summary of the work underway as part of receiving technical assistance. The most common form of this technical assistance is frequently referred to as Differentiated Assistance, however this also includes LEAs that have requested technical assistance from their COE.

• If the LEA is not eligible for or receiving technical assistance, the LEA may respond to this prompt as "Not Applicable."

Comprehensive Support and Improvement

An LEA with a school or schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) under the Every Student Succeeds Act must respond to the following prompts:

Schools Identified

A list of the schools in the LEA that are eligible for comprehensive support and improvement.

Identify the schools within the LEA that have been identified for CSI.

Support for Identified Schools

A description of how the LEA has or will support its eligible schools in developing comprehensive support and improvement plans.

 Describe how the LEA has or will support the identified schools in developing CSI plans that included a school-level needs assessment, evidence-based interventions, and the identification of any resource inequities to be addressed through the implementation of the CSI plan.

Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness

A description of how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the plan to support student and school improvement.

 Describe how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the CSI plan to support student and school improvement.

Engaging Educational Partners

Purpose

Significant and purposeful engagement of parents, students, educators, and other educational partners, including those representing the student groups identified by LCFF, is critical to the development of the LCAP and the budget process. Consistent with statute, such engagement should support comprehensive strategic planning, particularly to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the Dashboard, accountability, and improvement across the state priorities and locally identified priorities (*EC* Section 52064[e][1]). Engagement of educational partners is an ongoing, annual process.

This section is designed to reflect how the engagement of educational partners influenced the decisions reflected in the adopted LCAP. The goal is to allow educational partners that participated in the LCAP development process and the broader public to understand how the LEA engaged educational partners and the impact of that engagement. LEAs are encouraged to keep this goal in the forefront when completing this section.

Requirements

School districts and COEs: *EC* sections <u>52060(g)</u> (<u>California Legislative Information</u>) and <u>52066(g)</u> (<u>California Legislative Information</u>) specify the educational partners that must be consulted when developing the LCAP:

- Teachers,
- Principals,
- Administrators,
- Other school personnel,
- Local bargaining units of the LEA,
- Parents, and
- Students

A school district or COE receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

Before adopting the LCAP, school districts and COEs must share it with the applicable committees, as identified below under Requirements and Instructions. The superintendent is required by statute to respond in writing to the comments received from these committees. School districts and COEs must also consult with the special education local plan area administrator(s) when developing the LCAP.

Charter schools: *EC* Section <u>47606.5(d)</u> (California Legislative Information) requires that the following educational partners be consulted with when developing the LCAP:

- Teachers.
- Principals,
- Administrators,
- Other school personnel,
- Parents, and

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Students

A charter school receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at the school generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for the school.

The LCAP should also be shared with, and LEAs should request input from, schoolsite-level advisory groups, as applicable (e.g., schoolsite councils, English Learner Advisory Councils, student advisory groups, etc.), to facilitate alignment between schoolsite and district-level goals. Information and resources that support effective engagement, define student consultation, and provide the requirements for advisory group composition, can be found under Resources on the CDE's LCAP webpage.

Before the governing board/body of an LEA considers the adoption of the LCAP, the LEA must meet the following legal requirements:

- For school districts, see Education Code Section 52062 (California Legislative Information);
 - o **Note**: Charter schools using the LCAP as the School Plan for Student Achievement must meet the requirements of *EC* Section 52062(a).
- For COEs, see Education Code Section 52068 (California Legislative Information); and
- For charter schools, see Education Code Section 47606.5 (California Legislative Information).
- **NOTE:** As a reminder, the superintendent of a school district or COE must respond, in writing, to comments received by the applicable committees identified in the *Education Code* sections listed above. This includes the parent advisory committee and may include the English learner parent advisory committee and, as of July 1, 2024, the student advisory committee, as applicable.

Instructions

Respond to the prompts as follows:

A summary of the process used to engage educational partners in the development of the LCAP.

School districts and county offices of education must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

Charter schools must, at a minimum, consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in the development of the LCAP.

An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also consult with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each applicable school.

Complete the table as follows:

Educational Partners

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Identify the applicable educational partner(s) or group(s) that were engaged in the development of the LCAP.

Process for Engagement

Describe the engagement process used by the LEA to involve the identified educational partner(s) in the development of the LCAP. At a minimum, the LEA must describe how it met its obligation to consult with all statutorily required educational partners, as applicable to the type of LEA.

- A sufficient response to this prompt must include general information about the timeline of the process and meetings or other
 engagement strategies with educational partners. A response may also include information about an LEA's philosophical approach to
 engaging its educational partners.
- An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must also include a summary of how it consulted with educational partners at schools
 generating Equity Multiplier funds in the development of the LCAP, specifically, in the development of the required focus goal for each
 applicable school.

A description of how the adopted LCAP was influenced by the feedback provided by educational partners.

Describe any goals, metrics, actions, or budgeted expenditures in the LCAP that were influenced by or developed in response to the educational partner feedback.

- A sufficient response to this prompt will provide educational partners and the public with clear, specific information about how the
 engagement process influenced the development of the LCAP. This may include a description of how the LEA prioritized requests of
 educational partners within the context of the budgetary resources available or otherwise prioritized areas of focus within the LCAP.
- An LEA receiving Equity Multiplier funds must include a description of how the consultation with educational partners at schools generating Equity Multiplier funds influenced the development of the adopted LCAP.
- For the purposes of this prompt, this may also include, but is not necessarily limited to:
 - Inclusion of a goal or decision to pursue a Focus Goal (as described below)
 - Inclusion of metrics other than the statutorily required metrics
 - Determination of the target outcome on one or more metrics
 - Inclusion of performance by one or more student groups in the Measuring and Reporting Results subsection
 - Inclusion of action(s) or a group of actions
 - Elimination of action(s) or group of actions
 - Changes to the level of proposed expenditures for one or more actions
 - Inclusion of action(s) as contributing to increased or improved services for unduplicated students
 - · Analysis of effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the goal
 - Analysis of material differences in expenditures
 - Analysis of changes made to a goal for the ensuing LCAP year based on the annual update process
 - Analysis of challenges or successes in the implementation of actions

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Goals and Actions

Purpose

Well-developed goals will clearly communicate to educational partners what the LEA plans to accomplish, what the LEA plans to do in order to accomplish the goal, and how the LEA will know when it has accomplished the goal. A goal statement, associated metrics and expected outcomes, and the actions included in the goal must be in alignment. The explanation for why the LEA included a goal is an opportunity for LEAs to clearly communicate to educational partners and the public why, among the various strengths and areas for improvement highlighted by performance data and strategies and actions that could be pursued, the LEA decided to pursue this goal, and the related metrics, expected outcomes, actions, and expenditures.

A well-developed goal can be focused on the performance relative to a metric or metrics for all students, a specific student group(s), narrowing performance gaps, or implementing programs or strategies expected to impact outcomes. LEAs should assess the performance of their student groups when developing goals and the related actions to achieve such goals.

Requirements and Instructions

LEAs should prioritize the goals, specific actions, and related expenditures included within the LCAP within one or more state priorities. LEAs must consider performance on the state and local indicators, including their locally collected and reported data for the local indicators that are included in the Dashboard, in determining whether and how to prioritize its goals within the LCAP. As previously stated, strategic planning that is comprehensive connects budgetary decisions to teaching and learning performance data. LEAs should continually evaluate the hard choices they make about the use of limited resources to meet student and community needs to ensure opportunities and outcomes are improved for all students, and to address and reduce disparities in opportunities and outcomes between student groups indicated by the Dashboard.

In order to support prioritization of goals, the LCAP template provides LEAs with the option of developing three different kinds of goals:

- Focus Goal: A Focus Goal is relatively more concentrated in scope and may focus on a fewer number of metrics to measure improvement. A Focus Goal statement will be time bound and make clear how the goal is to be measured.
 - o All Equity Multiplier goals must be developed as focus goals. For additional information, see Required Focus Goal(s) for LEAs Receiving Equity Multiplier Funding below.
- Broad Goal: A Broad Goal is relatively less concentrated in its scope and may focus on improving performance across a wide range of metrics.
- Maintenance of Progress Goal: A Maintenance of Progress Goal includes actions that may be ongoing without significant changes and allows an LEA to track performance on any metrics not addressed in the other goals of the LCAP.

Requirement to Address the LCFF State Priorities

At a minimum, the LCAP must address all LCFF priorities and associated metrics articulated in *EC* sections 52060(d) and 52066(d), as applicable to the LEA. The <u>LCFF State Priorities Summary</u> provides a summary of *EC* sections 52060(d) and 52066(d) to aid in the development of the LCAP.

Respond to the following prompts, as applicable:

Focus Goal(s)

Description

The description provided for a Focus Goal must be specific, measurable, and time bound.

- An LEA develops a Focus Goal to address areas of need that may require or benefit from a more specific and data intensive approach.
- The Focus Goal can explicitly reference the metric(s) by which achievement of the goal will be measured and the time frame according to which the LEA expects to achieve the goal.

Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as a Focus Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal.

- An explanation must be based on Dashboard data or other locally collected data.
- LEAs must describe how the LEA identified this goal for focused attention, including relevant consultation with educational partners.
- LEAs are encouraged to promote transparency and understanding around the decision to pursue a focus goal.

Required Focus Goal(s) for LEAs Receiving Equity Multiplier Funding

Description

LEAs receiving Equity Multiplier funding must include one or more focus goals for each school generating Equity Multiplier funding. In addition to addressing the focus goal requirements described above, LEAs must adhere to the following requirements.

Focus goals for Equity Multiplier schoolsites must address the following:

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- (A) All student groups that have the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the Dashboard, and
- (B) Any underlying issues in the credentialing, subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators, if applicable.
- Focus Goals for each and every Equity Multiplier schoolsite must identify specific metrics for each identified student group, as applicable.
- An LEA may create a single goal for multiple Equity Multiplier schoolsites if those schoolsites have the same student group(s) performing
 at the lowest performance level on one or more state indicators on the Dashboard or, experience similar issues in the credentialing,
 subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators.
 - o When creating a single goal for multiple Equity Multiplier schoolsites, the goal must identify the student groups and the performance levels on the Dashboard that the Focus Goal is addressing; or,
 - o The common issues the schoolsites are experiencing in credentialing, subject matter preparation, and retention of the school's educators, if applicable.

Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as an Equity Multiplier Focus Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal.

- An explanation must be based on Dashboard data or other locally collected data.
- LEAs must describe how the LEA identified this goal for focused attention, including relevant consultation with educational partners.
- LEAs are encouraged to promote transparency and understanding around the decision to pursue a focus goal.
- In addition to this information, the LEA must also identify:
 - o The school or schools to which the goal applies

LEAs are encouraged to approach an Equity Multiplier goal from a wholistic standpoint, considering how the goal might maximize student outcomes through the use of LCFF and other funding in addition to Equity Multiplier funds.

- Equity Multiplier funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funding provided to Equity Multiplier schoolsites for purposes of the LCFF, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists (LCRS) Grant Program, and/or the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP).
- This means that Equity Multiplier funds must not be used to replace funding that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise
 receive to implement LEA-wide actions identified in the LCAP or that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to
 implement provisions of the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSPP.

Note: *EC* Section <u>42238.024(b)(1)</u> (California Legislative Information) requires that Equity Multiplier funds be used for the provision of evidence-based services and supports for students. Evidence-based services and supports are based on objective evidence that has informed the design of the service or support and/or guides the modification of those services and supports. Evidence-based supports and strategies are most commonly based on educational research and/or metrics of LEA, school, and/or student performance.

Broad Goal

Description

Describe what the LEA plans to achieve through the actions included in the goal.

- The description of a broad goal will be clearly aligned with the expected measurable outcomes included for the goal.
- The goal description organizes the actions and expected outcomes in a cohesive and consistent manner.
- A goal description is specific enough to be measurable in either quantitative or qualitative terms. A broad goal is not as specific as a focus goal. While it is specific enough to be measurable, there are many different metrics for measuring progress toward the goal.

Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as a Broad Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain why the LEA developed this goal and how the actions and metrics grouped together will help achieve the goal.

Maintenance of Progress Goal

Description

Describe how the LEA intends to maintain the progress made in the LCFF State Priorities not addressed by the other goals in the LCAP.

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- Use this type of goal to address the state priorities and applicable metrics not addressed within the other goals in the LCAP.
- The state priorities and metrics to be addressed in this section are those for which the LEA, in consultation with educational partners, has determined to maintain actions and monitor progress while focusing implementation efforts on the actions covered by other goals in the LCAP.

Type of Goal

Identify the type of goal being implemented as a Maintenance of Progress Goal.

State Priorities addressed by this goal.

Identify each of the state priorities that this goal is intended to address.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

Explain how the actions will sustain the progress exemplified by the related metrics.

Measuring and Reporting Results:

For each LCAP year, identify the metric(s) that the LEA will use to track progress toward the expected outcomes.

- LEAs must identify metrics for specific student groups, as appropriate, including expected outcomes that address and reduce disparities in outcomes between student groups.
- The metrics may be quantitative or qualitative; but at minimum, an LEA's LCAP must include goals that are measured using all of the applicable metrics for the related state priorities, in each LCAP year, as applicable to the type of LEA.
- To the extent a state priority does not specify one or more metrics (e.g., implementation of state academic content and performance standards), the LEA must identify a metric to use within the LCAP. For these state priorities, LEAs are encouraged to use metrics based on or reported through the relevant local indicator self-reflection tools within the Dashboard.
- Required metrics for LEA-wide actions: For each action identified as 1) contributing towards the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students and 2) being provided on an LEA-wide basis, the LEA must identify one or more metrics to monitor the effectiveness of the action and its budgeted expenditures.
 - o These required metrics may be identified within the action description or the first prompt in the increased or improved services section, however the description must clearly identify the metric(s) being used to monitor the effectiveness of the action and the action(s) that the metric(s) apply to.
- Required metrics for Equity Multiplier goals: For each Equity Multiplier goal, the LEA must identify:

- o The specific metrics for each identified student group at each specific schoolsite, as applicable, to measure the progress toward the goal, and/or
- o The specific metrics used to measure progress in meeting the goal related to credentialing, subject matter preparation, or educator retention at each specific schoolsite.

Complete the table as follows:

Metric

Enter the metric number.

Metric

 Identify the standard of measure being used to determine progress towards the goal and/or to measure the effectiveness of one or more actions associated with the goal.

Baseline

- Enter the baseline when completing the LCAP for 2024–25.
 - o Use the most recent data associated with the metric available at the time of adoption of the LCAP for the first year of the three-year plan. LEAs may use data as reported on the 2023 Dashboard for the baseline of a metric only if that data represents the most recent available data (e.g., high school graduation rate).
 - o Using the most recent data available may involve reviewing data the LEA is preparing for submission to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) or data that the LEA has recently submitted to CALPADS.
 - o Indicate the school year to which the baseline data applies.
 - o The baseline data must remain unchanged throughout the three-year LCAP.
 - This requirement is not intended to prevent LEAs from revising the baseline data if it is necessary to do so. For example, if an LEA identifies that its data collection practices for a particular metric are leading to inaccurate data and revises its practice to obtain accurate data, it would also be appropriate for the LEA to revise the baseline data to align with the more accurate data process and report its results using the accurate data.
 - If an LEA chooses to revise its baseline data, then, at a minimum, it must clearly identify the change as part of its response to the description of changes prompt in the Goal Analysis for the goal. LEAs are also strongly encouraged to involve their educational partners in the decision of whether or not to revise a baseline and to communicate the proposed change to their educational partners.

o Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one- or two-year LCAP may identify a new baseline each year, as applicable.

Year 1 Outcome

- When completing the LCAP for 2025–26, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.
 - o Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one-year LCAP may provide the Year 1 Outcome when completing the LCAP for both 2025–26 and 2026–27 or may provide the Year 1 Outcome for 2025–26 and provide the Year 2 Outcome for 2026–27.

Year 2 Outcome

- When completing the LCAP for 2026–27, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies.
 - o Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one-year LCAP may identify the Year 2 Outcome as not applicable when completing the LCAP for 2026–27 or may provide the Year 2 Outcome for 2026–27.

Target for Year 3 Outcome

- When completing the first year of the LCAP, enter the target outcome for the relevant metric the LEA expects to achieve by the end of the three-year LCAP cycle.
 - o Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one- or two-year LCAP may identify a Target for Year 1 or Target for Year 2, as applicable.

Current Difference from Baseline

- When completing the LCAP for 2025–26 and 2026–27, enter the current difference between the baseline and the yearly outcome, as applicable.
 - o Note for Charter Schools: Charter schools developing a one- or two-year LCAP will identify the current difference between the baseline and the yearly outcome for Year 1 and/or the current difference between the baseline and the yearly outcome for Year 2, as applicable.

Timeline for school districts and COEs for completing the "Measuring and Reporting Results" part of the Goal.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Target for Year 3 Outcome	Current Difference from Baseline
Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25 or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25 or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2025–26. Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2026–27. Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25 or when adding a new metric.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2025–26 and 2026–27. Leave blank until then.

Goal Analysis:

Enter the LCAP Year.

Using actual annual measurable outcome data, including data from the Dashboard, analyze whether the planned actions were effective towards achieving the goal. "Effective" means the degree to which the planned actions were successful in producing the target result. Respond to the prompts as instructed.

Note: When completing the 2024–25 LCAP, use the 2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update template to complete the Goal Analysis and identify the Goal Analysis prompts in the 2024–25 LCAP as "Not Applicable."

A description of overall implementation, including any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions, and any relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.

- Describe the overall implementation of the actions to achieve the articulated goal, including relevant challenges and successes experienced with implementation.
 - Include a discussion of relevant challenges and successes experienced with the implementation process.
 - This discussion must include any instance where the LEA did not implement a planned action or implemented a planned action in a manner that differs substantively from how it was described in the adopted LCAP.

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and/or Planned Percentages of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services.

Explain material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures and between the Planned Percentages
of Improved Services and Estimated Actual Percentages of Improved Services, as applicable. Minor variances in expenditures or
percentages do not need to be addressed, and a dollar-for-dollar accounting is not required.

A description of the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal.

- Describe the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the specific actions to date in making progress toward the goal. "Effectiveness" means
 the degree to which the actions were successful in producing the target result and "ineffectiveness" means that the actions did not
 produce any significant or targeted result.
 - o In some cases, not all actions in a goal will be intended to improve performance on all of the metrics associated with the goal.
 - When responding to this prompt, LEAs may assess the effectiveness of a single action or group of actions within the goal in the context of performance on a single metric or group of specific metrics within the goal that are applicable to the action(s). Grouping actions with metrics will allow for more robust analysis of whether the strategy the LEA is using to impact a specified set of metrics is working and increase transparency for educational partners. LEAs are encouraged to use such an approach when goals include multiple actions and metrics that are not closely associated.
 - o Beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period.

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, target outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

- Describe any changes made to this goal, expected outcomes, metrics, or actions to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis and analysis of the data provided in the Dashboard or other local data, as applicable.
 - o As noted above, beginning with the development of the 2024–25 LCAP, the LEA must change actions that have not proven effective over a three-year period. For actions that have been identified as ineffective, the LEA must identify the ineffective action and must include a description of the following:
 - The reasons for the ineffectiveness, and
 - How changes to the action will result in a new or strengthened approach.

Actions:

Complete the table as follows. Add additional rows as necessary.

Action

Enter the action number.

Title

• Provide a short title for the action. This title will also appear in the action tables.

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Description

- Provide a brief description of the action.
 - o For actions that contribute to meeting the increased or improved services requirement, the LEA may include an explanation of how each action is principally directed towards and effective in meeting the LEA's goals for unduplicated students, as described in the instructions for the Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students section.
 - o As previously noted, for each action identified as 1) contributing towards the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, including long-term English learners, and low-income students and 2) being provided on an LEA-wide basis, the LEA must identify one or more metrics to monitor the effectiveness of the action and its budgeted expenditures.
 - o These required metrics may be identified within the action description or the first prompt in the increased or improved services section; however, the description must clearly identify the metric(s) being used to monitor the effectiveness of the action and the action(s) that the metric(s) apply to.

Total Funds

• Enter the total amount of expenditures associated with this action. Budgeted expenditures from specific fund sources will be provided in the action tables.

Contributing

- Indicate whether the action contributes to meeting the increased or improved services requirement as described in the Increased or Improved Services section using a "Y" for Yes or an "N" for No.
 - o **Note:** for each such contributing action, the LEA will need to provide additional information in the Increased or Improved Services section to address the requirements in *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 [5 *CCR*] Section 15496 in the Increased or Improved Services section of the LCAP.

Actions for Foster Youth: School districts, COEs, and charter schools that have a numerically significant foster youth student subgroup are encouraged to include specific actions in the LCAP designed to meet needs specific to foster youth students.

Required Actions

- LEAs with 30 or more English learners and/or 15 or more long-term English learners must include specific actions in the LCAP related to, at a minimum:
 - Language acquisition programs, as defined in EC Section 306, provided to students, and
 - o Professional development for teachers.

- o If an LEA has both 30 or more English learners and 15 or more long-term English learners, the LEA must include actions for both English learners and long-term English learners.
- LEAs eligible for technical assistance pursuant to *EC* sections 47607.3, 52071, 52071.5, 52072, or 52072.5, must include specific actions within the LCAP related to its implementation of the work underway as part of technical assistance. The most common form of this technical assistance is frequently referred to as Differentiated Assistance.
- LEAs that have Red Dashboard indicators for (1) a school within the LEA, (2) a student group within the LEA, and/or (3) a student group within any school within the LEA must include one or more specific actions within the LCAP:
 - o The specific action(s) must be directed towards the identified student group(s) and/or school(s) and must address the identified state indicator(s) for which the student group or school received the lowest performance level on the 2023 Dashboard. Each student group and/or school that receives the lowest performance level on the 2023 Dashboard must be addressed by one or more actions.
 - o These required actions will be effective for the three-year LCAP cycle.

Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students

Purpose

A well-written Increased or Improved Services section provides educational partners with a comprehensive description, within a single dedicated section, of how an LEA plans to increase or improve services for its unduplicated students as defined in *EC* Section 42238.02 in grades TK–12 as compared to all students in grades TK–12, as applicable, and how LEA-wide or schoolwide actions identified for this purpose meet regulatory requirements. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of educational partners to facilitate their ability to provide input. An LEA's description in this section must align with the actions included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing.

Please Note: For the purpose of meeting the Increased or Improved Services requirement and consistent with *EC* Section 42238.02, long-term English learners are included in the English learner student group.

Statutory Requirements

An LEA is required to demonstrate in its LCAP how it is increasing or improving services for its students who are foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income, collectively referred to as unduplicated students, as compared to the services provided to all students in proportion to the increase in funding it receives based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the LEA (*EC* Section 42238.07[a][1], *EC* Section 52064[b][8][B]; 5 *CCR* Section 15496[a]). This proportionality percentage is also known as the "minimum proportionality percentage" or "MPP." The manner in which an LEA demonstrates it is meeting its MPP is two-fold: (1) through the expenditure of LCFF funds or through the

identification of a Planned Percentage of Improved Services as documented in the Contributing Actions Table, and (2) through the explanations provided in the Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students section.

To improve services means to grow services in quality and to increase services means to grow services in quantity. Services are increased or improved by those actions in the LCAP that are identified in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement, whether they are provided across the entire LEA (LEA-wide action), provided to an entire school (Schoolwide action), or solely provided to one or more unduplicated student group(s) (Limited action).

Therefore, for any action contributing to meet the increased or improved services requirement, the LEA must include an explanation of:

- How the action is increasing or improving services for the unduplicated student group(s) (Identified Needs and Action Design), and
- How the action meets the LEA's goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priority areas (Measurement of Effectiveness).

LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions

In addition to the above required explanations, LEAs must provide a justification for why an LEA-wide or Schoolwide action is being provided to all students and how the action is intended to improve outcomes for unduplicated student group(s) as compared to all students.

- Conclusory statements that a service will help achieve an expected outcome for the goal, without an explicit connection or further explanation as to how, are not sufficient.
- Further, simply stating that an LEA has a high enrollment percentage of a specific student group or groups does not meet the increased or improved services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

For School Districts Only

Actions provided on an **LEA-wide** basis at **school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of less than 55 percent** must also include a description of how the actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priority areas. The description must provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

Actions provided on a **Schoolwide** basis for **schools with less than 40 percent enrollment of unduplicated pupils** must also include a description of how these actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priority areas. The description must provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

Requirements and Instructions

Complete the tables as follows:

Total Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants

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• Specify the amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grant funds the LEA estimates it will receive in the coming year based on the number and concentration of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. This amount includes the Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant.

Projected Additional 15 percent LCFF Concentration Grant

• Specify the amount of additional LCFF concentration grant add-on funding, as described in *EC* Section 42238.02, that the LEA estimates it will receive in the coming year.

Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year

• Specify the estimated percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the LCAP year as calculated pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(7).

LCFF Carryover — Percentage

• Specify the LCFF Carryover — Percentage identified in the LCFF Carryover Table. If a carryover percentage is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify a percentage of zero (0.00%).

LCFF Carryover — Dollar

• Specify the LCFF Carryover — Dollar amount identified in the LCFF Carryover Table. If a carryover amount is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify an amount of zero (\$0).

Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year

Add the Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year and the Proportional LCFF Required
Carryover Percentage and specify the percentage. This is the LEA's percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be
increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the LCAP year, as calculated pursuant to 5 CCR Section
15496(a)(7).

Required Descriptions:

LEA-wide and Schoolwide Actions

For each action being provided to an entire LEA or school, provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s) and why it is being provided on an LEA or schoolwide basis, and (3) the metric(s) used to measure the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s).

If the LEA has provided this required description in the Action Descriptions, state as such within the table.

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Complete the table as follows:

Identified Need(s)

Provide an explanation of the unique identified need(s) of the LEA's unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed.

An LEA demonstrates how an action is principally directed towards an unduplicated student group(s) when the LEA explains the need(s), condition(s), or circumstance(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) identified through a needs assessment and how the action addresses them. A meaningful needs assessment includes, at a minimum, analysis of applicable student achievement data and educational partner feedback.

How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s) and Why it is Provided on an LEA-wide or Schoolwide Basis

Provide an explanation of how the action as designed will address the unique identified need(s) of the LEA's unduplicated student group(s) for whom the action is principally directed and the rationale for why the action is being provided on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis.

- As stated above, conclusory statements that a service will help achieve an expected outcome for the goal, without an explicit connection or further explanation as to how, are not sufficient.
- Further, simply stating that an LEA has a high enrollment percentage of a specific student group or groups does not meet the increased or improved services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness

Identify the metric(s) being used to measure the progress and effectiveness of the action(s).

Note for COEs and Charter Schools: In the case of COEs and charter schools, schoolwide and LEA-wide are considered to be synonymous.

Limited Actions

For each action being solely provided to one or more unduplicated student group(s), provide an explanation of (1) the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served, (2) how the action is designed to address the identified need(s), and (3) how the effectiveness of the action in improving outcomes for the unduplicated student group(s) will be measured.

If the LEA has provided the required descriptions in the Action Descriptions, state as such.

Complete the table as follows:

Identified Need(s)

Provide an explanation of the unique need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served identified through the LEA's needs assessment. A meaningful needs assessment includes, at a minimum, analysis of applicable student achievement data and educational partner feedback.

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How the Action(s) are Designed to Address Need(s)

Provide an explanation of how the action is designed to address the unique identified need(s) of the unduplicated student group(s) being served.

Metric(s) to Monitor Effectiveness

Identify the metric(s) being used to measure the progress and effectiveness of the action(s).

For any limited action contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement that is associated with a Planned Percentage of Improved Services in the Contributing Summary Table rather than an expenditure of LCFF funds, describe the methodology that was used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage, as applicable.

- For each action with an identified Planned Percentage of Improved Services, identify the goal and action number and describe the methodology that was used.
- When identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the
 contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the
 amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.
- For example, an LEA determines that there is a need to analyze data to ensure that instructional aides and expanded learning providers know what targeted supports to provide to students who are foster youth. The LEA could implement this action by hiring additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students, which, based on the LEA's current pay scale, the LEA estimates would cost \$165,000. Instead, the LEA chooses to utilize a portion of existing staff time to analyze data relating to students who are foster youth. This analysis will then be shared with site principals who will use the data to coordinate services provided by instructional assistants and expanded learning providers to target support to students. In this example, the LEA would divide the estimated cost of \$165,000 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Total Planned Expenditures Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Planned Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

Additional Concentration Grant Funding

A description of the plan for how the additional concentration grant add-on funding identified above will be used to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at schools that have a high concentration (above 55 percent) of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, as applicable.

An LEA that receives the additional concentration grant add-on described in *EC* Section 42238.02 is required to demonstrate how it is using these funds to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students at schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent as compared to the number of staff who provide direct services to students at schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is equal to or less than 55 percent. The staff who provide direct services to students must be certificated staff and/or classified staff employed by the LEA; classified staff includes custodial staff.

Provide the following descriptions, as applicable to the LEA:

- An LEA that does not receive a concentration grant or the concentration grant add-on must indicate that a response to this prompt is not applicable.
- Identify the goal and action numbers of the actions in the LCAP that the LEA is implementing to meet the requirement to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students at schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent.
- An LEA that does not have comparison schools from which to describe how it is using the concentration grant add-on funds, such as a single-school LEA or an LEA that only has schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, must describe how it is using the funds to increase the number of credentialed staff, classified staff, or both, including custodial staff, who provide direct services to students at selected schools and the criteria used to determine which schools require additional staffing support.
- In the event that an additional concentration grant add-on is not sufficient to increase staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, the LEA must describe how it is using the funds to retain staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students with a concentration of unduplicated students that
 is 55 percent or less and the staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students at schools with a concentration
 of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, as applicable to the LEA.
 - o The LEA may group its schools by grade span (Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High Schools), as applicable to the LEA.
 - o The staff-to-student ratio must be based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff and the number of enrolled students as counted on the first Wednesday in October of each year.
- Provide the staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students at schools with a concentration of unduplicated students that is 55 percent or less and the staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students at schools with a concentration of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, as applicable to the LEA.
 - o The LEA may group its schools by grade span (Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High Schools), as applicable to the LEA.
 - o The staff-to-student ratio must be based on the number of FTE staff and the number of enrolled students as counted on the first Wednesday in October of each year.

Action Tables

Complete the Total Planned Expenditures Table for each action in the LCAP. The information entered into this table will automatically populate the other Action Tables. Information is only entered into the Total Planned Expenditures Table, the Annual Update Table, the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table, and the LCFF Carryover Table. The word "input" has been added to column headers to aid in identifying the column(s) where information will be entered. Information is not entered on the remaining Action tables.

The following tables are required to be included as part of the LCAP adopted by the local governing board or governing body:

- Table 1: Total Planned Expenditures Table (for the coming LCAP Year)
- Table 2: Contributing Actions Table (for the coming LCAP Year)
- Table 3: Annual Update Table (for the current LCAP Year)
- Table 4: Contributing Actions Annual Update Table (for the current LCAP Year)
- Table 5: LCFF Carryover Table (for the current LCAP Year)

Note: The coming LCAP Year is the year that is being planned for, while the current LCAP year is the current year of implementation. For example, when developing the 2024–25 LCAP, 2024–25 will be the coming LCAP Year and 2023–24 will be the current LCAP Year.

Total Planned Expenditures Table

In the Total Planned Expenditures Table, input the following information for each action in the LCAP for that applicable LCAP year:

- LCAP Year: Identify the applicable LCAP Year.
- 1. Projected LCFF Base Grant: Provide the total amount estimated LCFF entitlement for the coming school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant program, the former Home-to-School Transportation program, and the Small School District Transportation program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). Note that the LCFF Base Grant for purposes of the LCAP also includes the Necessary Small Schools and Economic Recovery Target allowances for school districts, and County Operations Grant for COEs.

See *EC* sections 2574 (for COEs) and 42238.02 (for school districts and charter schools), as applicable, for LCFF entitlement calculations.

- 2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants: Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants estimated on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students for the coming school year.
- 3. Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year: This percentage will not be entered; it is calculated based on the Projected LCFF Base Grant and the Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). This is the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the coming LCAP year.

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- LCFF Carryover Percentage: Specify the LCFF Carryover Percentage identified in the LCFF Carryover Table from the prior LCAP year. If a carryover percentage is not identified in the LCFF Carryover Table, specify a percentage of zero (0.00%).
- Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year: This percentage will not be entered; it is calculated based on the Projected Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Coming School Year and the LCFF Carryover Percentage.
 This is the percentage by which the LEA must increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services provided to all students in the coming LCAP year.
- Goal #: Enter the LCAP Goal number for the action.
- Action #: Enter the action's number as indicated in the LCAP Goal.
- **Action Title**: Provide a title of the action.
- Student Group(s): Indicate the student group or groups who will be the primary beneficiary of the action by entering "All," or by entering a specific student group or groups.
- Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?: Type "Yes" if the action is included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement; OR, type "No" if the action is **not** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement.
- If "Yes" is entered into the Contributing column, then complete the following columns:
 - Scope: The scope of an action may be LEA-wide (i.e., districtwide, countywide, or charterwide), schoolwide, or limited. An action that is LEA-wide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of the LEA. An action that is schoolwide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of a single school. An action that is limited in its scope is an action that serves only one or more unduplicated student groups.
 - Unduplicated Student Group(s): Regardless of scope, contributing actions serve one or more unduplicated student groups.
 Indicate one or more unduplicated student groups for whom services are being increased or improved as compared to what all students receive.
 - Location: Identify the location where the action will be provided. If the action is provided to all schools within the LEA, the LEA must indicate "All Schools." If the action is provided to specific schools within the LEA or specific grade spans only, the LEA must enter "Specific Schools" or "Specific Grade Spans." Identify the individual school or a subset of schools or grade spans (e.g., all high schools or grades transitional kindergarten through grade five), as appropriate.
- **Time Span**: Enter "ongoing" if the action will be implemented for an indeterminate period of time. Otherwise, indicate the span of time for which the action will be implemented. For example, an LEA might enter "1 Year," or "2 Years," or "6 Months."
- **Total Personnel**: Enter the total amount of personnel expenditures utilized to implement this action.

- **Total Non-Personnel**: This amount will be automatically calculated based on information provided in the Total Personnel column and the Total Funds column.
- LCFF Funds: Enter the total amount of LCFF funds utilized to implement this action, if any. LCFF funds include all funds that make up an LEA's total LCFF target (i.e., base grant, grade span adjustment, supplemental grant, concentration grant, Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant, and Home-To-School Transportation).
 - Note: For an action to contribute towards meeting the increased or improved services requirement, it must include some measure
 of LCFF funding. The action may also include funding from other sources, however the extent to which an action contributes to
 meeting the increased or improved services requirement is based on the LCFF funding being used to implement the action.
- Other State Funds: Enter the total amount of Other State Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
 - Note: Equity Multiplier funds must be included in the "Other State Funds" category, not in the "LCFF Funds" category. As a reminder, Equity Multiplier funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, funding provided to Equity Multiplier schoolsites for purposes of the LCFF, the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSPP. This means that Equity Multiplier funds must not be used to replace funding that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to implement LEA-wide actions identified in the LEA's LCAP or that an Equity Multiplier schoolsite would otherwise receive to implement provisions of the ELO-P, the LCRS, and/or the CCSPP.
- Local Funds: Enter the total amount of Local Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- Federal Funds: Enter the total amount of Federal Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- Total Funds: This amount is automatically calculated based on amounts entered in the previous four columns.
- **Planned Percentage of Improved Services**: For any action identified as contributing, being provided on a Limited basis to unduplicated students, and that does not have funding associated with the action, enter the planned quality improvement anticipated for the action as a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%). A limited action is an action that only serves foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income students.
 - As noted in the instructions for the Increased or Improved Services section, when identifying a Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA must describe the methodology that it used to determine the contribution of the action towards the proportional percentage. The percentage of improved services for an action corresponds to the amount of LCFF funding that the LEA estimates it would expend to implement the action if it were funded.
 - For example, an LEA determines that there is a need to analyze data to ensure that instructional aides and expanded learning providers know what targeted supports to provide to students who are foster youth. The LEA could implement this action by hiring additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students, which, based on the LEA's current pay scale, the LEA estimates would cost \$165,000. Instead, the LEA chooses to utilize a portion of existing staff time to analyze data relating to students who are foster youth. This analysis will then be shared with site principals who will use the data to coordinate services

provided by instructional assistants and expanded learning providers to target support to students. In this example, the LEA would divide the estimated cost of \$165,000 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Data Entry Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Planned Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

Contributing Actions Table

As noted above, information will not be entered in the Contributing Actions Table; however, the 'Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?' column will need to be checked to ensure that only actions with a "Yes" are displaying. If actions with a "No" are displayed or if actions that are contributing are not displaying in the column, use the drop-down menu in the column header to filter only the "Yes" responses.

Annual Update Table

In the Annual Update Table, provide the following information for each action in the LCAP for the relevant LCAP year:

• Estimated Actual Expenditures: Enter the total estimated actual expenditures to implement this action, if any.

Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

In the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table, check the 'Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?' column to ensure that only actions with a "Yes" are displaying. If actions with a "No" are displayed or if actions that are contributing are not displaying in the column, use the drop-down menu in the column header to filter only the "Yes" responses. Provide the following information for each contributing action in the LCAP for the relevant LCAP year:

- 6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants: Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants estimated based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.
- Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions: Enter the total estimated actual expenditure of LCFF funds used to implement this action, if any.
- Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services: For any action identified as contributing, being provided on a Limited basis only to unduplicated students, and that does not have funding associated with the action, enter the total estimated actual quality improvement anticipated for the action as a percentage rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.00%).
 - o Building on the example provided above for calculating the Planned Percentage of Improved Services, the LEA in the example implements the action. As part of the annual update process, the LEA reviews implementation and student outcome data and determines that the action was implemented with fidelity and that outcomes for foster youth students improved. The LEA reviews the original estimated cost for the action and determines that had it hired additional staff to collect and analyze data and to coordinate supports for students that estimated actual cost would have been \$169,500 due to a cost of living adjustment. The LEA would divide the estimated actual cost of \$169,500 by the amount of LCFF Funding identified in the Data Entry Table and then convert the quotient to a percentage. This percentage is the Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services for the action.

LCFF Carryover Table

- 9. Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant: Provide the total amount of estimated LCFF Target Entitlement for the current school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant program, the former Home-to-School Transportation program, and the Small School District Transportation program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8). Note that the LCFF Base Grant for purposes of the LCAP also includes the Necessary Small Schools and Economic Recovery Target allowances for school districts, and County Operations Grant for COEs. See EC sections 2574 (for COEs) and 42238.02 (for school districts and charter schools), as applicable, for LCFF entitlement calculations.
- 10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year: This percentage will not be entered. The percentage is calculated based on the amounts of the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9) and the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (6), pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8), plus the LCFF Carryover Percentage from the prior year. This is the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the current LCAP year.

Calculations in the Action Tables

To reduce the duplication of effort of LEAs, the Action Tables include functionality such as pre-population of fields and cells based on the information provided in the Data Entry Table, the Annual Update Summary Table, and the Contributing Actions Table. For transparency, the functionality and calculations used are provided below.

Contributing Actions Table

- 4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)
 - o This amount is the total of the Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds) column.
- 5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services
 - o This percentage is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column.
- Planned Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the coming school year (4 divided by 1, plus 5)
 - o This percentage is calculated by dividing the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) by the Projected LCFF Base Grant (1), converting the quotient to a percentage, and adding it to the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5).

Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

Pursuant to *EC* Section 42238.07(c)(2), if the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) is less than the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants (6), the LEA is required to calculate the difference between the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5) and the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (7). If the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4) is equal to or greater

than the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants (6), the Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services will display "Not Required."

• 6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Grants

o This is the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants the LEA estimates it will actually receive based on of the number and concentration of unduplicated students in the current school year.

• 4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)

This amount is the total of the Last Year's Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds).

• 7. Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions

o This amount is the total of the Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds).

• Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)

o This amount is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) subtracted from the Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (4).

• 5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)

o This amount is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column.

• 8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)

o This amount is the total of the Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services column.

Difference Between Planned and Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)

 This amount is the Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (5) subtracted from the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (8).

LCFF Carryover Table

- 10. Total Percentage to Increase or Improve Services for the Current School Year (6 divided by 9 plus Carryover %)
 - o This percentage is the Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (6) divided by the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9) plus the LCFF Carryover Percentage from the prior year.
- 11. Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (7 divided by 9, plus 8)

o This percentage is the Total Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (7) divided by the LCFF Funding (9), then converting the quotient to a percentage and adding the Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (8).

• 12. LCFF Carryover — Dollar Amount LCFF Carryover (Subtract 11 from 10 and multiply by 9)

o If the Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (11) is less than the Estimated Actual Percentage to Increase or Improve Services (10), the LEA is required to carry over LCFF funds.

The amount of LCFF funds is calculated by subtracting the Estimated Actual Percentage to Increase or Improve Services (11) from the Estimated Actual Percentage of Increased or Improved Services (10) and then multiplying by the Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (9). This amount is the amount of LCFF funds that is required to be carried over to the coming year.

• 13. LCFF Carryover — Percentage (12 divided by 9)

o This percentage is the unmet portion of the Percentage to Increase or Improve Services that the LEA must carry over into the coming LCAP year. The percentage is calculated by dividing the LCFF Carryover (12) by the LCFF Funding (9).

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