

Important Dates:

February 22		Bill Introduction Deadline
February 28	Upon Adjournment	Senate Budget – Overview of the LCFF Proposal
March 5	9:00 a.m.	Assembly Budget Sub#2 – Prop 98 Budget
March 7	Upon Adjournment	Senate Budget Sub#1 – Prop 98 & K-12 Overview
March 12	9:00 a.m.	Assembly Budget Sub#2 – LCFF Proposal
March 19	9:00 a.m.	Assembly Budget Sub#2 – Adult Education
March 21	Upon Adjournment	Senate Budget Sub#1 – K-12 Budget Proposals
April 11	Upon Adjournment	Senate Budget Sub#1 – Adult Education
April 18	Upon Adjournment	Senate Budget Sub#1 – K-12 Budget Proposals
May 10		Governor Releases May Revise Budget Proposal

Sacramento – The Lay of the Land....

To say that things have been busy in Sacramento would be the ultimate understatement of the year. With the Bill Introduction deadline this week and efforts to ensure the Governor’s budget proposal for adult education doesn’t grow legs, we’ve been working feverishly over the last few weeks.

In addition to the meetings I’ve been conducting on my own in and around the Capitol, I was pleased to be joined for two days at the Capitol by Cyndi Parulan-Colfer, CAEAA President; Chris Nelson, CCAE President; Bob Harper, CAEAA Leg Director; and Joanne Durkee, CCAE Leg Director. Our days were filled to the max with back-to-back appointments with Legislators and staff – a grueling two days! Nevertheless, as a team we made the rounds to key players – new and incumbent – to solidify support for K-12 based adult education and voice strong opposition to the Governor’s proposal to shift the responsibility for adult education to the community colleges. We were well received and made considerable progress, having many members commit their support to our efforts even at this early stage!

We started off our two-day adventure by meeting with Senator Carol Liu’s staff, Senate Education staff, CDE, and LAO Deputy Paul Steenhausen to kick off our discussion regarding [SB 173 \(Liu\)](#) and [SB 174 \(Liu\)](#). As you know, these bills were introduced as vehicles around which we can help push a conversation about moving adult education forward. Currently, they deal with refocusing the core program areas consistent with the CDE Strategic Plan, LAO report, and Governor’s proposal; however, this may change as we continue our discussions with the Senator and other stakeholders.

We also have been reaching out to other education stakeholders to get a sense of where they may be on the Governor’s proposal. In this regard we’ve also been contacted by uncommon allies like the foster care advocates who are highly concerned about what the shift could mean for foster youth from an access and cost standpoint. Of greatest note relative to our stakeholder meetings is feedback we’ve received from the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) who have indicated they do not support or oppose the Governor’s plan; rather, they’re reviewing the issue in the context of three core principles: 1) do no harm to either segment (K-12 based adult education, CCC); 2) the need to provide for a stable transition and continuity of service; and 3) to ensure the level of funding provided is adequate to address the needs. While these principles aren’t overly concerning, they’re not entirely comforting and helpful to us either. Given our positive work with CFT last year in the context of the Weighted Student Formula (WSF) discussions, we anticipated continued support for adult education; however, we did not anticipate an

unwillingness to oppose the Governor's plan as currently proposed. While we understand CFT has membership from the K-12 and CCC systems, we anticipated opposition based on the lack of detail and workability around the proposal as currently drafted believing that there would be more interest in a united and collaborative approach rather than outright shift of responsibility.

While we certainly appreciate CFT's continued support for adult education, we urge our K-12 based adult education members who are also CFT members to contact your appropriate CFT representative to urge opposition to the proposal as currently drafted. Despite the concerns with a neutral stance by CFT, it is important to know that we are making great strides with our other allies in the Legislature (Democrats and Republicans), ACSA, and more. Such alliances at the state and local level will be critical to moving us forward. More to come on that....

Importantly, all of this doesn't even account for the great time spent at the CAEAA conference in Long Beach earlier this month. During the CAEAA conference, we heard from a host of speakers including Assembly members Cristina Garcia (D-58) and Rocky Chavez (R-76), Senator Carol Liu's Chief of Staff Suzanne Reed, Assembly Education Committee Chief Consultant Rick Pratt, Deputy with the Legislative Analyst's Office Paul Steenhausen, Association of California School Administrators Association (ACSA) Lobbyist Adonai Mack, and Montebello School Board Member Gerri Guzman. The speakers were well received by attendees and provided their insightful perspective of the current landscape in Sacramento and perspectives on moving adult education forward.

Through each of the presenters, we gained insight in to the opportunity we have been presented with to preserve K-12 based adult education in to the future. The devil is, of course, always in the details and not everyone agrees what those details should look like. Importantly, however, is that we've been given that opportunity and now it is up to us to decide what we do with it. Are we as a field and community prepared to fight at every level of our community and governance structure – school boards, districts, city councils, county boards of supervisors, CDE, Community Colleges, our professional organizations, Legislature, Administration, and more – to ensure we get it right?

We must not squander this important opportunity whereby adult education has been elevated for focus at the budget and policy level in Sacramento. However, it is going to take everyone pulling together to ensure we get this right and have the support to push us over the finish line. In this regard, over the next few weeks leading up to the CCAE and CAEAA's Leg Day at the Capitol, we are asking you to do a number of things:

1. Review and familiarize yourself with the latest talking points on K-12 Adult Education and the Governor's LCFF proposal. These are talking points that we are using at the state level. Using them at the local level too will help ensure we are all speaking the same language and on the same page. Consistency of messaging is critical!
2. Review the template for the California Adult School Fact Sheet and revise to include your district-specific information. This can be a very useful tool at the local and state level to illustrate what you are doing at the local level to provide benefit to the community. ****Be sure to send a copy of your completed sheet to CCAE and CAEAA to share with folks we are working with at the state level.**
3. Contact your elected officials at their district offices – Senator & Assembly member (see <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>) – and schedule a site visit for the member to visit your school. Discuss the beneficial work you do, types of classes offered, community benefit derived, and concerns with the Governor's proposal.
4. Utilize the "NASCAR" sample letter to obtain and show support from your community for K-12 Adult Education. Revise the letter to include your district-specific or regional information. Then, reach

far and wide to have various entities provide their logo (NASCAR effect) to use on the letter – Chambers of Commerce, WIBs, community based organizations, businesses, local elected officials, etc. This should be used as a tool at the state and local level to demonstrate community support for K-12 Adult Education in your respective community. We've left it as an "open letter" so that it can be provided to anyone and everyone to demonstrate the local support for adult education. ****Be sure to send a copy of your completed letter to CCAE and CAEAA to share with folks we are working with at the state level.**

5. Kudos to Woodland Adult School for moving forward with a Proclamation/Resolution in support of K-12 Adult Education! Take their draft and revise it to be specific to your district/region and work to have the local city council, board of supervisors and/or school board formalize it in your community.
6. Schedule your meetings for Leg Day on April 17th. This is a critical time – just shy of a month before May Revise and the time when final decisions are made for the FY 13-14 budget. Be there!

Funding Estimates Released for the Governor's LCFF Proposal

This week, the Department of Finance (DOF) released estimates for school district allocations associated with the Governor's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) suggesting that no district will receive less than it has this school year and even suggesting the "vast majority" will receive modest to significant revenue increases. Recall, the Governor's plan would provide a base amount that all school districts would receive with additional funding provided to districts based on their population of English language learners, low income students, and foster youth.

Importantly, however, DOF estimates that about 230 school districts and charter schools will receive little or no additional funding under the Governor's plan. The majority of these entities are basic aid districts where local property taxes are sufficient to cover the need.

For more information, please see

http://www.dof.ca.gov/reports_and_periodicals/district_estimate/view.php.

LAO Proposition 98 Education Analysis

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has just released its report reviewing the Governor's FY 2013-14 budget proposal that provides \$56.2 billion in total Proposition 98 funding – a \$2.7 billion (5%) increase from the revised current-year level. The Governor dedicates new monies to paying down school and community college deferrals, transitioning to a new K-12 funding formula, restructuring adult education, funding Proposition 39 energy projects for schools and community colleges, and adding two mandates to the schools mandates block grant. The Governor also proposes various changes and consolidations relating to special education funding.

While the LAO notes they believe the Governor's basic approach of dedicating roughly half of new funding to paying down existing obligations and the other half to building up base support is reasonable, they cite concerns with many of his specific Proposition 98 proposals including adult education. Specifically, the LAO notes the Governor's proposal would do nothing to address the inconsistencies in policies and coordination problems between K-12 based adult education and community colleges. As an alternative, they propose 1) restoring adult education as a categorical program for school districts; 2) providing up to \$300 million for the reconstituted program; 3) more clearly delineating between CCC collegiate and adult education instruction; 4) applying consistent faculty, assessment, fee and funding policies across all adult education providers; and 5) making new funding available on a regional basis tied to relative program need.

For more information, please see <http://lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2692>.

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