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ADULT EDUCATION

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WITH THE LCFF, DISTRICTS DO NOT KEEP THEIR ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING

At state budget hearings and news conferences on the proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that revamps education funding, officials continue to state that school districts could continue to offer Adult Education with the adult education funding imbedded in their revenues. The remarks imply that a district that offered Adult Education would receive the same amount for the program.

Not so. Adult Education funding becomes indistinguishable in the proposed LCFF. The LCFF will be a total K-12 funding source created by combining the funds from present Average Daily Attendance (ADA) support and that of 40+ categorical programs including Adult Education. As distributed to school districts on a K-12 enrollment basis, there would not be any mention of any categorical program that is subsumed in the formula. Also, the Adult Education funding presently in less than 300 districts would be redistributed to 1000+ K-12 school districts.

Predictably, at the local level, there would not be a reason to offer Adult Education, especially since authority and responsibility have been transferred to the community colleges. Also, \$300 million in new funding is provided to community colleges to offer Adult Education.

FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REFORM WOULD REQUIRE ENGLISH AND CITIZENSHIP INSTRUCTION

Both President Obama and a coalition of Democratic and Republican senators have announced plans to address federal immigration reform. As specific provisions are agreed to, a consensus requirement appears be the learning of English and completion of citizenship courses.

Adult Education in California has a proven record in providing English as a Second Language and Citizenship instruction. Any plan to shift the Adult Education program to the community colleges who do not have it in their mission to provide Civics as a program, needs to be closely scrutinized and rejected pending this federal activity that will impact California's immigration population.

What to Do.....

Oppose the Governor's proposal to shift Adult Education to community college.

