

SBCEO BUDGET OVERVIEW



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Santa Barbara County Board
of Education Meeting

February 13, 2025

BUDGET TOPICS



- 1. Reporting Timeline**
- 2. Board Budget Committee**
- 3. Revenue Sources**
 - Local Control and Funding Formula (LCFF)
 - Restricted Funds
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- 4. General Fund Contributions**
- 5. Overview of 2025-26 State Budget**

BUDGET OBJECTIVES



Our budget communicates our priorities. We continually adjust, monitor, and evaluate our budgets so we can serve our purpose to connect:

- ❑ Students with specialized services and deliver direct instruction.
- ❑ Educators with professional development and career growth.
- ❑ Local school districts and charter schools to services and support that are essential for planning, operations, and fiscal integrity.

ANNUAL BUDGET REPORTING TIMELINE



**ADOPTED
BUDGET**

**June 30
(Prior Year)**

**Plan Budget Using
Current Year Data and
State Budget
Projections**

**1ST
INTERIM**

December 15

**Update Budget Using
P-Annual Data (Previous
Year), Spending Through
October 31st, and
Enacted State Budget**

2ND INTERIM

March 15

**Update Budget Using P1
Data and Spending
Through January 31st**

**UNAUDITED
ACTUALS**

**October 15
(Next Year)**

**Update Budget Using
P-Annual Data and
Spending Through June
31st**

BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE



The Board Budget Committee reviews and makes recommendations on the budget for SBCEO. The Budget Committee meets to review and provide input on the Adopted Budget, 1st interim Report, and 2nd Interim Report.

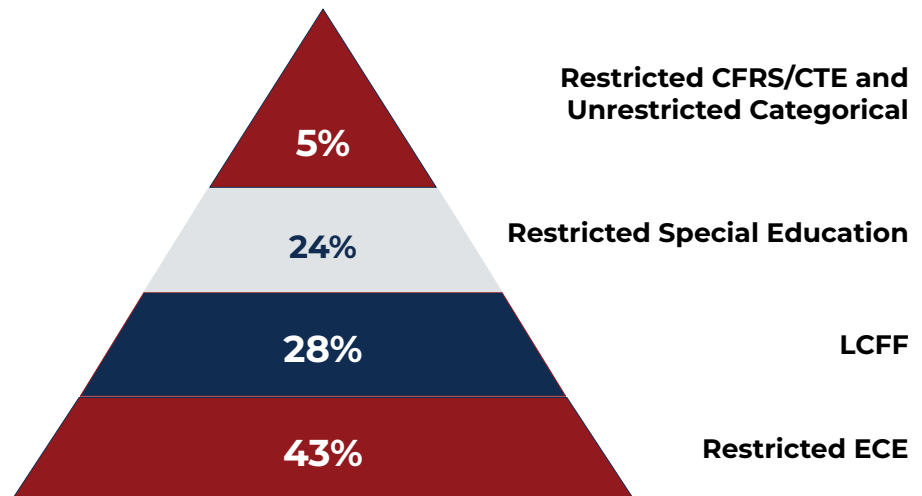
Committee Members

Judy Frost

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores

Guy Walker

SBCEO REVENUE SOURCES



LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA (LCFF)

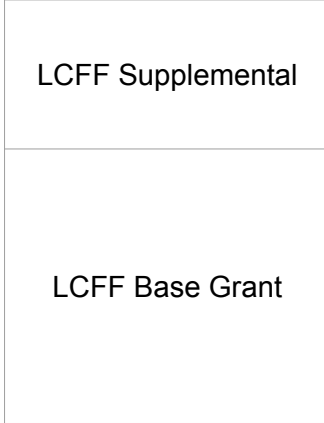
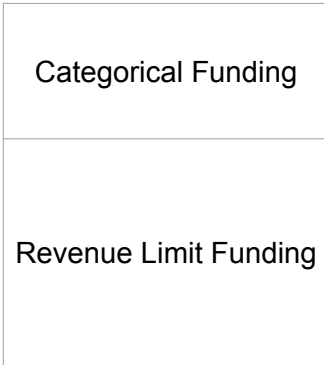


PRE-LCFF

LCFF

Categorical Funding for specific purposes with many rules

Revenue Limit based on historical amounts per student with many adjustments



LCFF Supplemental provided to address needs of English Learners, low income, and foster youth

LCFF Base Grant is the same for every local education agency with adjustments based on grade level

ADDITIONAL LCFF STATE AID FOR COEs



Commencing with the 2017-18 fiscal year, additional funding was provided to COEs in recognition of their new responsibilities including the oversight of school districts' LCAPs and support of districts' continuous improvement.

2017-18 Budget Act	2018-19 Budget Act	2022-23 Budget Act	2023-24 Budget Act
Authorized additional state aid to fund COEs' LCFF entitlement based on the number of school districts under their jurisdiction	Authorized base allowance for COEs plus an additional funding for each school district identified for differentiated assistance	Authorized additional state aid based on charter schools identified for differentiated assistance	Authorized additional state aid for court and community schools

LCFF ENTITLEMENT COMPONENTS FOR COEs



FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	FACTORS
Operations Grant	Funding for COE oversight responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum grant per county • Number of school districts • ADA in county
Alternative Education Grant	Funding for juvenile court and community schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA in court and community schools • Supplemental and concentration grants for UDP of targeted students
Juvenile Court School Funding	Funding for operating a juvenile court school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base rate
County Community School Funding	Funding for operating a county community school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base rate

EXCESS PROPERTY TAXES FOR COEs



State Aid

Property Taxes



Property Taxes

Excess Property Taxes

- ❖ LEAs whose local property taxes do not meet their LCFF entitlement receive state aid to reach that level
- ❖ Districts whose property taxes exceed their LCFF entitlement are able to retain the excess property taxes (Community Funded Districts)
- ❖ COE's whose property taxes exceed their LCFF entitlement must return the excess property taxes to the state

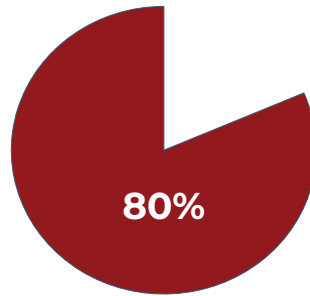
COE LCFF VS. DISTRICT LCFF



LCFF Percentage of COE Budget



LCFF Percentage of District Budget



DIFFERENCES IN COE & DISTRICT BUDGETS

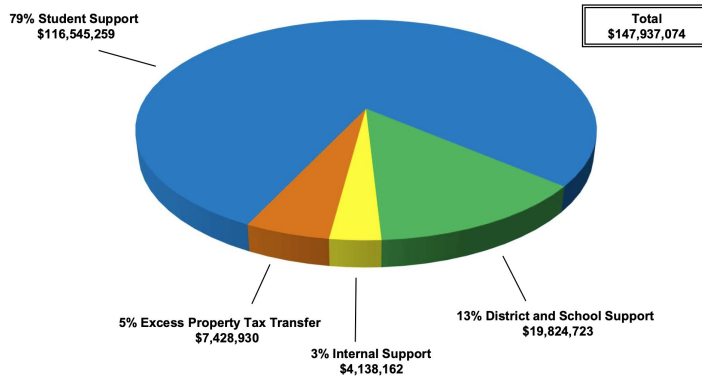


COE	District	COE	District	COE
Small percentage of funding is unrestricted	Majority of funding is unrestricted and majority of expenses are staff	Multiple Management positions leading countywide work and services	More teachers and staff directly serving students	Many fee for services, contracted work, or excess cost billing for programs

2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET



Combined General Fund and Child Development Fund Support Services Budgeted Expenditures



RESTRICTED FUNDS



Restricted funds are funds set aside for specific purposes and come from state and federal sources. They are used for programs and purposes that are outlined in the grant or legislation that provided the funds. Approximately 76% of SBCEO's budget consists of restricted funds.

Examples of Restricted Funds

- ❑ Alternative Payment Program (ECE)
- ❑ Regional and Infant Services (Special Education)
- ❑ K12 Strong Workforce Program (Career Technical Education)
- ❑ Oral Health and Dental Disease Prevention (Children and Family Resource Services)

GRANTS



Grants awarded to school districts are financial awards that can be used to fund various programs and initiatives. Grants can come from federal, state, or local sources.

Examples of Grants

- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTE)
- Golden State Pathways Programs (Career Technical Education)
- WorkAbility (WAI) for Work Experience (Special Education)
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance (Transitional Youth Services)
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (Student and Community Services)

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS



Contributions are made from the Unrestricted General Fund to support programs that provide services to districts and families.

Examples of Contributions

- School Safety Liaison
- Directors - CFRS
- Director - PIE
- Director - CCP
- Director - CTE
- Coordinator - Special Education

PROPOSED 2025-26 STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Prop 98 is estimated at \$118.9 billion in 2025-26. The Guarantee is projected at \$119.2 billion for the current year and was \$98.5 billion in 2023-24.

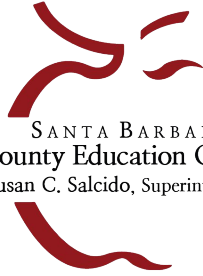
The Budget includes an LCFF COLA of 2.43% (an increase of roughly \$2.5 billion in discretionary funds for LEAs).

The implementation of Universal Transitional Kindergarten and the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program are funded in the Budget.

A one-time Student Support and Professional Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1.8 billion is included in the Budget.

QUESTIONS?





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THANK YOU!