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Governor's May Revision for the 2026-27 State Budget and K-12 Education

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Proposition 98

Good News

- The proposed budget fully funds the 2.87% 2026-27 COLA.
- In addition, the Governor proposes funding an additional 1.44%, for a total 4.31% “super COLA”
 - *This 1.44% is to be used towards managing rising costs and funding a new requirement to provide up to 14 weeks of paid pregnancy disability leave beginning in 2026-27

Bad News

- The Governor also proposes funding Proposition 98 at \$3.9 billion *less* than the minimum guarantee. This is a reduction below the statutory Prop 98 obligation of approximately \$635 per student.

Funding Proposals

Student Support and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant

- Included in the May Revise is an additional \$5.0 billion in one-time Student Support and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant funds. While certain statewide priorities are highlighted, use of the block grant is intended to be fully discretionary.
- *This would equate to approximately \$6.9 million for WPUSD*

Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant

- The Governor continues to propose restoring the remaining Learning Recovery Block Grant (LRBG) funds that were reduced in the 2023 Budget Act, which would bring about \$520k in one-time restricted funds.



Special Education Equalization

Special Education Funding

- The Governor proposes equalizing the state special education base rate at \$1,340 per funded ADA, which could yield the district \$2 million.
- This is significantly higher than the \$999 base rate he proposed in January



A Word of Caution...

While the May Revise contains some good news for education funding, the Legislature has not had an opportunity to weigh in on the Governor's proposals. We caution against making significant fiscal decisions for future years until the final State budget is adopted in June.



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What's Next

- State Level
 - LAO issues detailed review of Governor's May revision
 - Budget Subcommittee process
 - Negotiations between the Governor and Legislature
 - On-time 2026-27 budget by June 15th
- District level
 - Preliminary Budget presentation - June 2, 2026
 - Adoption of 2026-27 District budget - June 16, 2026
 - 45-Day revised budget (if needed) - August 2026



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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



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