



LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name: Redwood Coast Montessori

CDS Code: 12-62679-0137653

School Year: 2022-23

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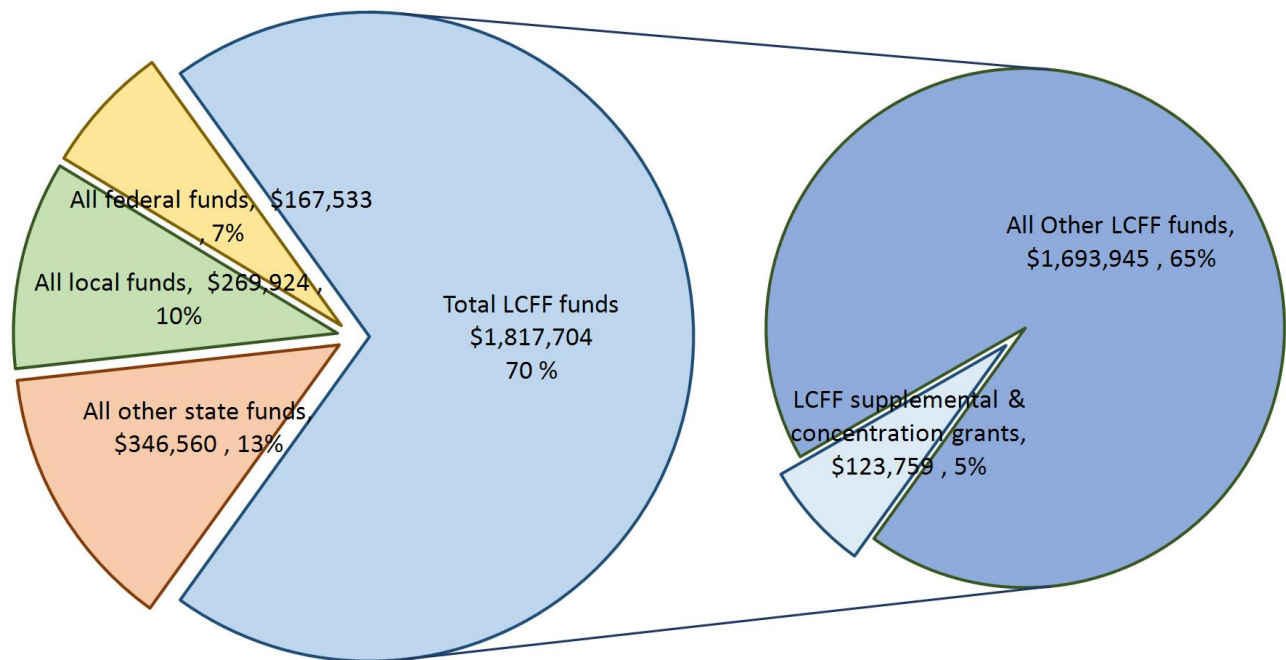
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School districts receive funding from different sources: state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding - called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

Budget Overview for the 2022-23 School Year

Projected Revenue by Fund Source

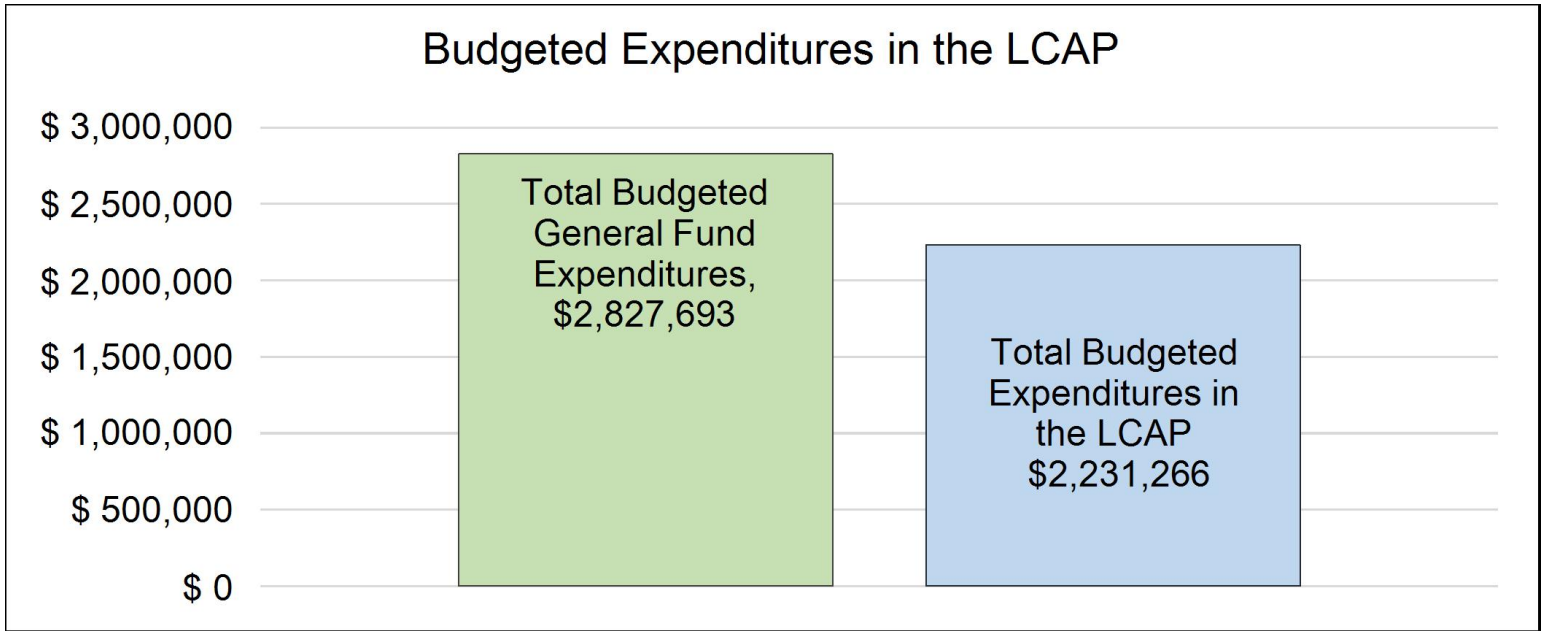


This chart shows the total general purpose revenue Redwood Coast Montessori expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The text description for the above chart is as follows: The total revenue projected for Redwood Coast Montessori is \$2,601,721, of which \$1,817,704 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$346,560 is other state funds, \$269,924 is local funds, and \$167,533 is federal funds. Of the \$1,817,704 in LCFF Funds, \$123,759 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).

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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.



This chart provides a quick summary of how much Redwood Coast Montessori plans to spend for 2022-23. 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: Redwood Coast Montessori plans to spend \$2,827,693 for the 2022-23 school year. Of that amount, \$2,231,266 is tied to actions/services in the LCAP and \$596,427 is not included in the LCAP. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the LCAP will be used for the following:

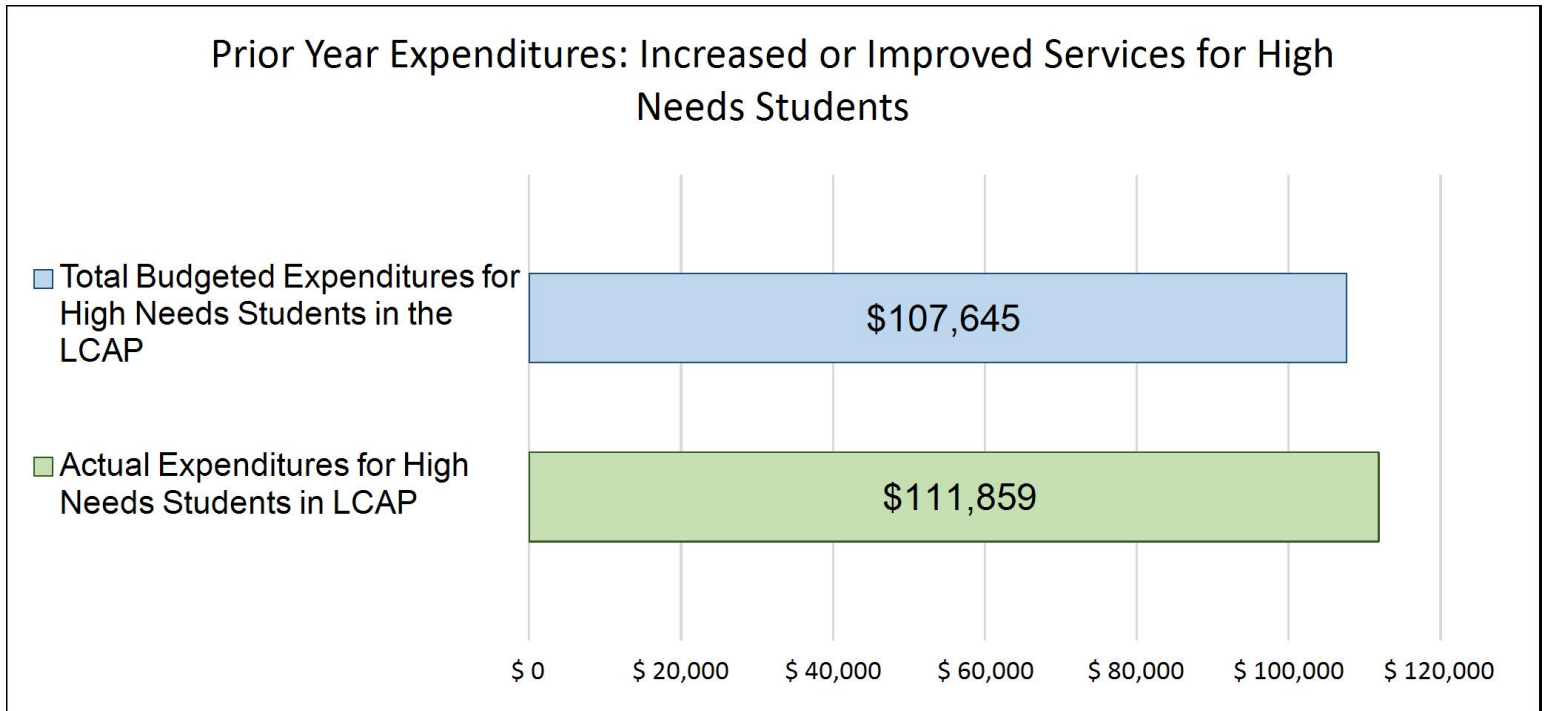
Budgeted costs not included in the LCAP include miscellaneous supply & service expenditures, administrative & indirect costs, facility costs and passthrough State retirement costs.

Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in the LCAP for the 2022-23 School Year

In 2022-23, Redwood Coast Montessori is projecting it will receive \$123,759 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. Redwood Coast Montessori must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the LCAP. Redwood Coast Montessori plans to spend \$160,080 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the LCAP.

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Update on Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in 2021-22



This chart compares what Redwood Coast Montessori budgeted last year in the LCAP for actions and services that contribute to increasing or improving services for high needs students with what Redwood Coast Montessori 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 2021-22, Redwood Coast Montessori's LCAP budgeted \$107,645 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. Redwood Coast Montessori actually spent \$111,859 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2021-22.

The difference between the budgeted and actual expenditures of \$ had the following impact on Redwood Coast Montessori's ability to increase or improve services for high needs students:

Not applicable, Redwood Coast Montessori spent more than it had planned.



Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

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California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. The following is a one-time mid-year report to the local governing board or body and educational partners related to engagement on, and implementation of, these Acts.

A description of how and when the LEA engaged, or plans to engage, its educational partners on the use of funds provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the 2020–21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Redwood Coast Montessori engaged with its educational partners for the development of the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) throughout the spring of 2021. Resources available as of June 23, 2021 did not permit the inclusion of all state funds included in the Budget Act of 2021. Additional funds not included in the 2021-22 LCAP include:

- * LCFF S&C including One-time 15% Add-On (\$0.00): RCM did not receive this funding.
- * Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (\$54,162): A public meeting/forum was held on December 8, 2021 regarding the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant.
- * A-G Completion Improvement Grant (\$8,202)
- * Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (\$50,000): A public meeting/forum was held on November 10, 2021 regarding the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program.
- * Pre-K Planning & Implementation Grant (\$26,307): A public meeting/forum is planned on May 21, 2022 regarding the Pre-K Planning & Implementation Grant.

A description of how the LEA used, or plans to use, the additional concentration grant add-on funding it received to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students on school campuses with an enrollment of students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth that is greater than 55 percent.

Redwood Coast Montessori has an unduplicated pupil enrollment of 39%. As such, RCM will not be receiving additional concentration grant add-on funding. We will, however, continue to provide robust support for all of our scholars who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth.

A description of how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on pupils.

COVID Emergency Relief Funds (CARES, ESSER I & CRRSA ESSER II) and Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO-G) were used to support professional development and staff planning and preparation in light of the pandemic. We also dedicated these funds to expanded summer school programming, instructional materials, and one-time technology purchases.

In addition to the engagement of all partners and colleagues as noted in the 2021-2022 LCAP from September to June 2020-2021. We expanded our efforts to engage our partners in several ways during the 2021-2022 school year, between August and January 2022 when other funds became available. School-based staff engaged during our weekly and monthly staff meetings that included teachers, administrators, and classified staff, monthly site council meetings, monthly school board meetings, LCAP/WASC meetings.

A description of how the LEA is implementing the federal American Rescue Plan Act and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief expenditure plan, and the successes and challenges experienced during implementation.

Our number one priority is to keep students and staff safe at all times. To this end, RCM has implemented some actions identified in our Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan. Specifically, we have successfully increased the number of classroom paraprofessionals, and provided access to all necessary student materials and PPE as suggested by HCOE and public health, ongoing professional development focused on engaging students during this challenging time and being able to provide additional supports for those who need it after school hours.

We have also experienced some challenges to full implementation on expanded tutoring and parent education. Due to the Omicron variant there was a noticeable decrease in student attendance and some supports for unduplicated students including progress monitoring and program improvement.

A description of how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year in a manner that is consistent with the applicable plans and is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP and Annual Update.

Redwood Coast Montessori considers the LCAP to be the comprehensive planning document which captures the priorities, goals, and actions to improve scholar outcomes. As such, the additional funds received are viewed through the lens of the LCAP to determine where scholar needs exist and what services are needed to address those needs. Some examples of the alignment of these funds to the LCAP are:

* ESSER III: Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time - the additional funds received are in alignment with the following goals in our LCAP:

- Goal #2, Action 1 – Employ highly qualified teaching staff to support RCM’s base educational program, goals, actions, and services.
- Goal #2, Action 2 – Support professional development related to the implementation of the State standards
- Goal #2, Action 4 – Employ two highly qualified resource specialists in addition to providing speech therapy services
- Goal #2, Action 5 – Provide additional additional academic intervention in response to learning loss related to COVID-19

* ESSER III: Use of Any Remaining Funds - the additional funds received are in alignment with the following goals in our LCAP:

- Goal #2, Action 3 – Support reading intervention, including all unduplicated learners
- Goal #2, Action 6 – Provide additional instructional support through classroom intern/assistant
- Goal #3, Action 4 – Host daily afterschool programs including enrichment classes.
- Goal #3, Action 5 – Provide additional SEL support services for high risk students.

Instructions for the Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan Year

For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), 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

California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires LEAs to present an update on the Annual Update to the 2021–22 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents on or before February 28, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. At this meeting, the LEA must include all of the following:

- The Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 LCAP (2021–22 Supplement);
- All available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021–22 LCAP; and
- Mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021–22 LCAP.

When reporting available mid-year outcome, expenditure, and implementation data, LEAs have flexibility to provide this information as best suits the local context, provided that it is succinct and contains a level of detail that is meaningful and accessible for the LEA’s educational partners.

The 2021–22 Supplement is considered part of the 2022–23 LCAP for the purposes of adoption, review, and approval, and must be included with the LCAP as follows:

- The 2022–23 Budget Overview for Parents
- The 2021–22 Supplement
- The 2022–23 LCAP
- The Action Tables for the 2022–23 LCAP
- The Instructions for the LCAP Template

As such, the 2021–22 Supplement will be submitted for review and approval as part of the LEA’s 2022–23 LCAP.

Instructions

Respond to the following prompts, as required. In responding to these prompts, LEAs must, to the greatest extent practicable, provide succinct responses that contain a level of detail that will be meaningful and accessible for the LEA's educational partners and the broader public and must, to the greatest extent practicable, use language that is understandable and accessible to parents.

In responding to these prompts, the LEA has flexibility to reference information provided in other planning documents. An LEA that chooses to reference information provided in other planning documents must identify the plan(s) being referenced, where the plan(s) are located (such as a link to a web page), and where in the plan the information being referenced may be found.

Prompt 1: *“A description of how and when the LEA engaged, or plans to engage, its educational partners on the use of funds provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the 2020–21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).”*

In general, LEAs have flexibility in deciding what funds are included in the LCAP and to what extent those funds are included. If the LEA received funding through the Budget Act of 2021 that it would have typically included within its LCAP, identify the funds provided in the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the LCAP and provide a description of how the LEA has engaged its educational partners on the use of funds. If an LEA included the applicable funds in its adopted 2021–22 LCAP, provide this explanation.

Prompt 2: *“A description of how LEA used, or plans to use, the concentration grant add-on funding it received to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students on school campuses with an enrollment of students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth that is greater than 55 percent.”*

If LEA does not receive a concentration grant or the concentration grant add-on, provide this explanation.

Describe how the LEA is using, or plans to use, the concentration grant add-on funds received consistent with California *Education Code* Section 42238.02, as amended, to increase the number of certificated staff, classified staff, or both, including custodial staff, who provide direct services to students on school campuses with greater than 55 percent unduplicated pupil enrollment, as compared to schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is equal to or less than 55 percent.

In the event that the additional concentration grant add-on is not sufficient to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, describe how the LEA 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.

Prompt 3: *“A description of how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on pupils.”*

If the LEA did not receive one-time federal funding to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on students, provide this explanation.

Describe how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds it received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on students. See the COVID-19 Relief Funding Summary Sheet web page (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/cr/relieffunds.asp>) for a listing of COVID-19 relief funding and the Federal Stimulus Funding web page (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/cr/>) for additional information on these funds. The LEA is not required to describe engagement that has taken place related to state funds.

Prompt 4: “A description of how the LEA is implementing the federal American Rescue Plan Act and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief expenditure plan, and the successes and challenges experienced during implementation.”

If an LEA does not receive ESSER III funding, provide this explanation.

Describe the LEA’s implementation of its efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and ensure the continuity of services, as required by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and its implementation of the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) expenditure plan to date, including successes and challenges.

Prompt 5: “A description of how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year in a manner that is consistent with the applicable plans and is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP and Annual Update.”

Summarize how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year to implement the requirements of applicable plans in a manner that is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP. For purposes of responding to this prompt, “applicable plans” include the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan and the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

California Department of Education
November 2021



Local Control Accountability Plan

The instructions for completing the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) follow the template.

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Plan Summary [2022-23]

General Information

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

Redwood Coast Montessori began as an independent charter school during the fall of 2013 with sixty students in grades K--7th. Throughout the evolution of RCM, one consistent characteristic, which has triggered growth in capacity and services, is the support of parents and students for the dedicated teachers and for the traditional Montessori method used at RCM. Based on the Montessori method in conjunction with Project Based Learning, students at RCM are offered a rich curriculum that truly values the child and the natural development of the

whole child. Redwood Coast Montessori classrooms are designed based on the Montessori approach of a carefully “prepared environment” that is filled with beautiful, long lasting materials that are engaging, age appropriate and pedagogically designed as self-correcting learning tools. Students spend long uninterrupted academic time following their own passions as they work to build their focus and commitment to doing work that matters. The curriculum is integrated throughout all grade levels and all subject matter in such a way that it allows for mastery of concepts at an individual pace that is appropriate for each student. Redwood Coast Montessori students thrive within this traditional Montessori environment as they are guided by dedicated and highly qualified teachers who value the individual needs of each student and emphasize the responsibility each student has to self, community, and environment.

With the continued success of Redwood Coast Montessori, and increased demand for expanding grade and enrollment opportunities, the RCM community has grown to include grades TK - 12th. With the inclusion of high school grades and expansion of the adolescent program, RCM has expanded and refined its inclusion of Project Based Learning as an integral part of our traditional Montessori curriculum. Redwood Coast Montessori constantly strives to meet the individual needs of each student using traditional Montessori pedagogy and 21st Century resources.

Reflections: Successes

A description of successes and/or progress based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

Based on a review of LCAP goals, stakeholder input, and self-assessment tools, there are several areas of success for Redwood Coast Montessori. Some of the areas of greatest accomplishment is with hiring of highly qualified teachers and staff. In part due to the outstanding reputation of RCM and the use of Montessori pedagogy, many highly qualified individuals seek employment with RCM. The new RCM employees along with our existing teachers and staff make up an outstanding community of dedicated and highly qualified educators. RCM will work to retain RCM staff through a series of support and professional development strategies outlined in our 2022 LCAP.

With the 2021-22 school year, Redwood Coast Montessori successfully implemented the California Health Kids Survey among students, parents/guardians, and staff. The data from these surveys provided much needed information for refining our goals and establishing measurable metrics to evaluate on an annual basis. The success and expansion of the high school program will be supported through hiring of additional highly qualified teachers and ongoing training to provide the skills to implement new curriculum.

Reflections: Identified Need

A description of any areas that need significant improvement based on a review of Dashboard and local data, including any areas of low performance and significant performance gaps among student groups on Dashboard indicators, and any steps taken to address those areas.

As our program continues to grow, there is the need to hire additional highly qualified staff and to provide the needed training and professional development for all staff including existing staff. RCM continues to work towards developing a meaningful tracking system and

framework for monitoring student progress at all grade levels. While RCM benefits from the strong governance provided by our School Board and Site Council, there is the need to provide time for strategic planning and to increase student participation in school governance.

LCAP Highlights

A brief overview of the LCAP, including any key features that should be emphasized.

Goal #1:

RCM developed this goal as a means to acknowledge the importance of the SLOs for all students and to help Improve student success and support of diverse learners through a focus on PBL/Montessori pedagogy.

Identified Needs:

1. Highly qualified teaching staff
2. Develop better understanding of SLOs among students and staff
3. Students develop a stronger growth mindset approach to school
4. Increase student participation in governance of school

Goal #2:

RCM developed this goal to help guarantee the ongoing improvement of academic achievement for all students.

Needs:

1. Increase ELA & math assessment scores
2. Access to technology and high quality Montessori and PBL Curriculum
3. Improve evidence-based services for the identified low performing pupils to accelerate increases in academic achievement

Goal 3:

RCM developed this goal to help strengthen the culture and climate of Redwood Coast Montessori and to help ensure the active participation of all partners including students, parents/guardians, and community members.

Needs:

1. Increase parent/guardian understanding of authentic Montessori and PBL pedagogical practices
2. Rebuilding of after school program
3. Additional opportunities for after school enrichment classes and athletic opportunities
4. School counselor

Comprehensive Support and Improvement

An LEA with a school or schools eligible for comprehensive support and improvement must respond to the following prompts.

Schools Identified

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

Redwood Coast Montessori is not a school needing comprehensive support and improvement (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.

Redwood Coast Montessori is not a school needing comprehensive support and improvement (CSI).

Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness

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

Redwood Coast Montessori is not a school needing comprehensive support and improvement (CSI).

Engaging Educational Partners

A summary of the process used to engage educational partners and how this engagement was considered before finalizing the LCAP.

Monthly staff meetings to review and update school priorities from September through June.

Weekly teacher meetings to review and update academic and community priorities from September through June.

Multiple surveys were made available to the entire school community throughout the 2021-22 school year. Overall there was a high level of participation with the surveys indicating strong stakeholder interest in school functions.

Preparation and writing of the RCM self-study, an integral component of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) review, provided valuable information and guidance for developing the LCAP. This work along with information and guidance from RCM's Site Council and LCAP meetings helped to update and outline the metrics and actions for the 2022-23 LCAP.

Monthly Site Council meeting composed of staff, parents, and administration provided guidance for determining how to update the 2022-23 LCAP.

In addition, formation of RCM's Equity and Diversity Committee allowed for important information included in drafting the LCAP.

A summary of the feedback provided by specific educational partners.

Stakeholder feedback indicated strong support for resources and staff to support social/emotional learning at all age groups. There were some additional concerns about progress in some academic areas including writing and math, however, the primary concern was for social-emotional learning and for ci

A description of the aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by specific input from educational partners.

The consultations gathered through stakeholder input helped to reform and refine the goals for the 2022-23 LCAP. Information provided on the State Dashboard (2021 results) defined some of the areas of need to be addressed on the LCAP. The main area that was identified from the Dashboard were math scores for all student based on the CAASPP results. Other areas that were identified were increased support for SWD.

Goals and Actions

Goal

Goal #	Description
1	Student Learner Outcomes: Improve student success and support of diverse learners through a focus on PBL/Montessori pedagogy.

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

RCM developed this goal as a means to acknowledge the importance of the SLOs for all students and to help Improve student success and support of diverse learners through a focus on PBL/Montessori pedagogy.

Identified Needs:

1. Provide instructional assistants to support student learning
2. Develop better understanding of SLOs among students and staff
3. Students develop a stronger growth mindset approach to school
4. Increase student participation in governance of school

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Achieve and maintain an average daily attendance (ADA) rate >96%	98% (as of P1 2/21/20, 2019/2020)	96% (as of P2 3/25/2022, 2021/2022)			98% ADA Rate
Achieve and maintain chronic student absenteeism rate <2.0%	1.5% (2018-19)	0% (2020-21)			< 2% chronic absenteeism rate
Maintain low rate of student suspension. “Blue” as measured	18-19 0.7% suspension rate; Blue baseline	0% (2020-21)			0.0% suspension rate.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
on the California School Dashboard					
Maintain a cohort graduation rate >95% with all student population subgroups moving to “Blue” as measured on the California School Dashboard.	No baseline data. 2020-21 first graduating class.	83% (2020-21)			100% graduation rate for all student subgroups.
CHKS Student Survey (A6.7): Percentage of students indicating the things they do in school "pretty much" or "very much" makes a difference (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	Adolescents (54%); High School (48%) [2021-22]			75% or higher
CHKS Student Survey (A6.9): Percentage of students indicating they "pretty much" or "very much" work hard to understand things when doing schoolwork (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	Adolescents (66%); High School (62%) [2021-22]			75% or higher
CHKS Student Survey (A6.7): Percentage of students indicating they "pretty much" or "very much" have a say in how things work at school. (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	Adolescents (49%); High School (52%) [2021-22]			75% or higher

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Number of students participating in school oversight committees (school board, site council, FoRCM, Ad hoc committees, etc.)	1	0			2
Promote parent/guardian support for and understanding of Montessori and PBL pedagogy	Four parent information meetings; music recital; events significantly limited due to pandemic.	Four parent information meetings; three PBL exhibitions, musical performance; talent show; history day; theatrical performance			Three annual events at each campus designed to highlight student work and a better understanding of Montessori and PBL pedagogy.

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.1	Student Engagement	Support expansion of after school program to include enrichment classes and activities.	\$43,557.00	No
1.2	Graduation rate	Provide coursework and academic counseling for high school students to prepare them for college and career.		No
1.3	Instructional assistants	Provide instructional assistants to support all students particularly low income students and SWD.	\$78,158.00	Yes
1.4	Professional Development	Support Montessori and PBL training for new teachers	\$4,066.00	No

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1.5	Educational staff	RCM will employ the following educators to support the school's base educational program, the goals, actions and services outlined in this LCAP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 teachers • 7 classroom assistants • 1 site supervisor • 1 director 	\$1,585,779.00	No
1.6	In service days	Increase number of annual in service days to four for all teaching staff.	\$17,239.00	No
1.7	Student Support (social-emotional learning)	Secure intern social workers from university programs to target chronic absenteeism and associated family issues. Partnership with HSU.		No

Goal Analysis [2021-22]

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.

With the successful implementation of the California Health Kids Survey for students, parents, and staff, the actions outlined for the 2022-23 school year are targeted towards more measurable metrics. These metrics will be tracked over time and will provide needed information about how to better target actions and needed funding. Other metrics that were more clearly defined for the 2022-23 school year include the high school graduation rate and student engagement through daily attendance.

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.

Goal 1 actions/services were largely funded as planned.

An explanation of how effective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal.

Goal 1 actions were largely successful as outlined in the 2021-22 LCAP. Implementation of the CHKS was completed by students, parents/guardians, and staff. Development of the Connections curriculum made good progress. Providing staff advisors for the high school

students was not as successful as originally planned. In response to this outcome, an additional staff person will be assigned to support administration of the Connections curriculum thus allowing administration to focus on supporting students with necessary academic counseling. The addition of a second resource specialist has been a great improvement to the quality and capacity of our support of students with IEPs.

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.

The primary changes with Goal 1 was in setting more measurable metrics to determine success towards achieving the identified goal. Now that the CHKS has been administered for the first year, metrics were established to track the success of specific actions. The CHKS will continue to be used to measure these metrics. The other major change was to move the metric of retaining highly qualified staff from Goal #2 to Goal #1 to reflect the importance of quality instruction in supporting the student learner outcomes.

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	Student Academic Achievement

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

RCM developed this goal to help guarantee the ongoing improvement of academic achievement for all students.

Needs:

1. Highly qualified instruction
2. Increase ELA & math assessment scores
2. Develop portfolio system for tracking student progress
3. Improve evidence-based services for the identified low performing pupils to accelerate increases in academic achievement

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
CAASPP ELA Scores: Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Standard in ELA (P4)	57% (2018-19) No data 2019-20	65% (2020-21)			70% or higher
CAASPP Math Scores: Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Standard in Math (P4)	42% (2018-19) No data 2019-20	50% (2020-21)			60% or higher
California Science Test (CAST): Percentage of Students Meeting or	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	Not tested			Increase overall science results by 2% per year.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Exceeding the Standard (P4)					
Percentage of Special Education goals met by RCM students with IEPs (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	62%			75% or higher
Reading Intervention: Percentage of students graduating the program on an annual basis. (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	14%			30% or higher
Highly Qualified Teachers	2020-21 Two teachers employed through use of interim internship as they work to complete credential.	2021-22 One teacher employed through use of interim internship as they work to complete credential.			100% of teaching staff will have CA teaching credential in their area of instruction.
CAASPP Participation ELA (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	92% (2020-21)			95% or higher
CAASPP Participation Math (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	94% (2020-21)			95% or higher
CAST Participation (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	Not tested			95% or higher
CAASPP Participation ELA: Students w/ Disabilities (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	91% (2020-21)			95% or higher
CAASPP Participation Math: Students w/ Disabilities (P4)	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	91% (2020-21)			95% or higher

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
2.1	Highly qualified teaching staff	100% of teaching staff will have CA teaching credential in their area of instruction.		No
2.3	Reading intervention	Support reading intervention - including EL (English Learners), Foster and Homeless youth, Students with Disabilities, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students	\$57,804.00	Yes
2.4	Special education	RCM will employ the following special education staff to support SWD, actions and services outlined in this LCAP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 RST • 1 speech therapist 	\$125,819.00	No Yes
2.5	COVID related learning loss	Provide expanded learning opportunities by increasing the number of days providing service by 30 and extended all instructional days to 9 hrs.	\$26,026.00	No
2.6	Student performance	Generate portfolio template for all students grades TK-12 that can be used to track student progress	\$0.00	No
2.8	PBL framework and repository	Develop PBL framework and repository that includes concrete assessment tools	\$0.00	No
2.9	Math Assessment Scores	Provide additional math focused professional development for teachers.	\$0.00	No

Goal Analysis [2021-22]

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.

Goal #2 was largely implemented as planned. The CSSS survey was administered as outlined. RCM employed the number of teachers outlined in the goal, although one teacher did leave mid-way through the school year requiring the need to hire a long-term substitute. A new reading intervention teacher was hired along with an additional special education teacher.

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.

Goal #2 actions/services were largely funded as planned.

An explanation of how effective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal.

The actions outlined for Goal #2 in the 2021-22 LCAP were appropriate for accomplishing goal outlined. The metrics for the goal were fairly broad in terms of implementing the CAHKS, however, these were updated for the 2022-23 LCAP. Both math and ELA scores increased as outlined in the metric. More specific measurements were established for assessing progress towards this aspect of the 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.

The most significant change with Goal #2 was with development of more specific metrics that can be measured and tracked over time. In addition, tracking CAASPP participation was added as a metric to gain insight into 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
3	School Culture and Climate

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

RCM developed this goal to help strengthen the culture and climate of Redwood Coast Montessori and to help ensure the active participation of all partners including students, parents/guardians, and community members.

- Needs:
1. Increase parent/guardian understanding of authentic Montessori and PBL pedagogical practices
 2. Rebuilding of after school program
 3. Additional opportunities for after school enrichment classes and athletic opportunities
 4. School counselor

Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Provide robust after school care and enrichment activity options	Prior to COVID-19, RCM provided an aftercare option at the Manila campus M-F. No high school sports are available.	Aftercare program provided M-F from 2:30 until 5:30. Arcata campus providing after school care until 5 pm. including one enrichment class. Tennis and basketball available for adolescent and high school students. Track & Field available for elementary and adolescent students.			After school program at Manila campus and a minimum of four after school enrichment classes at each campus. Minimum of two athletic teams for both adolescent age students and high school students.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Support Manila Community Resource Center and First 5 Playgroup	MCRC operates under the direction of a part time resource center director and a part time resource center assistant.	Resource center director hired at 80% of full time. Assistant hired at 20% of full time.			Maintain grant requirements to support programs and work towards creating a full time director position.
CHKS Student Survey (A7.4): Percentage of students describing school experience as "satisfied" or "very satisfied." (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	Adolescents (73%); High School (67%) [2021-22]			75% or higher
Provide free breakfast and lunch to all students	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	No baseline data for breakfast; Average of 43% of students eating school lunch per day			30% or higher for breakfast; 55% or higher for lunch
Provide student social/emotional counseling services	Although resource staff have provided limited student support services, RCM does not currently provide social/emotional counseling.	Weekly pride empowerment group provided for adolescent and high school students. Additional assistant hired to support social emotional needs of SWD.			Minimum of a 0.5 FTE school counselor available to provide counseling services.
CHKS Staff Survey (A5.8): Percentage of staff that agree the district has clean and well-maintained facilities and property. (P1)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	86% (2021-22)			95% or higher

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
CHKS Parent Survey (A6.1): Percentage of parents/guardians that "agree" or "strongly agree" that they feel welcome to participate at this school. (P3)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	91% (2021-22)			95% or higher
CHKS Parent Survey (A6.1): Percentage of parents/guardians that "agree" or "strongly agree" that their school actively seeks the input of parents before making important decisions. (P3)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	88% (2021-22)			95% or higher
CHKS Parent Participation: Number of parents completing the CHKS Parent Survey. (P3)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	54			75
Parents participating directly in the decision making process: School Board, Site Council, FoRCM. (P3)	10 (2021-22)	12 (2021-22)			15
CHKS Student Survey (A6.5): Percentage of students identified as "pretty much" or "very much" having caring adults at school. (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	Adolescents (76%); High School (52%) [2021-22]			80% or higher

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
CHKS Student Survey (A8.1): Percentage of students indicating they feel safe at school. (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	Adolescents (79%); High School (94%) [2021-22]			95% or higher
CHKS Staff Survey (A5.4): Percentage of staff that "agree" or "strongly agree" that school is a safe place for staff. (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	86% (2021-22)			95% or higher
CHKS Parent Survey (A7.1): Percentage of parents/guardians that "agree" or "strongly agree" that school is a safe place for their child. (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	96% (2021-22)			95% or higher
CHKS Parent Survey (A7.1): Percentage of parents/guardians that agree or strongly agree that their school provides instructional materials that "reflect my child's culture, ethnicity, and identity." (P6)	Baseline data to be collected in 2021/2022.	77% (2021-22)			90% or higher
Conduct annual school Board retreat for strategic plan development	Not included in 2020-21 LCAP	New goal established 2021-22			one annual retreat each year

Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
3.1	School Climate Survey	Continue to implement CHKS on an annual basis.	\$850.00	No
3.2	Manila Community Resource Center and First 5 Playgroup	Submit application, fiscal documents, and required progress reports in order to maintain active participation with County and local agencies to connected these valuable resources.	\$96,533.00	No
3.3	Parent/guardian support and understanding of Montessori and PBL	Host a minimum of 6 parent/guardian events designed to educate families and community members about the value of Montessori and PBL education.		No
3.4	After school care and enrichment activities	Host a daily after school program for the Manila campus. At both campuses, host a minimum of 3 after school enrichment classes or clubs.	\$0.00	No
3.5	Social/emotional counseling/support	Provide SEL support services for high risk students based on need and recommendation.	\$119,069.00	Yes
3.6	Meals Program	Provide breakfast and lunch free of charge for all students	\$76,366.00	No

Goal Analysis [2021-22]

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.

Goal #3 was largely implemented as planned. The CHKS survey was administered as outlined. RCM continued to support the Manila Community Resource Center and the Humboldt First 5 Program. While RCM did host the number of events outlined in the 2021-22 LCAP to increase understanding of Montessori and PBL pedagogy, we continue to work towards hosting more academic informational meetings for

existing parents/guardians. Our after school program was reestablished as outlined including the hiring of a new director and assistant. RCM was not able to provide any additional staff to provide social-emotional counseling.

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.

Goal #3 actions/services were largely funded as planned.

An explanation of how effective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal.

The actions outlined for Goal #3 in the 2021-22 LCAP were appropriate for accomplishing goal outlined. The metrics for the goal were fairly broad in terms of implementing the CHKS, however, these were updated for the 2022-23 LCAP. Expansion of the daily program to include after school care was carried out as planned.

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.

The most significant change with Goal #3 was with development of more specific metrics that can be measured and tracked over time.

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.

Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students [2022-23]

Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	Projected Additional LCFF Concentration Grant (15 percent)
\$123,759	\$0

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
7.31%	0.00%	\$0.00	7.31%

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

Required Descriptions

For each action being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or county office of education (COE), an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the goals for these students.

A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.

*** Information to be updated for 2022-23.

Approximately \$110,729 will be allocated from LCFF supplemental funds charter--wide during the 2021-22 school year to address the needs of the targeted groups based on the unduplicated counts of low income, English learners and foster youth students. From these supplemental funds, approximately 77% is designated to support academic progress for these targeted student groups. In addition, the remaining 23% of the funds will be used to address SEL learning for foster youth, EL, and low-income students.

Supplemental funds will be used for academic supports including providing reading intervention support for developing readers, academic learning loss support due COVID-19. Additionally, academic tutors and resource specialist time will be added to support FY, EL, LI students.

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.

N/A - RCM does not receive concentration funds.

Staff-to-student ratios by type of school and concentration of unduplicated students	Schools with a student concentration of 55 percent or less	Schools with a student concentration of greater than 55 percent
Staff-to-student ratio of classified staff providing direct services to students		
Staff-to-student ratio of certificated staff providing direct services to students		

2022-23 Total Expenditures Table

Totals	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Total Personnel	Total Non-personnel
Totals	\$1,746,709.00	\$236,579.00	\$96,533.00	\$151,445.00	\$2,231,266.00	\$2,086,609.00	\$144,657.00

Goal	Action #	Action Title	Student Group(s)	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
1	1.1	Student Engagement	All		\$43,557.00			\$43,557.00
1	1.2	Graduation rate	All					
1	1.3	Instructional assistants	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	\$58,151.00	\$20,007.00			\$78,158.00
1	1.4	Professional Development	All				\$4,066.00	\$4,066.00
1	1.5	Educational staff	All	\$1,585,779.00				\$1,585,779.00
1	1.6	In service days	All		\$17,239.00			\$17,239.00
1	1.7	Student Support (social-emotional learning)	All					
2	2.1	Highly qualified teaching staff	All					
2	2.3	Reading intervention	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	\$34,338.00			\$23,466.00	\$57,804.00
2	2.4	Special education	Students with Disabilities English Learners Foster Youth Low Income		\$125,819.00			\$125,819.00
2	2.5	COVID related learning loss	All Students with Disabilities		\$5,957.00		\$20,069.00	\$26,026.00
2	2.6	Student performance	All					\$0.00

Goal	Action #	Action Title	Student Group(s)	LCFF Funds	Other State Funds	Local Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
2	2.8	PBL framework and repository	All Students with Disabilities					\$0.00
2	2.9	Math Assessment Scores	All					\$0.00
3	3.1	School Climate Survey	All	\$850.00				\$850.00
3	3.2	Manila Community Resource Center and First 5 Playgroup	All			\$96,533.00		\$96,533.00
3	3.3	Parent/guardian support and understanding of Montessori and PBL	All					
3	3.4	After school care and enrichment activities	All Students with Disabilities					\$0.00
3	3.5	Social/emotional counseling/support	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	\$67,591.00			\$51,478.00	\$119,069.00
3	3.6	Meals Program	All		\$24,000.00		\$52,366.00	\$76,366.00

2022-23 Contributing Actions Table

1. Projected LCFF Base Grant	2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	3. 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. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	5. Total 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	Total LCFF Funds
\$1,693,945	\$123,759	7.31%	0.00%	7.31%	\$160,080.00	0.00%	9.45 %	Total:	\$160,080.00
								LEA-wide Total:	\$125,742.00
								Limited Total:	\$0.00
								Schoolwide Total:	\$101,929.00

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	1.3	Instructional assistants	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income		\$58,151.00	
2	2.3	Reading intervention	Yes	Schoolwide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	Specific Schools: Manila Campus	\$34,338.00	
2	2.4	Special education	Yes	LEA-wide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income			
3	3.5	Social/emotional counseling/support	Yes	LEA-wide Schoolwide	English Learners Foster Youth Low Income	All Schools	\$67,591.00	

2021-22 Annual Update Table

Totals	Last Year's Total Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Total Estimated Expenditures (Total Funds)
Totals	\$2,453,229.00	\$1,660,067.00

Last Year's Goal #	Last Year's Action #	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?	Last Year's Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Estimated Actual Expenditures (Input Total Funds)
1	1.1	Attendance	No	\$66,176.00	
1	1.2	Chronic absenteeism	No	\$66,176.00	
1	1.3	Connections Curriculum	No		
1	1.4	Student advisors	No		
1	1.5	Student support Services	Yes	\$55,000.00	\$84,751
1	1.7	School Climate Survey	No	\$1,049.00	
2	2.1	Highly qualified credential educators	No	\$1,683,341.00	\$1,130,220
2	2.2	Retain highly qualified teachers	No	\$10,613.00	\$9,011
2	2.3	Reading intervention	Yes	\$30,106.00	\$40,828
2	2.4	Special education	No	\$154,948.00	\$106,495

Last Year's Goal #	Last Year's Action #	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?	Last Year's Planned Expenditures (Total Funds)	Estimated Actual Expenditures (Input Total Funds)
2	2.5	COVID related learning loss	No	\$210,648.00	\$82,926
2	2.6	Academic intern	Yes		
2	2.8	Support high quality math instruction	No	\$7,000.00	
2	2.9	School Climate Survey	No	\$1,000.00	
3	3.1	School Climate Survey	No	\$1,000.00	
3	3.2	Manila Community Resource Center and First 5 Playgroup	No	\$100,675.00	\$96,533
3	3.3	Parent/guardian support and understanding of Montessori and PBL	No	\$8,000.00	
3	3.4	After school care and enrichment activities	No	\$31,536.00	\$44,033
3	3.5	Social/emotional counseling/support	Yes	\$25,961.00	\$65,270

2021-22 Contributing Actions Annual Update Table

6. Estimated LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants (Input Dollar Amount)	4. Total Planned Contributing Expenditures (LCFF Funds)	7. Total Estimated Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Subtract 7 from 4)	5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services (%)	8. Total Estimated Percentage of Improved Services (%)	Difference Between Planned and Estimated Percentage of Improved Services (Subtract 5 from 8)
\$107,645.00	\$85,106.00	\$111,859.00	(\$26,753.00)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Last Year's Goal #	Last Year's Action #	Prior Action/Service Title	Contributing to Increased or Improved Services?	Last Year's Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds)	Estimated Actual Expenditures for Contributing Actions (Input LCFF Funds)	Planned Percentage of Improved Services	Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (Input Percentage)
1	1.5	Student support Services	Yes	\$55,000.00	\$32,533		
2	2.3	Reading intervention	Yes	\$30,106.00	\$14,056		
2	2.6	Academic intern	Yes		\$0		
3	3.5	Social/emotional counseling/support	Yes		\$65,270		

2021-22 LCFF Carryover Table

9. Estimated Actual LCFF Base Grant (Input Dollar Amount)	6. Estimated Actual LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants	LCFF Carryover — Percentage (Percentage from Prior Year)	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)
\$1,465,351	\$107,645.00	0%	7.35%	\$111,859.00	0.00%	7.63%	\$0.00	0.00%

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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 (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 aspects of the LCAP template require LEAs to show that they have complied with various requirements specified in the LCFF statutes and regulations, most notably:
 - Demonstrating that LEAs are increasing or improving services for foster youth, 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]).
 - Establishing goals, supported by actions and related expenditures, that address the statutory priority areas and statutory metrics (EC sections 52064[b][1] and [2]).
 - Annually reviewing and updating the LCAP to reflect progress toward the goals (EC Section 52064[b][7]).

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 should: (a) reflect comprehensive strategic planning (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, 52062, 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 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24 school years reflects statutory changes made through Assembly Bill 1840 (Committee on Budget), Chapter 243, Statutes of 2018. These statutory changes enhance transparency regarding expenditures on actions included in the LCAP, including actions that contribute to meeting the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, and to streamline the information presented within the LCAP to make adopted LCAPs more accessible for educational partners and the public.

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 California School Dashboard (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 that the LEA believes, based on input gathered from educational partners, research, and experience, will have the biggest impact on behalf of its TK–12 students.

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 itself. Additionally, information is included at the beginning of each section emphasizing the purpose that each 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 provide a meaningful context for the rest of the LCAP, the content of this section should be clearly and meaningfully related to the content included in the subsequent sections of the LCAP.

Requirements and Instructions

General Information – 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, or employment, the number and size of specific schools, recent community challenges, and other such information as an LEA wishes to include can enable a reader to more fully understand an LEA's LCAP.

Reflections: Successes – Based on a review of performance on the state indicators and local performance indicators included in the Dashboard, progress toward LCAP goals, local self-assessment tools, input from educational partners, and any other information, what progress is the LEA most proud of and how does the LEA plan to maintain or build upon that success? This may include identifying specific examples of how past increases or improvements in services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students have led to improved performance for these students.

Reflections: Identified Need – Referring to the Dashboard, identify: (a) any state indicator for which overall performance was in the “Red” or “Orange” performance category or any local indicator where the LEA received a “Not Met” or “Not Met for Two or More Years” rating AND (b) any state indicator for which performance for any student group was two or more performance levels below the “all student” performance. What steps is the LEA planning to take to address these areas of low performance and performance gaps? An LEA that is required to include a goal to address one or more consistently low-performing student groups or low-performing schools must identify that it is required to include this goal and must also identify the applicable student group(s) and/or school(s). Other needs may be identified using locally collected data including data collected to inform the self-reflection tools and reporting local indicators on the Dashboard.

LCAP Highlights – Identify and briefly summarize the key features of this year's LCAP.

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:** Identify the schools within the LEA that have been identified for CSI.
- **Support for Identified Schools:** 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:** 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, 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 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.

Statute and regulations specify the educational partners that school districts and COEs must consult when developing the LCAP: teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units of the LEA, parents, and students. Before adopting the LCAP, school districts and COEs must share it with the Parent Advisory Committee and, if applicable, to its English Learner Parent Advisory Committee. 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.

Statute requires charter schools to consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in developing the LCAP. 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 and actions.

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 following web page of the CDE's website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/>.

Requirements and Instructions

Below is an excerpt from the 2018–19 *Guide for Annual Audits of K–12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, which is provided to highlight the legal requirements for engagement of educational partners in the LCAP development process:

Local Control and Accountability Plan:

For county offices of education and school districts only, verify the LEA:

- a) Presented the local control and accountability plan to the parent advisory committee in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(1) or 52068(a)(1), as appropriate.
- b) If applicable, presented the local control and accountability plan to the English learner parent advisory committee, in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(2) or 52068(a)(2), as appropriate.

- c) Notified members of the public of the opportunity to submit comments regarding specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the local control and accountability plan in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(3) or 52068(a)(3), as appropriate.
- d) Held at least one public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 52062(b)(1) or 52068(b)(1), as appropriate.
- e) Adopted the local control and accountability plan in a public meeting in accordance with Education Code section 52062(b)(2) or 52068(b)(2), as appropriate.

Prompt 1: “A summary of the process used to engage educational partners and how this engagement was considered before finalizing the LCAP.”

Describe the engagement process used by the LEA to involve educational partners in the development of the LCAP, including, at a minimum, describing how the LEA 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.

Prompt 2: “A summary of the feedback provided by specific educational partners.”

Describe and summarize the feedback provided by specific educational partners. A sufficient response to this prompt will indicate ideas, trends, or inputs that emerged from an analysis of the feedback received from educational partners.

Prompt 3: “A description of the aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by specific input from educational partners.”

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. The response must describe aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by or developed in response to the educational partner feedback described in response to Prompt 2. 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. For the purposes of this prompt, “aspects” of an LCAP that may have been influenced by educational partner input can include, but are 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 desired 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 services
- Determination of effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the goal
- Determination of material differences in expenditures
- Determination of changes made to a goal for the ensuing LCAP year based on the annual update process
- Determination of challenges or successes in the implementation of actions

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 should 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 should 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.

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.
- **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.

At a minimum, the LCAP must address all LCFF priorities and associated metrics.

Focus Goal(s)

Goal 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.

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.

Broad Goal

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.

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

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. 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.

Explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal: Explain how the actions will sustain the progress exemplified by the related metrics.

Required Goals

In general, LEAs have flexibility in determining what goals to include in the LCAP and what those goals will address; however, beginning with the development of the 2022–23 LCAP, LEAs that meet certain criteria are required to include a specific goal in their LCAP.

Consistently low-performing student group(s) criteria: An LEA is eligible for Differentiated Assistance for three or more consecutive years based on the performance of the same student group or groups in the Dashboard. A list of the LEAs required to include a goal in the LCAP based on student group performance, and the student group(s) that lead to identification, may be found on the CDE’s Local Control Funding Formula web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.

- **Consistently low-performing student group(s) goal requirement:** An LEA meeting the consistently low-performing student group(s) criteria must include a goal in its LCAP focused on improving the performance of the student group or groups that led to the LEA’s eligibility for Differentiated

Assistance. This goal must include metrics, outcomes, actions, and expenditures specific to addressing the needs of, and improving outcomes for, this student group or groups. An LEA required to address multiple student groups is not required to have a goal to address each student group; however, each student group must be specifically addressed in the goal. This requirement may not be met by combining this required goal with another goal.

- **Goal Description:** Describe the outcomes the LEA plans to achieve to address the needs of, and improve outcomes for, the student group or groups that led to the LEA's eligibility for Differentiated Assistance.
- **Explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal:** Explain why the LEA is required to develop this goal, including identifying the student group(s) that lead to the LEA being required to develop this goal, how the actions and associated metrics included in this goal differ from previous efforts to improve outcomes for the student group(s), and why the LEA believes the actions, metrics, and expenditures included in this goal will help achieve the outcomes identified in the goal description.

Low-performing school(s) criteria: The following criteria only applies to a school district or COE with two or more schools; it does not apply to a single-school district. A school district or COE has one or more schools that, for two consecutive years, received the two lowest performance levels on all but one of the state indicators for which the school(s) receive performance levels in the Dashboard and the performance of the "All Students" student group for the LEA is at least one performance level higher in all of those indicators. A list of the LEAs required to include a goal in the LCAP based on school performance, and the school(s) that lead to identification, may be found on the CDE's Local Control Funding Formula web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.

- **Low-performing school(s) goal requirement:** A school district or COE meeting the low-performing school(s) criteria must include a goal in its LCAP focusing on addressing the disparities in performance between the school(s) and the LEA as a whole. This goal must include metrics, outcomes, actions, and expenditures specific to addressing the needs of, and improving outcomes for, the students enrolled at the low-performing school or schools. An LEA required to address multiple schools is not required to have a goal to address each school; however, each school must be specifically addressed in the goal. This requirement may not be met by combining this goal with another goal.
- **Goal Description:** Describe what outcomes the LEA plans to achieve to address the disparities in performance between the students enrolled at the low-performing school(s) and the students enrolled at the LEA as a whole.
- **Explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal:** Explain why the LEA is required to develop this goal, including identifying the schools(s) that lead to the LEA being required to develop this goal; how the actions and associated metrics included in this goal differ from previous efforts to improve outcomes for the school(s); and why the LEA believes the actions, metrics, and expenditures included in this goal will help achieve the outcomes for students enrolled at the low-performing school or schools identified in the goal description.

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 are encouraged to identify metrics for specific student groups, as appropriate, including expected outcomes that would reflect narrowing of any existing performance gaps.

Include in the baseline column the most recent data associated with this 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 2019 Dashboard for the baseline of a metric only if that data represents the most recent available (e.g., high school graduation rate).

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. Because final 2020–21 outcomes on some metrics may not be computable at the time the 2021–24 LCAP is adopted (e.g., graduation rate, suspension rate), the most recent data available may include a point in time calculation taken each year on the same date for comparability purposes.

The baseline data shall remain unchanged throughout the three-year LCAP.

Complete the table as follows:

- **Metric:** Indicate how progress is being measured using a metric.
- **Baseline:** Enter the baseline when completing the LCAP for 2021–22. As described above, the baseline is the most recent data associated with a metric. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 1 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2022–23, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 2 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2023–24, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 3 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2024–25, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above. The 2024–25 LCAP will be the first year in the next three-year cycle. Completing this column will be part of the Annual Update for that year.
- **Desired Outcome for 2023–24:** When completing the first year of the LCAP, enter the desired outcome for the relevant metric the LEA expects to achieve by the end of the 2023–24 LCAP year.

Timeline for completing the “**Measuring and Reporting Results**” part of the Goal.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for Year 3 (2023–24)
Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2021–22 .	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2021–22 .	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2022–23 . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2023–24 . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2024–25 . Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for 2021–22 or when adding a new metric.

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 self-reflection tool for local indicators within the Dashboard.

Actions: Enter the action number. Provide a short title for the action. This title will also appear in the action tables. Provide a description of the action. Enter the total amount of expenditures associated with this action. Budgeted expenditures from specific fund sources will be provided in the summary tables. Indicate whether the action contributes to meeting the increase or improved services requirement as described in the Increased or Improved Services section using a “Y” for Yes or an “N” for No. (**Note:** for each such action offered on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis, the LEA will need to provide additional information in the Increased or Improved Summary Section to address the requirements in *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 [5 CCR] Section 15496(b) in the Increased or Improved Services Section of the LCAP).

Actions for English Learners: School districts, COEs, and charter schools that have a numerically significant English learner student subgroup must include specific actions in the LCAP related to, at a minimum, the language acquisition programs, as defined in *EC* Section 306, provided to students and professional development activities specific to English learners.

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.

Goal Analysis:

Enter the LCAP Year.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Describe the effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the articulated goal as measured by the LEA. 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.
- 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.

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 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.

Requirements and Instructions

Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants: 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 low income, foster youth, and English learner students.

Projected Additional LCFF Concentration Grant (15 percent): 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 LEAs 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:

For each action being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or COE, an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the goals for these students.

For each action included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement for unduplicated pupils and provided on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis, the LEA must include an explanation consistent with 5 CCR Section 15496(b). For any such actions continued into the 2021–24 LCAP from the 2017–2020 LCAP, the LEA must determine whether or not the action was effective as expected, and this determination must reflect evidence of outcome data or actual implementation to date.

Principally Directed and Effective: An LEA demonstrates how an action is principally directed towards and effective in meeting the LEA’s goals for unduplicated students when the LEA explains how:

- It considers the needs, conditions, or circumstances of its unduplicated pupils;
- The action, or aspect(s) of the action (including, for example, its design, content, methods, or location), is based on these considerations; and
- The action is intended to help achieve an expected measurable outcome of the associated goal.

As such, the response provided in this section may rely on a needs assessment of unduplicated 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 increase or improve services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

For example, if an LEA determines that low-income students have a significantly lower attendance rate than the attendance rate for all students, it might justify LEA-wide or schoolwide actions to address this area of need in the following way:

After assessing the needs, conditions, and circumstances of our low-income students, we learned that the attendance rate of our low-income students is 7 percent lower than the attendance rate for all students. (Needs, Conditions, Circumstances [Principally Directed])

In order to address this condition of our low-income students, we will develop and implement a new attendance program that is designed to address some of the major causes of absenteeism, including lack of reliable transportation and food, as well as a school climate that does not emphasize the importance of attendance. Goal N, Actions X, Y, and Z provide additional transportation and nutritional resources as well as a districtwide educational campaign on the benefits of high attendance rates. (Contributing Action[s])

These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis and we expect/hope that all students with less than a 100 percent attendance rate will benefit. However, because of the significantly lower attendance rate of low-income students, and because the actions meet needs most associated with the chronic stresses and experiences of a socio-economically disadvantaged status, we expect that the attendance rate for our low-income students will increase significantly more than the average attendance rate of all other students. (Measurable Outcomes [Effective In])

COEs and Charter Schools: Describe how actions included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement on an LEA-wide basis are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities as described above. In the case of COEs and charter schools, schoolwide and LEA-wide are considered to be synonymous.

For School Districts Only:

Actions Provided on an LEA-Wide Basis:

Unduplicated Percentage > 55 percent: For school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of 55 percent or more, describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities as described above.

Unduplicated Percentage < 55 percent: For school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of less than 55 percent, describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities. Also describe how the actions **are the most effective use of the funds** to meet these goals for its unduplicated pupils. Provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

Actions Provided on a Schoolwide Basis:

School Districts must identify in the description those actions being funded and provided on a schoolwide basis, and include the required description supporting the use of the funds on a schoolwide basis.

For schools with 40 percent or more enrollment of unduplicated pupils: Describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities.

For school districts expending funds on a schoolwide basis at a school with less than 40 percent enrollment of unduplicated pupils: Describe how these actions are principally directed to and how the actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet its goals for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students in the state and any local priorities.

A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.

Consistent with the requirements of 5 CCR Section 15496, describe how services provided for unduplicated pupils are increased or improved by at least the percentage calculated as compared to the services provided for all students in the LCAP year. 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 included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement, whether they are provided on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis or provided on a limited basis to unduplicated students. A limited action is an action that only serves foster youth, English learners, and/or low-income students. This description must address how these action(s) are expected to result in the required proportional increase or improvement in services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services the LEA provides to all students for the relevant LCAP year.

For any 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. See the instructions for determining the Planned Percentage of Improved Services for information on calculating the Percentage of Improved Services.

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 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. The LEA may group its schools by grade span (Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High Schools), as applicable to the LEA. 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. The LEA may group its schools by grade span (Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High Schools), as applicable to the LEA. 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 Data Entry 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 Data Entry Table, the Annual Update Table, the Contributing Actions Annual Update Table, and the LCFF Carryover Table. With the exception of the Data Entry 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 2022–23 LCAP, 2022–23 will be the coming LCAP Year and 2021–22 will be the current LCAP Year.

Data Entry Table

The Data Entry Table may be included in the LCAP as adopted by the local governing board or governing body, but is not required to be included. In the Data Entry 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 of LCFF funding the LEA estimates it will receive for the coming school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Grant Program and the Home to School Transportation Program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8).

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

- **2. Projected LCFF Supplemental and/or Concentration Grants:** Provide the total amount of LCFF supplemental and concentration grants the LEA estimates it will receive 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.
- **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; OR, type "No" if the action is **not** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services.
- 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.
- **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 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 Service 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 the LEA estimates it will actually receive based on of 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%).
 - 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 LCFF funding the LEA estimates it will receive for the current school year, excluding the supplemental and concentration grants and the add-ons for the Targeted Instructional Improvement Grant Program and the Home to School Transportation Program, pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(8).

- **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)
 - This amount is the total of the Planned Expenditures for Contributing Actions (LCFF Funds) column
- 5. Total Planned Percentage of Improved Services
 - 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)
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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)
 - 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 (%)
 - This amount is the total of the Planned Percentage of Improved Services column
- 8. Total Estimated Actual Percentage of Improved Services (%)
 - 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 + Carryover %)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 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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