



UPK Advisory Group Update

Presenters: Michael West, Colusa and Nancy Magee, San Mateo and Lindsay Tornatore

Item Type: Information

Recommendation: Provide an update on the CCSESA UPK Advisory Group and invite all members to participate.

Background: Building off prior investments, the 2021 Budget Act included \$639.2 million to expand eligibility for transitional kindergarten, beginning in 2022-23. In addition, the eligibility for the State Preschool Program will also be expanded. The eligibility period for State Preschool will be increased from 12 months of continuous eligibility, after eligibility is confirmed, to 24 months. Also, children with an individualized education program will be categorically eligible for the program. Finally, providers who have served all eligible three-and four-year-olds will be permitted to enroll two-year-old children.

To support county offices of education in their implementation of UPK, CCSESA has created a UPK Advisory Group, which will be chaired by Nancy Magee, San Mateo, and Michael West, Colusa County. The UPK Advisory Group will create space for county superintendents to discuss the challenges and successes they are experiencing within the expansion of UPK. This group will develop policy and legislative recommendations that help guide and prioritize CCSESA's work

The first meeting is scheduled for May 13th 11am - 12pm. All county superintendents are invited to join the Advisory Group by emailing Ashley Lugo at alugo@ccsesa.org.