



UPK Advisory Committee Update

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Item Type: Discussion

Recommendation: That the Board review the UPK Advisory Committee update.

Background:

The UPK Advisory Committee has held two meetings and will meet next on July 15th at 11am ([Zoom link](#)).

The first meeting chaired by Mike West (Colusa) and Nancy Magee (San Mateo), focused on defining the UPK Advisory Group's goals and guiding principles which can be [found here](#) on slides 4 and 5.

The Group's primary goals are to: 1) Agree upon and articulate a vision for COEs in the early learning/UPK space over the next 5 years, and 2) Identify the changes and supports that are needed to assist in UPK implementation, including any legislative and policy changes needed to sustain the success of state preschool, Head Start, and general childcare programs as TK is expanded. The Group will bring their recommendations to the CCSESA Legislative Committee and Board for further discussion and action at the end of 2022 or early 2023.

The second meeting focused on context setting, including the roles that COEs currently play via contracts with the state, and a discussion about policy maker's interest in establishing county infrastructure for early learning and care programs and/or adding UPK to the statewide system of support. To join future meetings, please email Carolyn Gray at cgray@sccoe.org and Ashley Lugo at alugo@ccsesa.org.

County superintendents should also note that the first apportionment of funding for the Countywide Implementation and Planning Grant was sent out last week. All COEs will receive this funding and allocation amounts can be [found here](#). The grant requires COEs to: 1) provide LEAs with TA and support on implementation of UPK and TK expansion until June of 2024, and 2) complete a COE UPK Plan. The COE Plan Template is [linked here](#). Responses to the required questions in the template will be collected by CDE via an online survey that will be sent out in July or August.