



## State Budget Issues

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**Recommendation:** Discuss implications of the 2022-23 Budget, describe ongoing advocacy efforts, and inform about the newly formed CCSESA Communications committee.

**Background:**

- [CCSESA Letter \(June 7, 2022\): Response to May Revision and Legislative Budget](#)
- [CCSESA talking points: LCFF parity](#)

While the 2022-23 Budget does not acknowledge our CCSESA Budget Request to increase county office Differentiated Assistance funding, we are still working on this request as a top priority. The state and the administration have informed us that their hesitation to address our request this year is largely due to the WestEd Statewide Evaluation of Differentiated Assistance, which will be published January 2023. All 58 county offices have taken the survey for this evaluation and we anticipate many of you and your staff will be invited to participate in focus groups and individual interviews in the coming months. The focus groups and interviews will provide an opportunity for county offices to validate the preliminary themes WestEd gleans from the survey responses.

CCSESA staff will develop a communications strategy to be rolled out beginning in August 2022 that will tell the story of the successes and challenges of county offices providing differentiated assistance to their LEAs. This effort will build upon the promotional video and flipbook created by the CCSESA Communications Committee back in January 2022.