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Los Angeles County
Office of Education



BUDGET ALERT

Supporting Students Served in Juvenile Court & County Community Schools

June 1, 2023

Dear President pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Senator Skinner, and Assembly Member Ting,

On behalf of the nearly 13,000 students served by juvenile court and county community schools (JCCS), our broad coalition of educational leaders, school board members, and statewide educational associations appreciate the inclusion of \$80 million in the state budget for students served in JCCS programs.

Like their colleague, Assembly Member Mike Gipson, the Assembly, Senate, and Governor have all agreed: Students in these settings deserve the improved educational, mental health, vocational, and transition services proposed by the Governor.

Regrettably, we must oppose the Assembly's proposal to delay these funds by one year and make the funding contingent upon accountability amendments adopted through future legislation. This coalition believes the amendments needed to adopt the new JCCS funding, including enhanced accountability, can be resolved this year in TBL. We cannot afford to wait.

We therefore urge the Legislature to:

(1) Approve the new JCCS funding for the 2023–24 Budget Act.

As the state's revenue picture evolves, proposals like this—focusing on students who have long been underserved by the current funding system—risk being swept into the overall budget. Delaying the funding will increase the odds these students never see the existence and impact of the new revenue.

(2) Adopt accountability provisions in TBL now, not future legislation.

County offices and county boards of education welcome greater visibility into JCCS education and student outcomes. We believe an agreement on accountability can and should be adopted in the 2023–24 Budget Act. We urge the Legislature to adopt TBL that expands upon JCCS accountability reporting for student access to educational program offerings, post-secondary preparation and dual enrollment, and mental and behavioral health support services. County offices that operate JCCS programs should report new data for students who enter and transition from a juvenile court or county community school.

(3) Adopt a technical amendment to increase and improve educational services in every county.

As currently drafted, students in JCCS programs in many counties, such as Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Mendocino, and Contra Costa, would be at risk of near-term budget shortfalls, which would negatively impact the very educational programs we seek to expand.

With these three considerations, our at-promise students in JCCS programs will be able to realize the benefits of additional educational, mental health, vocational, and transition services. **We urge you to support the proposal protecting services for students attending juvenile court and county community schools by taking the above actions.**

Organizations in Support

- California County Superintendents
- California School Boards Association
- Association of California School Administrators
- California Association of School Business Officials
- Central Valley Education Coalition

For more information

[Attachment \(A\)](#)

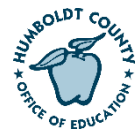
Read our fact sheet supporting this budget proposal

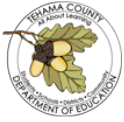
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Read the proposed accountability and technical amendments

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