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A Weekly Update to County Superintendents of Schools

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School Transportation Report Released by LAO

Yesterday the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report on funding for school transportation in California. The report describes three options for funding transportation and comments that all options represent "notable improvement" over the state's current approach. The report can be found [here](#).

The three options are:

1. Fund transportation within the Local Control Funding Formula;
2. Create a targeted program that reimburses a share of extraordinary transportation costs;
3. Create a broad-based program that reimburses a share of all transportation costs.

The report is of particular interest as part of a broader conversation about funding priorities outside of implementing the Local Control Funding Formula. Key topics in that conversation are proposals concerning expansion of transitional kindergarten or preschool, protecting career technical education programs, addressing the unfunded retirement liabilities, and transitioning to a more rational school transportation funding model.

Discussions over the next few months will help frame the proposals made by the Governor in the May Revision, and the subsequent actions by the Legislature as a final budget is adopted. These issues will be discussed by the CCSESA Legislative Committee and Board of Directors, which will guide CCSESA's advocacy on these issues in the 2014-15 budget debate.

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