



Office of the Superintendent

Management Report

DATE: June 25, 2026

AGENDA TOPIC: 2026 CARS (Consolidated Application and Reporting System)* Spring collection

PRESENTER: Michelle O'Dell, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In the spring, each Local Educational Agency (LEA) must submit a CARS Spring collection to document participation in specified programs and provide assurances that the district will comply with the legal requirements of each program. Program entitlements are determined by formulas contained in the laws that created the programs. The documents included: 2024-25 Title II Part A Expenditure Reporting (24 months); 2024-25 Title III English Learner YTD Expenditure Report (24 months); 2025-26 Title II Part A Fiscal Year Expenditure Report (12 months); 2025-26 Title III English Learner YTD Expenditure Report (12 months); 2025-26 Homeless Education Policy, Requirements, and Implementation; and 2026-27 Application for Funding (Assurances, Certifications, and Application for Funding).

**The reporting system (Consolidated Application and Reporting System – CARS Formerly the ConApp), includes the submission of the reports in two parts: Winter and Spring.*

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the CARS Spring collection assures funding to the district and schools for supplemental programs/services to staff and students. Approval is recommended.

2024–25 Title II, Part A Fiscal Year Expenditure Report, 24 Months

A report of year-to-date expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

CDE Program Contact:

Alice Ng (Fiscal), Division Support Office, ANg@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4636
 Lisa Fassett (Program), Professional Learning Support & Monitoring Office, LFassett@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4963

2024–25 Title II, Part A allocation	\$76,937
Transferred–in amount	\$0
Transferred–out amount	\$0
2024–25 Total allocation	\$76,937

Professional Development Expenditures

Professional development for teachers	\$11,527
Professional development for administrators	\$14,791
Consulting/Professional services	\$0
Induction programs	\$32,400
Books and other supplies	\$0
Dues and membership	\$0
Travel and conferences	\$0

Personnel and Other Authorized Activities

Certificated personnel salaries	\$17,600
Classified personnel salaries	\$0
Employee benefits	\$619
Developing or improving an evaluation system	\$0
Recruitment activities	\$0
Retention activities	\$0
Class size reduction	\$0

Program Expenditures

Direct administrative costs	\$0
Indirect costs	\$0
Equitable services for nonprofit private schools	\$0
Total expenditures	\$76,937
2024–25 Unspent funds	\$0

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2024–25 Title III English Learner YTD Expenditure Report, 24 Months

A report of year-to-date (YTD) expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

CDE Program Contact:

Annie Park, Language Policy and Leadership Office, APark@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-9620
 Geoffrey Ndirangu, Language Policy and Leadership Office, GNdirang@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5831

Required and authorized Title III English Learner (EL) student program activities

An eligible entity receiving funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act section 3115 (c)-(d) shall use the funds for the supplementary services as part of the language instruction program for EL students.

Refer to the Program Information link above for required and authorized EL student program activities.

Refer to the Data Entry Instructions link above for Expenditure Report Instructions.

2024–25 Title III EL student program allocation	\$35,302
Transferred-in amount	\$14,676
2024–25 Total allocation	\$49,978
Object Code - Activity	
1000–1999 Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
2000–2999 Classified personnel salaries	\$36,799
3000–3999 Employee benefits	\$13,179
4000–4999 Books and supplies	\$0
5000–5999 Services and other operating expenditures	\$0
Direct administrative costs (amount cannot exceed 2% of the student program allocation plus transferred-in amount)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$0
Total year-to-date expenditures	\$49,978
2024–25 Unspent funds	\$0

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2025–26 Title II, Part A Fiscal Year Expenditure Report, 12 Months

A report of year-to-date expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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2025–26 Title II, Part A allocation	\$59,373
Transferred–in amount	\$0
Transferred–out amount	\$0
2025–26 Total allocation	\$59,373

Professional Development Expenditures

Professional development for teachers	\$8,143
Professional development for administrators	\$6,969
Consulting/Professional services	\$0
Induction programs	\$16,200
Books and other supplies	\$0
Dues and membership	\$0
Travel and conferences	\$0

Personnel and Other Authorized Activities

Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
Classified personnel salaries	\$0
Employee benefits	\$0
Developing or improving an evaluation system	\$0
Recruitment activities	\$0
Retention activities	\$0
Class size reduction	\$0

Program Expenditures

Direct administrative costs	\$0
Indirect costs	\$0
Equitable services for nonprofit private schools	\$0
Total expenditures	\$31,312
2025–26 Unspent funds	\$28,061

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2025–26 Title III EL student program allocation	\$33,750
Transferred-in amount	\$3,188
2025–26 Total allocation	\$36,938
Object Code - Activity	
1000–1999 Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
2000–2999 Classified personnel salaries	\$26,891
3000–3999 Employee benefits	\$10,047
4000–4999 Books and supplies	\$0
5000–5999 Services and other operating expenditures	\$0
Direct administrative costs (amount cannot exceed 2% of the student program allocation plus transferred-in amount)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$0
Total year-to-date expenditures	\$36,938
2025–26 Unspent funds	\$0

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2025–26 Homeless Education Policy, Requirements, and Implementation

The purpose of this data collection is to meet federal requirements specified in 42 United States Code 11431 et seq. (Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act) and some federal requirements in Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This collection includes monitoring local educational agencies (LEAs) and their compliance with key provisions of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act including the collection of contact information for each required designated LEA's homeless liaison.

CDE Program Contact:

Karina Barrales, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, KBarrales@cde.ca.gov, 916-327-9692
 Deborah Avalos, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, DAvalos@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0599

Homeless Education Certification

The LEA hereby assures that the LEA has met the following requirements:

1. Designated a staff person as the liaison for homeless children and youths;
2. Developed a written policy that supports the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youths in schools of the LEA which:
 - a) Includes policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless;
 - b) Includes a dispute resolution process;
 - c) Ensures that transportation is provided for a homeless child or youth to and from the school of origin if requested by the parent, guardian or homeless liaison;
3. Disseminated public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths where such children and youths receive services under the provisions of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act.

Homeless Liaison Contact Information

Homeless liaison first name	Michelle
Homeless liaison last name	O'Dell
Homeless liaison title	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Homeless liaison email address (Format: abc@xyz.zyx)	modell@willowsunified.org
Homeless liaison telephone number (Format: 999-999-9999)	530-934-6600
Homeless liaison telephone extension	8101
Enter the full-time equivalent (FTE) for all personnel directly responsible for the implementation of homeless education (Format: 0.00)	0.50

Homeless Liaison Training Information

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Has the homeless liaison attended and/or participated in a homeless education liaison training within the last two years	Yes
Has the homeless liaison provided training to the following personnel:	
Principals and other school leaders	Yes
Attendance officers and registrars	Yes
Teachers and instructional assistants	Yes
School counselors	Yes

Homeless Education Policy and Requirements

Does the LEA have a written homeless education policy	Yes
No policy comment	
Provide an explanation why the LEA does not have a homeless education policy. (Maximum 500 characters)	
Date LEA's board approved the homeless education policy	06/15/2023
Does the LEA meet the above federal requirements	Yes
Compliance comment	
Provide an explanation why the LEA does not comply with federal requirements. (Maximum 500 characters)	

Housing Questionnaire Identifying Homeless Children

Does your LEA use a housing questionnaire to assist with the identification of homeless children and youth	Yes
Does the housing questionnaire include best practices, rights, and protections afforded to homeless children and youth	No
Is the housing questionnaire made available in paper form	Yes
Did your LEA administer the housing questionnaire to all student body during the school year	Yes

Title I, Part A Homeless Expenditures

2025–26 Title I, Part A LEA allocation	\$575,522
2025–26 Title I, Part A direct or indirect services to homeless children reservation	\$17,125

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Amount of 2025–26 Title I, Part A funds expended or encumbered for direct or indirect services for homeless children	\$0
Homeless services provided (Maximum 500 characters)	
No expenditures or encumbrances comment Provide an explanation why there are no Title I, Part A expenditures or encumbrances for homeless services. (Maximum 500 characters)	Transportation to and from temporary living quarters using district staff and vehicles, materials and supplies (e.g. PE clothing) to homeless students to ensure they were able to participate in learning and attend school but it was paid for with supplemental and concentration grant money.

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2026–27 Certification of Assurances

Submission of Certification of Assurances is required every fiscal year. A complete list of legal and program assurances for the fiscal year can be found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/co/ca26assurancetoc.asp>.

CDE Program Contact:

Consolidated Application Support Desk, Education Data Office, ConAppSupport@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0297

Consolidated Application Certification Statement

I hereby certify that all of the applicable state and federal rules and regulations will be observed by this applicant; that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct and complete; and I agree to participate in the monitoring process regarding the use of these funds according to the standards and criteria set forth by the California Department of Education Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Office. Legal assurances for all programs are accepted as the basic legal condition for the operation of selected projects and programs and copies of assurances are retained on site. I certify that we accept all assurances except for those for which a waiver has been obtained or requested. A copy of all waivers or requests is on file. I certify that actual ink signatures for this form are on file.

Authorized Representative's Full Name	Michelle O'Dell
Authorized Representative's Signature	
Authorized Representative's Title	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Authorized Representative's Signature Date	05/26/2026

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2026–27 Protected Prayer Certification

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 8524 specifies federal requirements regarding constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools. This form meets the annual requirement and provides written certification.

CDE Program Contact:

Carrie Lopes, Title I Policy, Program, and Support Office, CLopes@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0126

Protected Prayer Certification Statement

The local educational agency (LEA) hereby assures and certifies to the California State Board of Education that the LEA has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public schools as set forth in the "Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools."

The LEA hereby assures that this page has been printed and contains an ink signature. The ink signature copy shall be made available to the California Department of Education upon request or as part of an audit, a compliance review, or a complaint investigation.

The authorized representative agrees to the above statement	Yes
Authorized Representative's Full Name	Michelle O'Dell
Authorized Representative's Title	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Authorized Representative's Signature Date	05/11/2026
Comment	
If the LEA is not able to certify at this time, then an explanation must be provided in the comment field. (Maximum 500 characters)	

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2026–27 LCAP Federal Addendum Certification

CDE Program Contact:

Local Agency Systems Support Office, LCAPAddendum@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5233

Initial Application

To receive initial funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a local educational agency (LEA) must have a plan approved by the State Educational Agency on file with the State. Within California, LEAs that apply for ESSA funds for the first time are required to complete the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), the LCAP Federal Addendum Template (Addendum), and the Consolidated Application (ConApp). The LCAP, in conjunction with the Addendum and the ConApp, serve to meet the requirements of the ESSA LEA Plan.

In order to initially apply for funds, the LEA must certify that the current LCAP has been approved by the local governing board or governing body of the LEA. As part of this certification, the LEA agrees to submit the LCAP Federal Addendum, that has been approved by the local governing board or governing body of the LEA, to the California Department of Education (CDE) and acknowledges that the LEA agrees to work with the CDE to ensure that the Addendum addresses all required provisions of the ESSA programs for which they are applying for federal education funds.

Returning Application

If the LEA certified a prior year LCAP Federal Addendum Certification data collection form in the Consolidated Application and Reporting System, then the LEA may use in this form the same original approval or adoption date used in the prior year form.

County Office of Education (COE) or District For a COE, enter the original approval date as the day the CDE approved the current LCAP. For a district, enter the original approval date as the day the COE approved the current LCAP	10/08/2025
Direct Funded Charter Enter the adoption date of the current LCAP	
Authorized Representative's Full Name	Michelle O'Dell
Authorized Representative's Title	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

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2026–27 Application for Funding

CDE Program Contact:

Consolidated Application Support Desk, Education Data Office, ConAppSupport@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0297

Local Governing Board Approval

The local educational agency (LEA) is required to review and receive approval of their Application for Funding selections with their local governing board.

By checking this box the LEA certifies that the Local Board has approved the Application for Funding for the listed fiscal year	Yes
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District English Learner Advisory Committee Review

Per Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Section 11308, if your LEA has more than 50 English learners, then the LEA must establish a District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) which shall review and advise on the development of the application for funding programs that serve English learners.

By checking this box the LEA certifies that parent input has been received from the District English Learner Committee (if applicable) regarding the spending of Title III funds for the listed fiscal year	Yes
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Application for Categorical Programs

To receive specific categorical funds for a school year, the LEA must apply for the funds by selecting Yes below. Only the categorical funds that the LEA is eligible to receive are displayed.

Title I, Part A (Basic Grant) ESSA Sec. 1111et seq. SACS 3010	Yes
Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction) ESEA Sec. 2104 SACS 4035	Yes
Title III English Learner ESEA Sec. 3102 SACS 4203	Yes
Title III Immigrant ESEA Sec. 3102 SACS 4201	No
Title IV, Part A (Student and School Support) ESSA Sec. 4101 SACS 4127	Yes

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2026–27 Title III English Learner Student Program Subgrant Budget

The purpose of this data collection form is to provide a proposed budget for English learner (EL) Student Program Subgrant funds only per the Title III English Learner Students Program requirements (ESSA, Sections 3114, 3115, & 3116).

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Estimated Allocation Calculation

Estimated English learner per student allocation	\$135.70
Estimated English learner student count	184
Estimated English learner student program allocation	\$24,969

Note: \$10,000 minimum program eligibility criteria

If the local educational agency's estimated English learner student program allocation is less than \$10,000, then it does not meet the minimum program eligibility criteria for direct funding status and requires further action. To receive instructions regarding the consortium application process, please go to the California Department of Education Title III EL Student Program Consortium Details web page located at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ml/elconsortium.asp>.

Budget

Professional development activities	\$0
Program and other authorized activities	\$24,969
English Proficiency and Academic Achievement	\$0
Parent, family, and community engagement	\$0
Direct administrative costs (Amount cannot exceed 2% of the estimated English learner student program allocation)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$0
Total budget	\$24,969

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2026–27 Substitute System for Time Accounting

This certification may be used by auditors and by California Department of Education (CDE) oversight personnel when conducting audits and sub-recipient monitoring of the substitute time-and-effort system. Approval is automatically granted when the local educational agency (LEA) submits and certifies this data collection.

CDE Program Contact:

Hilary Thomson, Fiscal Oversight and Support Office, HThomson@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-0765

The LEA certifies that only eligible employees will participate in the substitute system and that the system used to document employee work schedules includes sufficient controls to ensure that the schedules are accurate.

Detailed information on documenting salaries and wages, including both substitute systems of time accounting, are described in Procedure 905 of the California School Accounting Manual posted on the CDE web site at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/sa/>.

2026–27 Request for authorization	Yes
LEA certifies that the following is a full disclosure of any known deficiencies with the substitute system or known challenges with implementing the system (Maximum 500 characters)	We certify.

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2026–27 Nonprofit Private School Consultation

The local educational agency shall provide, on an equitable basis, special education services or other benefits to address the needs of eligible children and staff enrolled in nonprofit private elementary and secondary schools under the programs listed below.

CDE Program Contact:

Sylvia Hanna, Title I Policy, Program, and Support Office, SHanna@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0948
Rina DeRose, Title I Policy, Program, and Support Office, RDeRose@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-0472

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) sections 1117 and 8501, a local educational agency shall consult annually with appropriate private school officials and both shall have the goal of reaching agreement on how to provide equitable and effective programs for eligible private school children, teachers, and families. This applies to programs under Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; Title III, English Learner; Title III, Immigrant; Title IV, Part A; Title IV, Part B; and section 4631, with regard to the Project School Emergency Response to Violence Program (Project SERV).

The enrollment numbers are reported under penalty of perjury by each private school on its annual Private School Affidavit. The information in the Private School Affidavit is not verified, and the California Department of Education takes no position as to its accuracy. It is expected that districts engaged in private school consultation verify the accuracy of student enrollment data and the tax exempt status if it is being used for the purpose of providing equitable services.

Private School's Believed Results of Consultation Allowable Codes

Y1: meaningful consultation occurred
Y2: timely and meaningful consultation did not occur
Y3: the program design is not equitable with respect to eligible private school children

Y4: timely and meaningful consultation did not occur and the program design is not equitable with respect to eligible private school children

Add non-attendance area school(s) No

The local educational agency is electing to add nonprofit private schools outside of the district's attendance area.

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School Name	School Code	Enrollment	Consultation Occurred	Was Consultation Agreement Met	Signed Written Affirmation on File	Consultation Code	School Added
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