California Special Education Leadership Symposium

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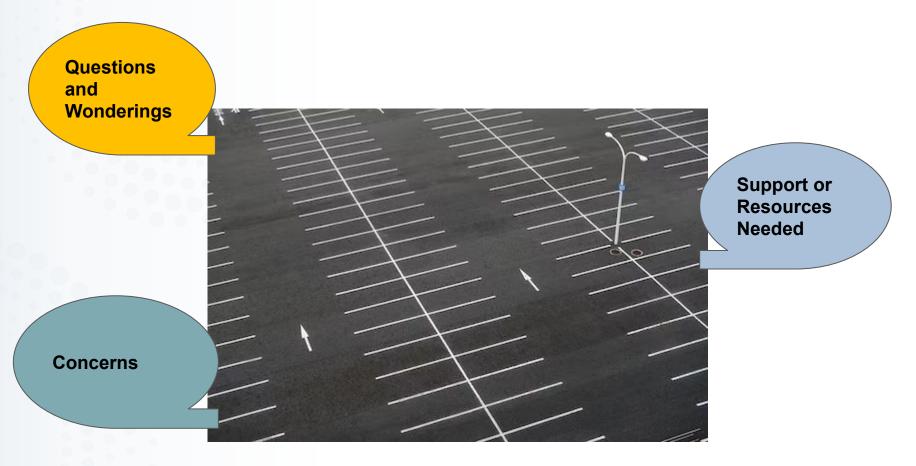


Agenda

- Welcome
- Your State Agencies and their collective work/responsibilities
- Statewide Workgroup Reports
- Special Education Studies and 2022-23 Updates
- Resources for the field



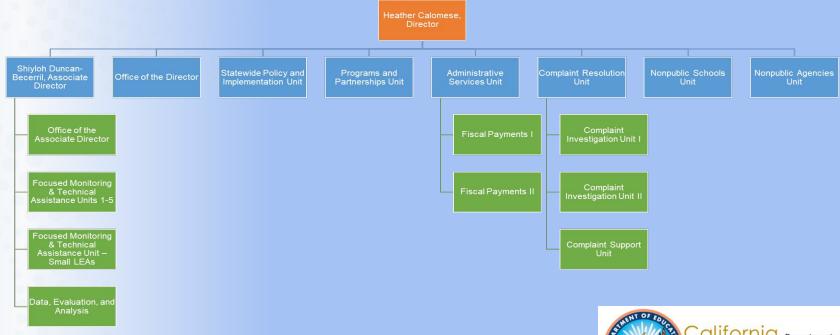






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Special Education Division







Focused Monitoring for Improvement

What you monitor exemplifies what you value

What we value?

• Improving outcomes of students with disabilities

Monitoring Focus

- Improvement
- What about compliance?

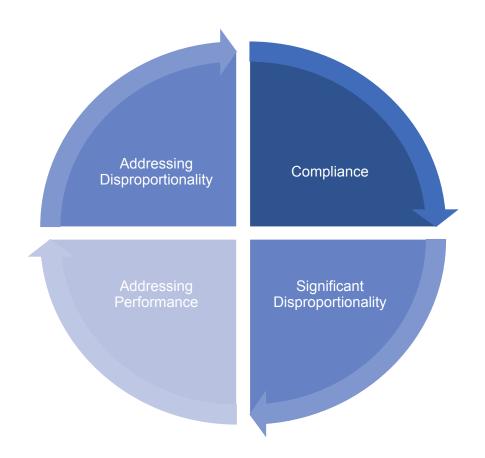
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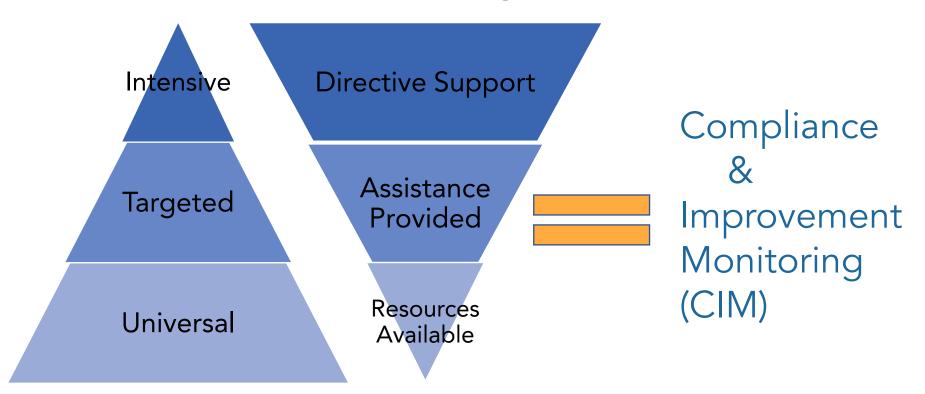
Spring of 2022 Focus







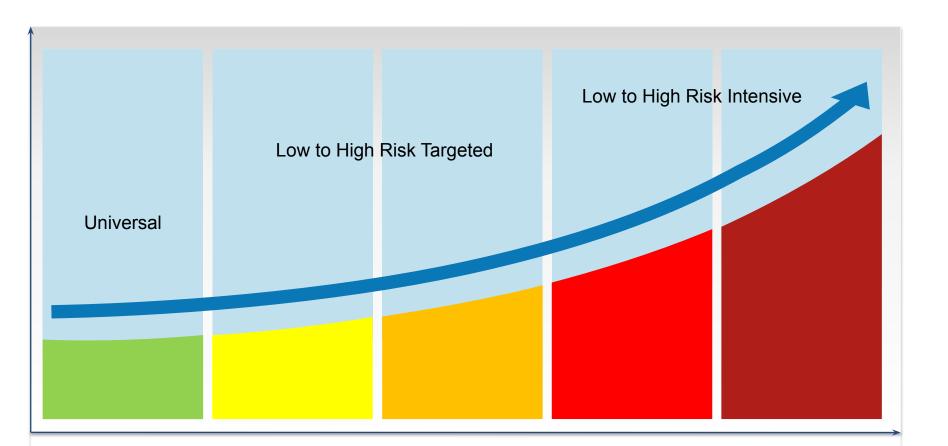
Monitoring Tiers







What will CDE's Engagement in the CIM Look Like?



What is the CIM Process?

Step 1:
Gather/Inquiry

Step 2:
Investigate

Step 3:
Plan

What?

How?





Monitoring Tiers

The CDE sends each LEA in the state a letter that achieves three main objectives:

- 1) notifies the LEA of its annual determination of whether or not it has met requirements of Part B of the IDEA as required under 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.600(a) and 300.603
- 2) notifies the LEA of its monitoring tier for the upcoming monitoring year; and, if applicable,
- 3) notifies the LEA if it has been identified as significantly disproportionate





CIM Timeline

March

Annual Determination Letter

Instructional Webinars

March-June CIM Step 1

Gather and Inquire

July-September CIM Step 2

Investigate

October-November
CIM Step 3

Plan November 1 Plans due





Performance Area Focus and the CIM

Significant Intensive Need for Disproportionality FAPE in the LRE NO Yes Yes NO Disproportionality Yes Compliance Only NO

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What about Compliance?

Timeline Non Compliance

Late IEPs and Initial Assessments of Eligibility

Any Late IEPs or Initial Assessment of Eligibility

Corrective Actions

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Student waiting a long time for IEPs

OR LEA not making progress

Resources for Improvement

Student waiting a long time for IEPs <u>AND</u> LEA not making progress

> Directed Support from SELPA IEP Leads



What is the key difference between the CIM and previous Special Education Monitoring Activities?

- There will be an emphasis on improvement
- LEAs will focus on only one improvement activity at a time
- LEAs will partner with assigned TA providers to support improvement
- The process will be flexible and addressing LEA concerns





Questions?





Purpose of California's System of Support (CA Education Code 52059.5)

- 1. Support the continuous improvement of student performance in each of the eight state priority areas
- 2. Address the gaps in achievement between student groups identified
- 3. Improve outreach and collaboration with educational partners to ensure that goals, actions, and services described in school district and county office of education LCAPs reflect the needs of the students and community, especially for historically underrepresented or low-achieving groups.





California System of Support This graphic is intended to show the network of state-funded support providers under the System of Support.







LEVEL 1 SUPPORT FOR ALL

Various state and local agencies provide an array of support resources, tools, and voluntary technical assistance that all LFAs may use to improve student performance at the LEA and school level and narrow gaps in performance among student groups across the LCFF priorities.



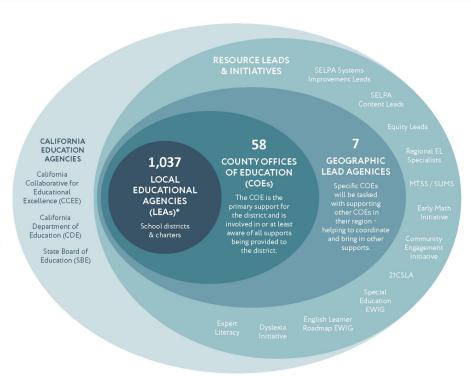
LEVEL 2 DIFFERENTIATED ASSISTANCE

County Superintendents, the California Department of Education, and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence provide differentiated assistance by working with LEAs and COEs to address identified performance gaps among student groups.



LEVEL 3 INTENSIVE INTERVENTION

The Superintendent of Public Instruction may require more intensive supports for local education agencies (LEAs) and/or schools with persistent performance issues and a lack of improvement over a specified time period.

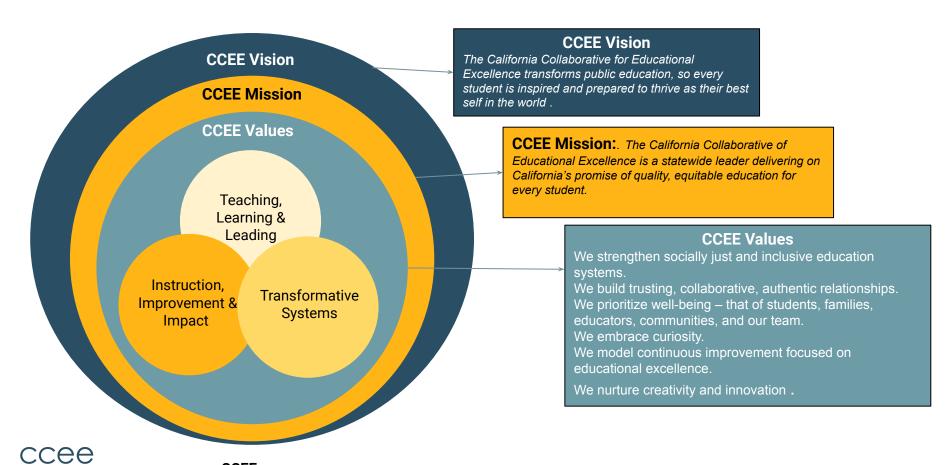


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Statewide

System of Support

* 2019-2020



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What is CCEE's Role in SSOS?

Established by statute in 2013, the CCEE has been designated as one of the key agencies charged with growing and strengthening California's innovative System of Support.

- Facilitate and enable communication among COEs and Lead Agencies
- Co-Lead the work of the Community Engagement Initiative
- Facilitate and evaluate the work of the SELPA Lead Agencies
- Facilitate and evaluate the work of the Geographic Leads
- Raise the effectiveness and impact of education practices statewide
- Collaborate on innovative projects
- Evaluate the system of support

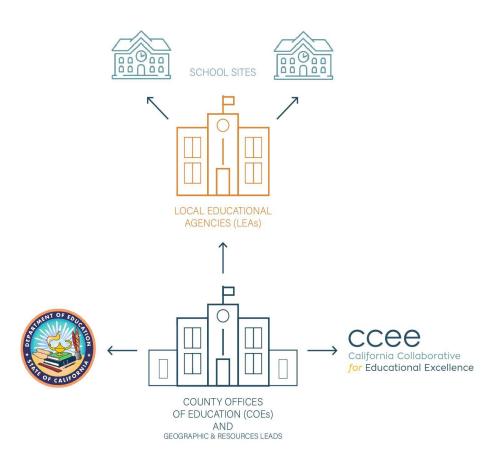


CCEE is:

 in statute to advise and assist school districts, county superintendents, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in their LCAP

CCEE shall achieve this:

 by facilitation of continuous improvement for local educational agencies within California's systems of public school support





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CCEE

Centers for Educational Excellence

As the statewide agency solely charged with assisting LEAs in need of support, CCEE provides universal, targeted, and intensive supports and resources for local educational agencies (LEAs) through the work of our three Centers:







CCEE Center Highlights

<u>Innovation, Instruction, & Impact (I3)</u>

Research-Practice Partnership

Eligibility

Activities/initiatives funded through the RPP must:

- Be LEA-led and include explicit sponsorship by the LEA Sup
- Must be focused on improving student outcomes
- Support activities/outcomes linked to one of the <u>State's</u> <u>priority areas</u> and identified in the LEA's current LCAP
- Identify a limited set of evidence-based activities to support student outcomes, to be completed within a specified timeframe
- Include partnership with CCEE in research activities to collect baseline data and measure outcomes
- Typically \$20-50,000 range for 6 mo-2 yr project (short term)
- Examine student level outcomes as a result of district or school level activities aiming at improving student academic performance, engagement, or social-emotional well-being.

Teaching, Learning, and Leading (TLLC)

Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)

 An LEA is experiencing chronic systemic challenges and requires assistance on systemic change.

Systemic Instructional Review (SIR)

- Collaboration with LEA, their COE and other partner agencies
- Instructional comprehensive assessment
- Action Plan with continuous improvement

Facilitated Instructional Review (FIR) - more to come

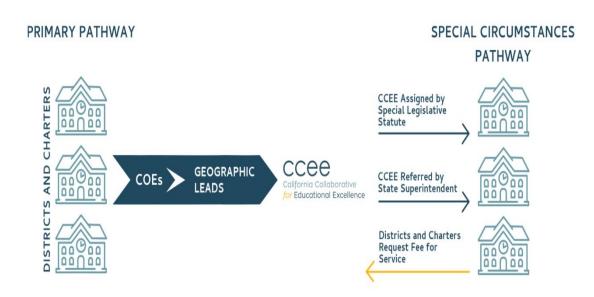
Learning Acceleration Grants

<u>Direct Technical Assistance Pathway</u>

Accessing DTA through the California System of Support

- Wraparound Support: Formerly
 AB1840, Ed Code Section
 52074(g)(2)(A) if a school district
 receives an emergency apportionment
 pursuant to Article 2 (commencing
 with Section 41320) of Chapter 3 of
 Part 24 of Division 3, the school district
 shall be deemed to have been referred
 to the California Collaborative for
 Educational Excellence.
- SIR: Ed. Code Section 52064.5 (CA School Dashboard) whereby three or more pupil subgroups identified pursuant to Section 52052 did not make progress based on the CA School Dashboard.

How Districts and Charters Engage with The CCEE





Goals of the Learning Acceleration System Grant



Develop a **robust statewide infrastructure** to ensure educators **anywhere in the state** have access to high quality professional learning



Show the impact of the **evidence-based** accelerated learning strategy for **students with high needs**, **including English Learners**, **students with disabilities**, **and low-income students**



Create or expand existing **evidence-based** professional development opportunities or guidance for educators, paraprofessionals, and administrators to address students' learning acceleration

Project Name	Lead County Office of Education	Named Partners	Content Area	Geographic Coverage
Rural Math Collaborative	Lake COE \$11 m	Butte COE, California Math Project (Chico & Sonoma State University)	Mathematics: • Professional Learning • Coaching • Small, rural focus	Far North
Project CLEAR	San Diego COE \$19.5 m	Saint Mary's College	Literacy: • Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders	Statewide
California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration (CCLA)	Santa Clara COE \$14.5 m	Placer COE, Riverside COE, Contra Costa COE, Tulare COE, Imperial COE, Los Angeles COE, California Partnership for Math & Science Education, San Jose State University, Stanford University	Literacy, Mathematics,& Language Development:: • Professional Learning infrastructure • Tiered supports • Online repository of PL	Statewide
All grants through 20	25-26			

Transformative Systems for Equitable Educational Outcomes

Our team partners with educators, communities, and organizations to empower schools to meet the evolving needs of all students.

Initiative 1

The realization of a shared vision for implementation of the Statewide System of Support (SSOS) that develops coordinated actions resulting in equitable educational outcomes as defined in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals



Develop and align coordinated, collaborative and integrated structures across lead agencies such as County Offices of Education, Geographic Leads, and SELPA Leads to address LEA universal, targeted and intensive supports

Initiative 2

Identify and distribute promising practices that build innovation, collaboration, and impact across the state



Convene, gather, and equip SSOS leads around best practices that address and target equitable educational outcomes for ALL students

Initiative 3

Partner with County Offices of Education (COEs) to enhance a coherent statewide system of support that coordinates, collaborates and integrates resources and strategies to improve educational outcomes for all students



<u>Build the capacity of lead agencies</u> such as County Offices of Education, Geographic Leads, and SELPA Leads for measuring statewide impact of student learning efforts





TRANSFORMATIVE SYSTEMS FOR **EQUITABLE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES**



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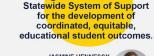
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Facilitating a common integrated vision for the

Early Literacy Support Block Grant Reading and Writing Intervention Special Education EWIG One System Collective



FOCUS: Community Engagement Initiative Early Literacy Support Block Grant Reading Instruction and Intervention

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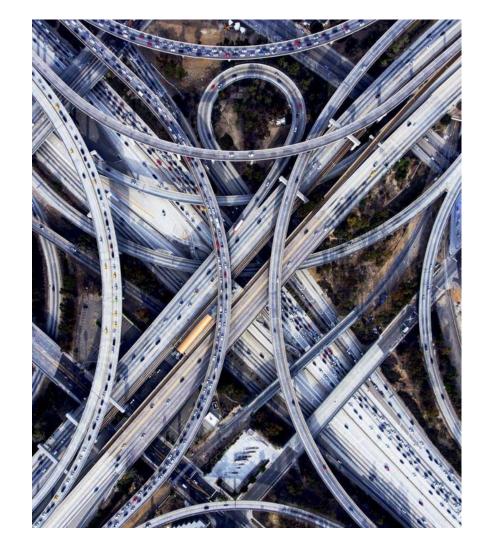
Community Engagement Initiative





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Facilitation a common integrated vision for the Statewide System of Support for the development of coordinated, equitable, educational outcomes.







Statewide System of Support: Working Group

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Statewide System of Support-Core Working Group

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Melissa Hodgson, Program Specialist, CCEE

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- Judy Flores, Superintendent (Shasta COE)
- Mike Fine, Chief Executive Officer (FCMAT)
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Grounding Assumptions For Our SSOS Work

The ultimate goal of the State System Of Support (SSOS) is to provide <u>coordinated</u>, <u>needs-based</u>, <u>and differentiated resources and support to LEAs</u> that lead to improved services for <u>all</u> students evidenced by the closing of opportunity gaps and increased achievement.

Calibration Around Language: Universal, Targeted, and Intensive in description of SSOS supports and resources



Systemic 3 Phase Approach

Phase 1: March-April 2022- Coordination Phase

- ✔ Review intensive support alignment opportunities.
- ✓ Synthesize potential recommendations for collaboration.

Phase 3: June – September 2022-Integration

- ✓ Finalize Intensive Supports and Resources recommendations for improvement (report)
- ✓ Organize Targeted Assistance working group.
- ✓ Finalize Reactor Group final input



Phase 2: April-June 2022- Collaboration Phase

- ✓ In Response to Phase 1 Use coordination opportunities for greater collaboration amongst CORE working group for improved SSOS coherence and alignment for Intensive
- ✔ Determine Intensive Supports and Resources findings
- ✔ Reactor Group input updates begin

One System Collective (OSC)

- Overarching goal for the OSC is to serve as a key contributor/partner in the SSOS to meaningfully include SWDs
- Advocacy for Establishment of One System that meaningfully includes and integrates All students within a single system
- Integrate and coordinate state initiatives for LEAs to facilitate implementation of improvement plans statewide





Policy Council

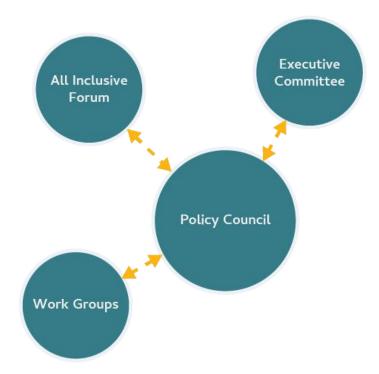
- Cross agency representatives
- Ensure work is aligned, integrated and coherent with the SSOS with equity focus for all students.
- Work Groups may be formed with experts and educational partners to address developing specific implementation strategies
- An Executive Committee will provide the overall leadership for the OSC

The Collective - All Inclusive Forum

- All Educational partners (educators, families, organizations, community) invited to participate
- Provide input, feedback, recommendations on strengths and barriers regarding SSOS
- Magnify capability to identify best practices and expand two-way communication pathways throughout the state

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One System Collective



One System Collective

Executive Advisory Committee

Name	Title	Affiliation
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<u>Transformative Systems for Equitable Educational Outcomes</u> (TSEE)

Areas of Focus (CA Educ. Code Requirements):

- Geographic Leads
- SELPA Improvement Leads
- SELPA Content Leads
- Community Engagement Initiative (CEI)
- 21st Century California School Leadership Academy (21CSLA)
 - Training and coaching for principals and other school leaders
 - o Priority may be given to LEAs and COEs eligible to receive DA
- System of Support Evaluation
- IEP Template Expert Panel
- Special Education Educator Workforce Investment Grant (SpEd EWIG)
 - Sec 124: \$20m
 - o PD and implementation support.
 - Teachers and paraprofessionals
 - UDL for inclusive practices





Community Engagement Initiative



The State established the Community Engagement Initiative to:

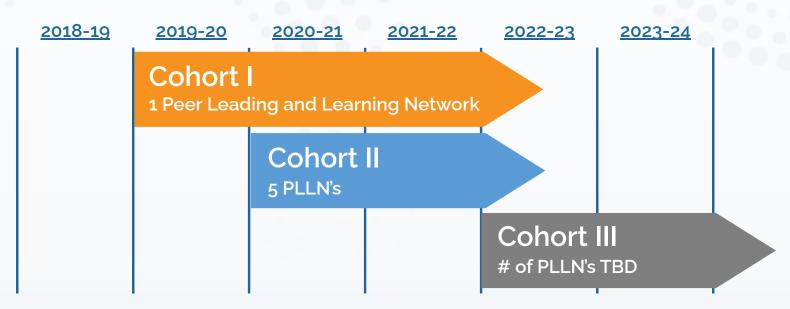
Build capacity in communities and districts to have difficult conversations with each other and Build build trust, with a focus on improving outcomes for pupils Identify effective models of community engagement and metrics to evaluate those Identify models Develop effective peer-to-peer partnerships Develop between districts and COEs, utilizing CCEE's PLN structure, to deepen community engagement Scale up this work to improve community engagement statewide and incorporate practices Scale up

that prove effective towards district and COE

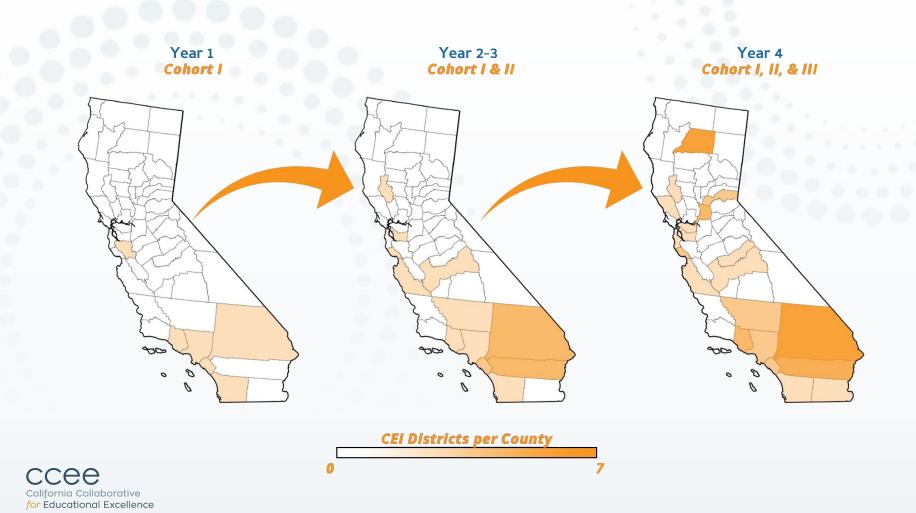
continuous improvement efforts



Initiative Timeline



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The Community Engagement Initiative

Jointly Led by:











In partnership with...

Cohort I











Cohort II























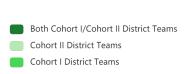


Cohort III Recruitment

Applications submitted by May 17, 2022

For more information visit californiaengage.org

May Revise: \$100 million to expand CEI LEAs







Family/Parent Leaders



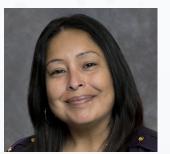
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2022-23 State Funding Updates

Community Engagement Initiative (CCEE)

- \$100 million (one time) to expand program
- 2018- \$13.3 million (one time over 5 years)
 - Disseminates best practices for school-community interaction
 - Peer-to-peer coaching among LEAs



Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

System Improvement Leads (SIL)

https://systemimprovement.org









West San Gabriel Valley



Improving Outcomes for English Learners with Disabilities



Content Leads



California Autism Professional
Training and Information
Network (CAPTAIN)



Open Access -Learning and Participation for All



Equity,
Disproportionality and
Design (ED & D) project

SELPA System Improvement and Content Leads

- Current grants through June 2023
- RTI International evaluation
 - All SELPA Lead meetings for aggregate data (10/12/22, 01/30/23, 5/11/23)
 - 1:1 Lead meetings for disaggregate data

- Continue 1:1 State Agency and Lead Check-Ins
 - Focus on sustainability and impact for year 5







Special Education Resource Leads (2023-2028)

\$10 million - up to 5 years grant allotment

Ed Code Section 52073.2 amended:

CCEE and the department (CDE) collaboratively select:

- SELPA, COEs, or consortia of SELPAs and COEs to serve as resource leads to work with lead agencies pursuant to Sections 52073 and 52073.1.
- At least 3 resource leads selected to ensure statewide capacity at local and regional levels
- At least one resource lead shall be selected to support the development and implementation of high-quality IEPs.
- ADR: \$2 million allocation
 - At least one resource lead
 - o In partnership with a family support organization, or coalition of family support organizations
 - Support to families of pupils with disabilities
 - Provide capacity building, training, and TA with conflict prevention and ADR in special education.

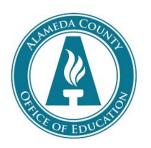






Geographic Leads (Geo Leads)











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Geographic Leads

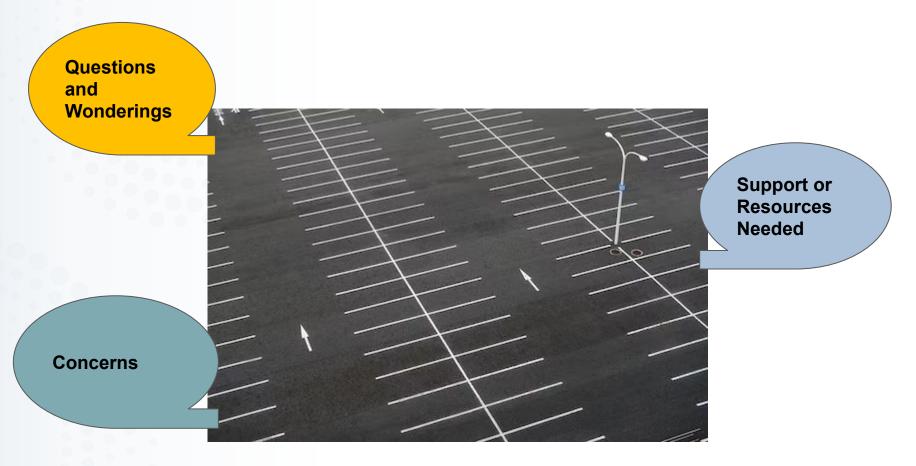
Geo Lead Map

- Current grants through June 2023
- July 2023 Renewal process: "Solicitation for Request for Renewal"
- Open to only the current 7 Geographic Lead Agencies
- The new term will be minimum of 2 years (beginning July 1, 2023) with a third year if the expectations of the grant are met.
- "SRR" currently being developed with state agency partners











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In Partners or table group:

1. Any items you learned about today for the first time?

2. How can this information apply to your work?

3. What questions/wonderings do you have about this work?



Statewide Workgroup Reports

•California Special Education Governance & Accountability Study (SEGA)

•California Statewide Individualized Education Program Report

•Part C to B for California Kids Report

 California Alternative Pathways to a High School Diploma Report (next slide)



Alternative Pathways to Diploma

AB 181 (effective June 2022)

- Alternate diploma pathway for students with most significant cognitive disabilities (1%)
- An exemption not a waiver
- Consistent with recommendation from Alt Pathways workgroup

<u>SB 154</u>

- \$1 million total
- By Oct.1, 2022 contract with a "federal comprehensive technical assistance provider"
- "...identify and develop alternative coursework and performance tasks for educators to use with students with disabilities who are not eligible for the California Alternate Assessments"
- \$100,000 may be used by the department (CDE) to "convene state and national experts to collect and develop alternate coursework and performance task resources available for educators."
- On or before June 30, 2024 provide "alternative coursework options and performance tasks available for use in California schools that meet each state graduation requirement".



IEP Template Expert Panel

Background:

- \$200,000 federal IDEA funds (one time)
- CCEE convene a panel, comprised of members selected in consultation with and subject to approval of the Executive Director of the SBE

Purpose:

• Continue refining the IEP template designed by the workgroup authorized in Chapter 6 of the Statues of 2020

Outcomes:

- On of before June 30, 2024 provide an update on the development of a state standardized IEP template to:
 - o Chairpersons of relevant policy committees and budget subcommittes of the Legislature
 - Executive Director of the State Board of Education or the Executive Director's designee
 - Director of Finance



2022-23 State Funding Updates

<u>PreK</u>

- \$10.8 million (one time Prop 98)
- \$10.8 million (one time non Prop 98)
 - Waive family share of cost for children in State Preschool programs

Transitional K Educators

- Allows teachers w/PreK teaching permits who has BA/BS
 - Enrolled in course work for credential can teach TK (sunsets June 30, 2026)
 - Children turning 5 years old between Sept 2-Feb 2 (previously was Dec 2)



Serving SWDs in CA

All students are general education students first (SB 1113). Students with disabilities receive Supplemental Services and Supports based on individual needs.

Programmatically:

- Alignment and collaboration with general education staff
- Universal Design for Learning, MTSS and PBIS practices
- Needs analysis and resource identification for supports

Monitoring:

- Differentiated Assistance
- Annual Determination Letters CIM process
- LCAP: Goals and Next steps





Statewide System of Support (SSOS)

 Goal is to build capacity at the LEA level with collaboration and integration of resources based on identified student and community needs.

- For all COEs and LEAs provide Universal, Target and Intensive Supports in the SSOS with recognition of any differentiation of support based on needs of students, staff and community.
 - Clarity in these respective tiers of support and how to access the supports locally, regionally and statewide.





Statewide System of Support: Resources

CA Dept of Education:

https://caltan.info/

• Evidence Based resources in the areas of **assessment**, **collaboration**, **instruction**, **social emotional learning & behavior**, and high quality IEPs.

CA Collaborative for Educational Excellence:

https://ccee-ca.org/

- SSOS
- Resources
- News and Events







Statewide System of Support: A few resources



https://systemimprovement.org/data-improvement





https://thebasics.systemimprovement.org/







https://udl.ccee-ca.org/







Our sincerest appreciation to you for continuing to make a difference for our students and communities!

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Questions?

