



October 2024 Legislative Advocate Report

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Assembly Holds Hearing on the Local Control Funding Formula

On October 17th, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 on Education Finance and Assembly Education Committee held a joint hearing on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Design, and Outcomes. Assembly members noted that it has been 12 years since the LCFF was created and wished to know if it was working as intended and whether there was more that could be done to improve its effectiveness. A number of representatives from state-wide organizations provided testimony regarding their perspective of whether improvements could be made, including Dr. Rucker Johnson with the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Mike Kirst with Stanford, Brooks Allen, Chief of Staff to the State Board of Education, Ted Lempert with Children Now, Edgar Zazueta with the Association of California Superintendents and Administrators, and Katie Hardeman with the California Teachers Association.

Some overall themes that were discussed included the systemic lack of full funding initially and existing funding gaps. Assemblymember Bonta raised the diversity of English learner (EL) students and pontificated on whether there should be a finer metric around them given the additional factors and needs they have. She also asked if we should more clearly differentiate between ELs, Long-Term ELs, and migrant students.

It is possible there may be movement in 2025 to make changes to the existing LCFF formula. Should this occur, CABE will assess how any changes may impact ELs and will advocate on behalf of our students.

Positive Economic Forecast Continues

The [California Department of Finance](#) issued its [October Finance Bulletin](#), which contained multiple positive economic indicators leading into the Fall. California increased its personal income by 6.5% in the second quarter of 2024, with a revised first quarter increase from 8.2% to 15.2%, which was a result of wages and salaries as well as property income.

Initial General Fund agency cash receipts were 16% above the Budget Act forecast for September at \$2.4 billion, stemming from both personal income tax and corporation taxes, which were \$1.8 billion and \$557 million higher than forecast. Personal income tax cash receipts totaled \$1.8 billion (20.4%) above the September forecast and totaled \$4 billion (6.6%) since April. Corporation tax cash receipts equaled \$557 million (22%) above the September forecast. Corporation tax receipts totaled \$2.4 billion (12.7%) above forecast since April. Sales and use tax receipts amounted to \$60 million (2.2%) below the

September forecast. However, these receipts were \$73 million (0.4%) cumulatively above forecast since April.

Capitol insiders have indicated that the increased revenues will likely increase the Proposition 98 Maintenance Factor.

Legislative Calendar

November 5 – General Election

November 30 – Legislature adjourns

December 2 – Legislative 2025-26 session convenes

January 1 – Statutes take effect

January 6 – Legislature reconvenes

January 10 – Budget bill submitted by Governor

January 24 – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel

February 21 – Last day for bills to be introduced

May 2 – Last day for policy committees to hear fiscal bills

May 9 – Last day for policy committees to hear nonfiscal bills

May 16 – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 9

May 23 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear Floor bills introduced in their house.

June 2-6 – Floor session only

June 6 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

June 9 – Committee meetings may resume

June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight

July 18 – Last day for policy committees to hear bills. Summer Recess begins

August 18 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess

August 29 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear bills

September 2-12 – Floor session only

September 5 – Last day to amend a bill on the Floor

September 12 – Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim Recess begins