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# California State Board of Education July 2024 Agenda Item #05

## Subject

California Community Schools Partnership Program: Approval of Cohort 3 Implementation Grantee Corrections.

## Type of Action

Action, Information

## Summary of the Issue

The California Department of Education (CDE) is requesting the State Board of Education (SBE) approve corrections to the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Cohort 3 Implementation Grant Awards.

## Recommendations

The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the CCSPP Cohort 3 Implementation Grant Corrections (Attachment 1).

## Brief History and Key Issues

### 2021–31 California Community Schools Partnership Program

The CCSPP is a $4.1 billion program the Legislature established in 2021 to establish new and expand existing community schools, and to create a statewide technical assistance (TA) infrastructure to support and sustain community school implementation. Since 2022, the CDE has recommended and the SBE has approved over 400 planning grants to LEAs with no community schools, nearly 500 implementation grants to LEAs to establish and/or expand community schools to over 2,000 school sites, and eight regional and one lead for statewide technical assistance.

For more information on the CCSPP please visit the CDE’s CCSPP web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/ccspp.asp>.

### Implementation Grant – Cohort Three Corrections

In the 2021 Budget Act, funding available for implementation grants was $2,011,914,800 and in 2022 an additional $992,554,000 was allocated for implementation and/or expansion grants. Statute also specifies that any remaining planning grant funds shall be made available for implementation grants.

In May 2024, the SBE approved $1,292,007,500 to 288 LEAs, supporting 995 school sites (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr24/documents/may24item02a1.docx>). Of these school sites, 836 are at and above 80 percent UPC, 34 are rural schools serving 70–79 percent UPC, 8 school sites have 80 percent and above Non-Stability Rate, 59 schools whose LEA was a planning grantee that are serving 70–79 percent UPC, and 58 rural schools whose LEA was a planning grantee serving 60–69 percent UPC.

During the appeals process, immediately after SBE’s approval of these grants, the CDE discovered a mistake in its application of the funding criteria to the data associated with every applicant school site. The CDE has completed an in-depth review of the data and is updating the funding recommendation for Cohort 3. Through the CDE’s discovery, eight schools should not have been recommended for funding (see Attachment 1, Table 1). After reviewing every appeal, the CDE recommends funding for an additional eleven schools (see Attachment 1, Table 2) bringing the total number of schools recommended for funding to 998 for a total of $1,298,063,500.

The criteria for funding remains unchanged from May 2024. The updated awards will represent 840 schools that serve 80 percent or more unduplicated students, 36 rural schools that serve 70 percent or more unduplicated students, one school with a non-stability rate of 80 percent or higher, 63 schools whose LEA was a planning grantee and that serve 70 percent or more unduplicated students, and 58 rural schools whose LEA was a planning grantee and that serve 60 percent or more unduplicated students. The number of LEAs recommended for funding remains at 288.

As a reminder, the CDE allocates implementation grant funding to school sites according to their enrollment data, as follows:

| Enrollment Category | Annual Grant Amount  *Years One through Four* | Annual Grant Amount  *Year Five* | Total Grant Amount over Five Years |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Very Small:  10–24 students | $75,000 | $56,500 | $356,500 |
| Small:  25–150 students | $150,000 | $112,500 | $712,500 |
| Small/Medium:  151–400 students | $250,000 | $187,500 | $1,187,500 |
| Medium:  401–1,000 students | $300,000 | $225,000 | $1,425,000 |
| Medium/Large:  1,001–2,000 students | $400,000 | $300,000 | $1,900,000 |
| Large:  2,001 or more students | $500,000 | $375,000 | $2,375,000 |

The CDE has individually notified every LEA that will have a reduction in funding. Declining to fund eight schools and funding an additional eleven schools will affect the COE allocations described in May 2024. If the SBE approves the updated funding recommendation, approximately $590,945,746 will be remaining for Cohort 4 Implementation Grants.

If approved, the CDE will issue Grant Award Notification letters to each LEA with the increase of funds as reflected in Attachment 1, Table 2.

### 2024 Annual EMPOWER Summit

The annual California community schools conference, the EMPOWER Summit, was held in Hollywood, California, on June 13–14, 2024. The Summit drew over 1,300 attendees, including students, parents, community members, and educators representing over 350 LEAs. This year's event, expanded to two full days in response to feedback from last year's one-day format and featured a dynamic student emcee and powerful keynote speeches. Attendees had access to 111 general sessions, including a Regional Technical Assistance Center networking session for each region, two student-led sessions, and two parent-led sessions highlighting a robust and diverse program. The Community Schools Office held two “office hours” sessions to support individual grantees with specific questions.

All sessions were aligned with at least one of the five Capacity Building Strategies outlined by the Statewide Transformational Assistance Center:

1. Shared Commitment & Understanding and Priorities,
2. Collaborative Leadership,
3. Centering Community Based Learning,
4. Sustaining Staffing & Resources, and
5. Strategic Community Partnerships.

Feedback received so far praises the rigorous, engaging, high-quality session content and presenters.

In her address on Thursday morning, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nancy Kim Portillo, noted that by the time the CDE awards all implementation grants, a quarter of California schools will be community schools. Currently, the CCSPP grantees encompass 1.5 million students, families, and community members.

## Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

In October 2021, the CDE provided an information memorandum providing the SBE with an introduction to the community school model and an overview of the CCSPP.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/pn/im/documents/oct21memocctd01.docx>)

In November 2021, the SBE approved the CCSPP proposed 2021–22 application process and administration plan.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr21/documents/nov21item17.docx>)

In January 2022, the SBE approved establishing a lead TA center and giving priority to applicants serving small and rural schools. The SBE also adopted the California Community Schools Framework.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr22/documents/jan22item02.docx>)

In May 2022, the SBE approved the CDE’s recommended planning and implementation proposed list of grantees and the Lead TAC.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr22/documents/may22item02rev.docx>)

In August 2022, the CDE provided a memorandum updating the SBE regarding support to planning and implementation grantees, and an update on the R-TACs and TA system.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/pn/im/documents/aug22memocctd01.docx>)

In November 2022, the SBE approved the eight R-TACs and the proposed 2022–23 CCSPP Administrative Plan.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr22/documents/nov22item04.docx>)

In March 2023, the SBE approved the CDE’s recommended Cohort 2 planning grant proposed list of grantees.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr23/documents/mar23item09rev.docx>)

In May 2023, the SBE approved the Cohort 2 Implementation Grantees.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr23/documents/may23item09.docx>)

In November 2023, the CDE provided an update on the CCSPP including presentations by the S-TAC and the Southern Inland R-TAC.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr23/documents/nov23item16.docx>)

In May 2024, the SBE approved the Cohort 3 Implementation Grantees.  
(<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr24/documents/may24item02.docx>)

## Fiscal Analysis

The 2021–22 Budget Act provides a total of $3,015,997,000 for the CCSPP. The 2022–23 Budget Act added a total of $1,132,554,000 to the CCSPP, to be distributed as explained in the Brief History and Key Issues section of the May 2024 Agenda Item.

## Attachment(s)

* **Attachment 1:** California Community Schools Partnership Program, Cohort 3: Updated Proposed Funding Sites (2 Pages)