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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 3, 2020

**TO:** MEMBERS, California Practitioners Advisory Group

**FROM:** STAFF, California Department of Education

**SUBJECT:** Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Template and Resources Overview

## Item Summary

On June 29, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 98 Education Finance: Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill. SB 98 replaces the requirement for a 2020–21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Annual Update with a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan). The Learning Continuity Plan is intended to balance the needs of all stakeholders, including educators, parents, students and community members, while streamlining meaningful stakeholder engagement and condensing several preexisting plans. In particular, it was important to combine (1) the intent behind Executive Order N-56-20 (~~https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/EO-N-56-20-text.pdf~~) [The preceding link is no longer available.], which required a written report and envisioned an off-cycle Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) due December 15th, and (2) the ongoing need for local educational agencies (LEAs) to formally plan for the 2020-21 school year in the midst of the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the LCAP for the 2020-21 school year and supersedes the requirements in Executive Order N-56-20. SB 98 also requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the executive director of the State Board of Education, to develop a template for the Learning Continuity Plan on or before August 1, 2020. This plan is intended to memorialize the planning process that is already underway for the 2020-21 school year. All LEAs, which includes school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools are required to complete the Learning Continuity Plan. LEAs must adopt their Learning Continuity Plans by September 30, 2020.

In response to the Learning Continuity Plan requirements, the California Department of Education (CDE) engaged in a process of robust stakeholder engagement that informed the development of the following:

* The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Template,
* Instructions for completing the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan,
* Guidance and supports to assist LEAs and their stakeholders in completing the Learning Continuity Plan, and
* Guidance for county offices of education (COEs) and Charter Authorizers to consider when reviewing an LEAs Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

The collective goal of each of the projects listed above is to provide ongoing, targeted support that meets the individual needs of each of our LEAs so that they can focus on responding to the needs of their communities, schools, and most importantly, their students and families.

The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Template and corresponding instructions are posted on the CDE Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan webpage, available at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/learningcontattendplan.asp>.

## Background

Below is a State Board of Education memo that provides critical background and context for the upcoming CPAG meeting.

July 2020 State Board of Education memo: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/pn/im/documents/jul20memosasd01.docx>

## Attachment(s)

None.