COVID-19 Operations Written Report

Overview

Executive Order (EO) N-56-20 was established on April 22, 2020, to address the impact of continued school closures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the local educational agencies' ability to conduct meaningful annual planning, and the ability to meaningfully engage stakeholders in these processes.

EO N-56-20 issued timeline and approval waivers for the Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget Overview for Parents as well as waving certain budgetary requirements. The Executive Order also established the requirement that a local educational agency (LEA) adopt a written report (COVID-19 Operations Written Report) explaining to its community the changes to program offerings the LEA has made in response to school closures to address the COVID-19 emergency and the major impacts of such closures on students and families.

Guidance for Completing the COVID-19 Operations Written Report

The COVID-19 Operations Written Report must include:

- An overview explaining the changes to program offerings that the LEA has made in response to school closures to address the COVID-19 emergency and the major impacts of the closures on students and families.
- A description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of its English learners, foster youth and low-income students.
- A description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to continue delivering high-quality distance learning opportunities.
- A description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to provide school meals while maintaining social distancing practices.
- A description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to arrange for supervision of students during ordinary school hours

The descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of the changes the LEA has put in place.

LEAs are strongly encouraged to provide descriptions that do not exceed 300 words.

Requirements for the COVID-19 Operations Written Report

The COVID-19 Operations Written Report must be adopted by the local governing board or body in conjunction with the adopted annual budget by July 1, 2020.

While the COVID-19 Operations Written Report does not need to be approved by the county superintendent of schools or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Written Report must be submitted in conjunction with the submission of the adopted annual budget.

Once adopted, the COVID-19 Operations Written Report must be posted on the homepage of the LEA’s website, if such a website exists.

LEAs are not required to use the COVID-19 Operations Written Report template developed by the California Department of Education. The template was developed as an optional tool for LEAs to meet the COVID-19 Operations Written Report requirements established by EO N-56-20.

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