

Three-part Plan for School Reopening

SB 86 - the negotiated plan - provides three major pieces:

1. Provisions and financing for COVID-19 safety, including reporting and vaccines
2. Incentive grants to assist and encourage schools to reopen
3. Learning recovery grants to provide extra assistance to students

PART 1 — COVID-19 Safety

- \$25 million from non-Proposition 98 General Fund for technical assistance and enforcement of safety provisions
- Provides for case reporting and actions to control outbreaks
- Requires reporting of COVID safety plans and reopening status
- Requires a 10 percent set-aside of vaccines through state-contracted third parties to be available to education sector employees for designated facilities opening or with plans to open by May 15, 2021

PART 2 — Reopening and In-Person Instruction

\$2 billion of one-time Proposition 98 funds for school districts to facilitate return to in-person instruction. Does not include non-classroom based charters. Conditions that schools must fulfill to receive grants from the \$2 billion include the following:

- Return to in-person instruction by March 31 for vulnerable students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade, served in small cohorts. Vulnerable students include:
 - a) Students with Disabilities
 - b) Foster & Homeless Youth
 - c) Students at-risk of abuse or neglect
 - d) English Language Learners
 - e) Students Lacking Digital Access
 - f) Disengaged students.
- LEAs open for in-person instruction for transitional kindergarten to second grade (TK-2) by March 31, if in purple tier and meeting CDPH guidelines. Must comply with testing requirements and file school safety plans.
- In-person instruction for TK-6 students by March 31 for schools in red tier. Earlier opening with public health guidance.
- Schools that open earlier, are already open, or have adopted reopening plans may access funds and continue operating.
- Reopening schools must have adopted and posted COVID-19 safety plan five days prior to reopening.
- For schools receiving grants, the amount will be reduced, beginning April 1, by 1 percent for each day in-person instruction is not provided. If in-person instruction does not occur by May 15, the total grant will be forfeited.

PART 3 — Learning Recovery

Provides \$4.56 billion in one-time Proposition 98 funds to schools to aid in launching multi-year learning loss mitigation plans.

- Based on local control funding formula. Extra for homeless students, flat funding formula for state special schools.
- Schools must provide in-person instruction, but up to 15 percent of funding may go to online instruction.
- Funding may be used for instructional support including summer school, extended year, extended instructional time, and other in-person services such as tutoring.
- Funds may be used through September 2022.
- Requires attention to students emotional and social wellbeing, and food and snacks as permitted under federal guidelines.
- Encourages LEAs to leverage Medi-Cal options for eligible students.
- Minimum of students eligible include:
 - a) Free or reduced-price meal eligible pupils.
 - b) English learners.
 - c) Pupils at risk of abuse or neglect.
 - d) Foster youth.
 - e) Homeless youth.
 - f) Disengaged students.
 - g) Pupils below grade level, including children who did not enroll in kindergarten or are at risk of not meeting graduation requirements.
- \$5 million from Proposition 98 funding for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide technical assistance to school districts.