



## Consolidation of Federal Grants

### Issue

Until 2018-19, CDE issued two separate federal grant awards: RS 3310 (general special education) and RS 3320 (preschool special education). Within our SELPA, RS 3310 has been administered through the SELPA Allocation Plan and RS 3310 has been directly allocated to the EDCOE preschool programs. Beginning in 2018-19, CDE has folded RS 3320 into RS 3310 and will not provide any funding detail going forward as to the how the new combined grant award would have been split between the two previous separate grant awards. Therefore, a locally defined methodology must be established within the Allocation Plan to provide for the continued funding of preschool programs.

### Background

CDE designated RS 3310 as a Federal Local Assistance Grant to be expended on eligible special education costs for ages 3-21. RS 3320 was designated as a Preschool Local Entitlement Grant to be expended on eligible special education costs for ages 3, 4 and 5 (non-kindergarten). Federal guidance to CDE was that both awards are generated from IDEA, Part B, Section 611, and carving out a pre-school specific grant award via RS 3320 was not appropriate.

EDCOE operates site-based preschool and special day classrooms on 19 campuses across El Dorado County. Preschool age students with disabilities are served in a variety of settings, ranging from small classes with high levels of adult support to fully included programs. The Allocation Plan provides:

- RS 3320 funds are allocated for special education costs for children with disabilities ages 3-5.
- RS 3320 funds are allocated directly to EDCOE regional programs.
- RS 3320 funds are not included in the regional program classroom units funded by AB 602.

### Recommendation

Amend the Allocation Plan to create and add-on to the regional program base for 2018-19 equal to the amount of the 2017-18 preschool grant (RS 3320) plus the applicable 2018-19 COLA. Then, going forward, the total regional program base will be annually adjusted as it has been historically. The projected results from this recommendation for 2018-19 forward are shown below.

| Prior to 3320 Grant Consolidation                   | 2017-18<br>(Annual) | 2018-19<br>(May Est.) | 2019-20<br>(May Est.) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>RS 3320 Grant to Regional Preschool Programs</b> | <b>330,997</b>      |                       |                       |

  

| 3320 Grant Consolidation                              | 2017-18<br>(Annual) | 2018-19<br>(May Est.) | 2019-20<br>(May Est.) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Regional Program AB 602 Allocation                    | 6,918,903           | 6,975,526             | 7,687,365             |
| COLA  | 81,577              | 149,245               | 188,022               |
| Declining Enrollment Adjustment                       | (18,424)            | (7,046)               | (1,792)               |
| Certification Adjustment/Low Incidence Revenue        | (6,530)             | 3,457                 | -                     |
| Repayment of Accumulated Growth Contribution from RPs |                     | 52,652                |                       |
| RP Transfer - Pollock Pines to EDCOE (one-time)       |                     | 89,995                |                       |
| Growth Request for DHOH Teacher (one-time)            |                     | 98,288                |                       |
| Growth Request for Pac Street Program (one-time)      |                     |                       | 144,822               |
| Adjustment for PS/RS State Rate (one-time)            |                     | (5,749)               |                       |
| Adjustment for RS 3320 Grant (one-time)               |                     | <b>330,997</b>        |                       |
| <b>Total Regional Program Allocation</b>              | <b>6,975,526</b>    | <b>7,687,365</b>      | <b>8,018,417</b>      |