In anticipation of changes to the AB602 Funding Model when the 2020-21 state budget is adopted, the SELPA has reviewed past Allocation Plan practices dating back to 1998 regarding the distribution of increases to AB602 revenue to guide the distribution between Shared Risk Pools, Regional Programs and LEA-operated programs. As in the past, the methodology will be memorialized in the Allocation Plan.

History/Background

1. In 1998-99, equalization dollars were shared proportionally when AB 602 was implemented and all participants in the plan benefited from the additional dollars.

2. In 2001-02, there were additional funds provided through a Mandated Cost Claim and new federal dollars provided. The allocation plan set forth the priority usage on the dollars, with regional requests being funded first, and the balance went to all “pots,” including EDCOE, EDUHSD, Pollock Pines, Districts and NPS. EDUHSD and Pollock Pines District were included because, in the same manner as EDCOE, they provided regional programs, with the ED program for EDUHSD, and speech for Pollock Pines. (Historical Plan Approvals, Page 27)

3. In 2004-05, “The Allocation Plan called for per ADA amounts (state/federal) to be distributed on a % basis to the various “pots” in the same manner as COLA dollars were distributed.” (Historical Plan Approvals, Page 19)

4. In 2012-13, the Allocation Plan stated “COLA and Supplemental Funding would be split among the ‘pots.’”

5. In the January, 2015 Allocation Plan, page 12 there is a statement, “Per Allocation Plan, regional programs share a pro-rated increase of any new dollars provided to special education.” The document went on to state, “The Allocation Plan is revised to reflect the infant allocation as sharing in new funds.” [Note: When this language was carried over into the June 2018 document, it was put in the section under the Infant Program and therefore was confusing as to whether it only applied to infant funding. However, it is clear from the prior document that it is intended as a basic part of the Allocation Plan, and not restricted to only Infant.]

6. In the June 2018 Allocation Plan, page 13, the same statement is set forth – “Per the Allocation Plan, regional programs share a pro-rated increase of any new dollars provided to special education.” As noted above, this is applicable to the Allocation Plan, and not intended as only applying to one program.

The SELPA will follow this past practice with new revenues allocated to the SELPA unless the funds have a restricted use. The SELPA will provide updated fiscal information to Superintendents, CBOs, and special education representatives when the state budget is adopted.