

## **Consolidated Categorical Program Proposal**

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Colleagues,

Sorry it has taken me so long to get more information to you. Things are moving and changing at light speed here and at the Capitol. I hesitate to send you information that might change as the Senate and Assembly discuss and make changes to the Governor's May revision budget although I think it is important that you have the foundation of what it is they are discussing.

Last week what I sent you was a link to the Governor's full revised budget language and a summary that our office did explaining some of the budget implications. Here is what the Governor's budget said about categorical consolidation:

### **Consolidation of Categorical Programs**

Consolidates Student Success and Support Program, Student Success for Basic Skills Program, and Student Equity program into a single program, whereby a district would not receive less in 2018-19 and 2019-20 from the new consolidated categorical program than the sum of the amounts the district received from those programs in 2017-18. Includes the Chancellor's recommendation for expected uses of funds.

In addition to the Budget language the Administration also issues Budget Trailer Bill Language, which is intended to more fully flesh out the ideas included in the Budget. Attached is the Trailer Bill Language (TBL in Department of Finance speak. Or DOF speak. Do we need more acronyms?).

### **My summary of the TBL is below:**

- The new program is intended to be used to help implement Guided Pathways and to help meet the equity goals in the Vision for Success (40% reduction in equity gaps locally, and 100% reduction regionally).
- Districts must continue to maintain and equity plan for all colleges in the district.
- Provision to provide core matriculation services is included in the TBL. Adds language that the Chancellor's Office will issue guidance about expectations for the provision of matriculation services. We will consult with stakeholders to develop this guidance.
- Colleges must implement AB 705 (change in placement policies for Math, English and ESL).
- Districts will receive the same amounts of funds in 2018-19 as they did from the combined program funding for 2017-18 (providing there is no decrease or increase of funds...neither is expected).
- The CCCCO can allocated funds for statewide events (this is not new, we already do this).
- Adds another category to those previously mentioned in the Equity Plan law – first generation students.
- Adds provisions regarding the Vision for Success goals to Equity Plans.
- Adds language that would allow the CCCCO to develop metrics for disproportionately impacted student groups.

- Reiterates the requirement that colleges implement AB 705, and adds language that requires college to conduct research to inform the delivery of additional academic and financial aid support services.
- Requires that Equity Plans be updated every two years and submitted to the CCCCCO upon request.
- Adds language that the Chancellor will issue guidance regarding expenditures and activities to support Equity Plans.

Although the TBL does not mention this specifically, the CCCCCO will **not** be counting individual services (initial and comprehensive ed plans, orientations, etc.) for purposes of funding for 2018-19 or for any years going forward. The TBL is silent regarding an allocation formula which, in line with most other categorical funds, means that the CCCCCO, in consultation with stakeholders, will come up with an allocation formula for the new program. The Chancellor envisions a formula that is similar to that proposed for the main Apportionment Funding Formula – a combination of FTES, Equity and possibly Success factors. I will work with the CSSO association and other advisory workgroups to gather input and recommendations for the new funding formula. A new funding formula would not be effective for 2018-19. For 2018-19 districts will receive an allocation that combines the 2017-18 allocations for SSSP, Equity, and Basic Skills (unless there is an increase or a decrease to the funding level for 2018-19).

### **Next Steps**

- The Senate and Assembly will discuss and make changes as they determine to both the Budget language and amounts, and to the TBL.
- You may have heard that the Senate subcommittee rejected the main funding formula proposal last week. This rejection did not apply to the recommendation for the consolidated categorical program. That language stayed the same.
- The Assembly will discuss the proposals this coming week. We do not expect any changes from the Assembly or the Senate to the consolidation categorical program recommendations.
- The full Assembly and Senate will agree on, then approve a budget package to send to Governor Brown by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Governor Brown will likely sign agreement the budget package approved by the legislature.
- We start collaborating on guidance and a funding formula.
- The CCCCCO will plan training events to ensure that the field has the information they need about the new program. We will consult about training needs with you also.

I hope I'm not missing anything! Please let me know if you have questions I can answer.

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