

Office of the Superintendent

DATE: May 5th, 2022

AGENDA TOPICS: Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Planning & Implementation Grant

(Informational Item)

PRESENTER: Scott J. Booth

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2021–22 State Budget package established the UPK Planning and Implementation Grant Program as a state early learning initiative with the goal of expanding access to prekindergarten programs at local educational agencies (LEAs). This grant program provides \$200 million for the California Department of Education (CDE) to allocate directly to LEAs based on a statutory formula to support planning and implementation costs associated with expanding prekindergarten options, such as universally-available transitional kindergarten (TK), CSPP, and Head Start for eligible students, and other local and community-based partnerships.

Requirements:

- Offer universally available TK programs for all 4 year olds by 2026.
- Create a plan for the consideration of the governing board by June 30, 2022, articulating how all children in the attendance area of the LEA will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten.
- Respond to the CDE's subsequent requests for information no later than July 31, 2022.

TK Eligibility, Ratio, and Class Size Requirements by Fiscal Year:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Eligibility	Turn 5 between 9/2 & 12/2. At LEA discretion: turn 5 between 12/3 & end of school year (EOSY)	Turn 5 between 9/2 & 2/2 at LEA discretion: turn 5 between 2/3 & EOSY	Turn 5 between 9/2 and April 2; at LEA discretion: turn 5 betv/een 4/3 & EOSY	Turn 5 between 9/2 & 6/2 LEA discretion: turn 5 between June 3 & EOSY	Turn <u>4</u> by 9/1
Ratios	Not specified	1:12	1:10**	1:10**	1:10**
Class Size*	24	24	24	24	24

^{*} average class size across the school site
** Subject to future legislative appropriation

Funding:

This grant can be used for costs associated with creating or expanding CSPP or TK programs, or to establish or strengthen partnerships to ensure that high-quality options for prekindergarten education are available for four-year-old children.

- \$200 million allocated based on formula below
 - WUSD allocation for planning and implementation is \$69,752
- No Match required
- Additional grants can support facilities, training and/or community partnerships.

Permissible Uses:

- Training courses
- District Intern Program
- Increasing Teacher credentials
- Coaching
- Capacity Building
- Supporting Dual Language Learners
- Professional Networks
- Teacher Recruitment

Thank you!