

Next SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes Wednesday, April 11th

1. Deferral Update

There may be 220 million dollars in the state budget being taken out of Prop 98 to pay for the deferral cost, which as been estimated at a loss of 90%. Prop 98 is only intended for classroom related items and so a potential legal issue is also a consideration. Lindy Harrington is scheduling a meeting with CMS to determine if an appeal may still be an option. DHCS has insisted that there are no other options available to school districts. Districts are concerned on the potential payments regarding original and interim quarterly payments for deferred invoices. Budget analysis is still being done and an education coalition continues to take the lead on this issue. Updates will be shared as they become available.

2. Mental Health in School

THK had a recent Webinar on Mental Health (audio link below). The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission had a recent panel discussion including students, schools and mental health experts discussing the importance of mental health services in schools. The Commission put out a recent RFP, and counties continue to have large reserves of funds that can potentially be distributed to school districts. Research and information is also being reviewed regarding best practice models for current and past mental health programs. There is a current emphasis on Pre-K thru 3rd grade. If your school district is interested in working with their county on a project, please contact THK and a call can be set up with MHSOAC to discuss it.

Webinar Audio Link: [WEBINAR LINK: CLICK HERE](#)

3. Legislation

- Audits: AB 3192 (O'Donnell)

Audit bill AB 3192 asks for there to be fiscal and program audit guide. The bill currently has bipartisan support.

- Cannabis Funds: AB 2471 (Thurmond)
Prop 64 specifies money for schools as funds become available in the next few years. The current model being reviewed is from Colorado. The program would match federal eligible TSP reimbursement with Prop 64 funds.

4. Office of School Based Health

There is a budget initiative and budget language being proposed. A transfer structure is being created to allow \$500,000 from LEA BOP money to be transferred to set up an office of school-based health. CDE is currently creating a staffing proposal for the office as well.

5. Next Meeting

The Next SMAA LEA Workgroup Call

Thursday, May 3rd at 9am

Call Number: 866-881-4501, no pin required