

Key State & Federal Fiscal/Budget Issues

Mt. Diablo Unified School District Governing Board

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Governor's New State Budget – Key points

- Revenues contradict a profoundly mistaken economic forecast But still a solid budget for schools
- Key Issues for Schools
 - COLA for the current year and next (3.84 percent not evenly applied)
 - The push to roll-back funding deferrals (\$3.7 Billion outstanding balance)
 - Incentive Funding for in-person instruction (\$2 Billion & mandates that cost more)
 - Learning loss mitigation through expanded learning time & intervention (\$4.6 Billion restricted funding)
 - Supplemental Payments (takes \$12.5 Billion off the table)
 - Allocation approach impacts MDUSD (LCFF vs. Exclusive unduplicated count)

Federal Stimulus On the Way

- ESSER \$54 Billion Nationally = \$6.7 Billion in California
 - Likely less for MDUSD than last Spring's Stimulus Package given distribution.
 - ESSER II is administered nearly the same as one of the smaller allocations of funding in March known as ESSER.
- GEER \$4 Billion Nationally = \$400 Million in California
 - Most of the funding goes for non-public, private schools
 - Less than \$150 million will be left for Pre-K through Higher Ed
 - This balance will be spent at the discretion of the Governor
- President Biden's Proposed Stimulus 6th Round
 - \$130 Billion K-12 Education Package = \$13 Billion for California
 - \$350 Billion for States & Local Gov't = \$35 Billion for California