

CHARTERSELPA Fiscal Update



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Redistribution of Recovered A3 Education Funds

In 2019-20, the Charter SELPA was hit with a massive decrease in funding because CDE zeroed out the prior year's ADA for several LEAs (A3 Education charter schools). To cover the losses, we utilized the Set Aside and Rate Smoothing pools, and our partners took a \$5/ADA reduction in their state revenue rate. Fortunately, we recovered the lost funds late in the 21-22 year, and in October, CEO Council voted to restore the \$5/ADA for those partners affected in 2019-20. Current partners active in our SELPA in 2019-20 received their portion of those recovered funds in the December state cash apportionment.

Reminder: Fiscal Committee meetings following each CEO Council meeting explain any funding-related decisions made by CEO Council. Recordings of Fiscal Committee meetings are posted on the website for anyone unable to attend. Here is the link to our Fall Fiscal Committee meeting where we address the A3 Education Recovery decision: 2022 Fall Fiscal Committee Meeting.

Four Important January Data Submissions

Due very shortly are the following:

- 1. ADA/Enrollment #2
- 2. Mid-Year Expenditure Report
- 3. Learning Recovery Expenditures
- 4. <u>Dispute Prevention Expenditures</u>

See the details below for each of the reports, and please do not hesitate to let us know how we can support you with timely filing.

ADA/Enrollment Report #2

A Fiscal Portal report of your LEA's current year ADA and enrollment is due **January 23, 2023**. This is the second quarterly report for 2022-23. The <u>ADA/Enrollment template</u> takes little time to complete.

2022-23 Mid-Year Expenditure Reporting

The report is available in the Fiscal Portal and is due **January 18, 2023**. The Mid-Year Expenditure Report should include all actual special education expenses through December 31, 2022. This required report serves a two-fold purpose:

- <u>Federal Expenditure Reporting</u>: If you are receiving federal funds in the 2022-23 fiscal year, this is the first opportunity to report your expenditures and begin the flow of federal cash.
- <u>State Expenditure Reporting</u>: We use this report to analyze spending throughout the SELPA. Even if you are not receiving federal funds, you must still complete the Mid-Year Expenditure report.

Due to the limited functioning of the Fiscal Portal, we will be collecting this data in an excel workbook and utilizing Google Drive for submission. The workbook is available on our <u>website</u> and within the Google Drive <u>2022-23 Mid-Year Expenditure Reports</u>. Once the workbook is complete, you will upload your completed report to Google Drive with the following naming convention: "*LEA Name* 2022-23 MY Exp."

Learning Recovery/Dispute Prevention Expenditures

If your LEA has expended any of your eligible <u>Learning Recovery</u> funds per your submitted plan or <u>Dispute Prevention</u> funds consistent with the SELPA-wide plan, those expenditures may be reported via the <u>Fiscal Portal</u> by **January 18, 2023**. As a reminder, cash for these one-time funding streams is released only after expenditures are reported and certified. Reporting is optional for both funding streams until the end of the year, when final expenditures must be reported.

Scholarships Available

After collecting expenditure data from SELPA partners for Dispute Prevention funds (Resource 6536), sufficient funding is available to offer scholarships to attend LRP's <u>National Institute</u> on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities in New Orleans on April 16-19, 2023. Scholarships of up to \$3,000 per conference attendee are available.

Eligible scholarship costs are:

- Conference Registration
- Airfare

- Lodging
- Ground Transportation

The scholarship will be paid on a reimbursement basis, equal to actual expenses up to a total of \$3,000. Your charter school will pay for the conference registration and arrange and pay for accommodations and travel. Coordinate with your business office or whichever team in your school administers your travel and conference process.

To participate:

- 1. Register for the conference and forward the registration confirmation email to selpaaccounts@edcoe.org. Your scholarship is not locked in until we receive the email.
- 2. Retain all other receipts/evidence of payment and submit them upon your return. You will receive an email before the end of the conference with specific submission instructions.

Here are the <u>registration</u> and <u>travel</u> links for the LRP National Institute. Early Bird registration ends February 17.

2021-22 Audit Report Submissions

Charter LEA/District that operated in 2021-22, regardless of SELPA membership, must provide a copy of the 2021-22 independent audit report to the SELPA. Upload via the Fiscal Portal is available, and a public site can be used if your audit firm uploads the report. Audit reports should be submitted as they are finalized. The <u>private upload link</u> is now available, as is the <u>public upload link</u>.

Inspiration to Action Symposium

The El Dorado Charter SELPA welcomes you to our 2023 Inspiration to Action Symposium. This year we celebrate the theme of "A Time to Thrive." Acknowledging how collectively educators have shifted from surviving in the uncertainty of the pandemic to thriving and moving towards excellence in leading, teaching, and learning for every student. This free inperson event, held on **January 27, 2023**, from 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM, brings educators across the state together to engage with each other and a slate of inspiring speakers and share a great meal. The Symposium promises to leave you feeling re-inspired. Click here to register.

Do you know anyone?

We are recruiting new team members for three positions within the business/data group at the Charter SELPA. The EdJoin postings appear below. Please forward the information if you know of qualified applicants located in or moving to the El Dorado County area. Your support would be most appreciated!

- Web Application Developer (think Fiscal Portal)
- Program Technician (think SEIS/CALPADS)
- Account Technician (Accounting Support)

2022-23 State & Federal Budget Advice

- 2022-23 Charter Member Rate (State) = \$820 per the higher of each charter's 2020-21, 2021-22, or 2022-23 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set aside for new charters).
- 2022-23 Federal Rate = \$125.00 per 2021-22 Enrollment/Fall 1(before admin fee).
- ERMHS Funding finalized by CEO Council in October:
 - Set aside \$480K to fund approved 2022-23 Site-Based Therapeutic programs at 80% of eligible expenditures. If this amount is not sufficient, the reimbursements will be prorated.
 - Set aside \$4.3M to fund NPS mental health services at 90% and RTC room and board at 100% of eligible expenditures. If this amount is not sufficient, the reimbursements will be prorated.
 - The remainder of mental health funding, estimated to be \$14.9M, will be passed through to partners monthly based on P-2 ADA. These distributions have begun at \$50/ADA and will be adjusted at P-1 and P-2.
- Low Incidence = Up to \$1,000 for eligible materials/services per student, which may increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

2022-23 Low Incidence Funding

A substantial pool of Low Incidence funds is available. The following lists criteria for reimbursement.

- The student must have an identified low incidence disability (primary or secondary).
- The request must meet a minimum of \$600.
- The services and/or materials must be:
 - necessary for the student to meet their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals and objectives;
 - o necessary for the student to access general education;
 - be specialized as it relates to a need or the needs of the low incidence disability; and
 - be indicated in a comprehensive evaluation completed by staff or a provider who is credentialed/knowledgeable of the low incidence disability area(s).

The <u>Low Incidence Reimbursement Request</u> is now open in the Fiscal Portal. We encourage LEAs to enter requests with the budget for materials/services as soon as possible. The final day to submit requests will be May 1, 2023, with actual expenditures due in July 2023.

Important Upcoming Dates

1/18/23 – Mid-Year/Federal Expenditure Report #1 Due 1/18/23 – Level 3 NPS/Residential Expenditure Report Due

1/18/23 – Learning Recovery and Dispute Prevention Expenditure Reports Due 1/23/23 – ADA/Enrollment Report 1/27/23 – Charter SELPA Symposium

Handy Links

Fiscal Portal
Funding Detail
State Cash Flow Projection
Federal Cash Flow Projection