

CHARTERSELPA Fiscal Update



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Three Important January Data Submissions

Due very shortly are:

- Mid-Year Expenditure Report
- NPS/RTC Expenditure Report ERMHS Level 3
- ADA/Enrollment Report #2

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

2023-24 Mid-Year Expenditure Reporting

The report is available in the Fiscal Portal and is due **January 17**. The Mid-Year Expenditure Report should include all actual special education expenses through December 31, 2023. This required report serves a two-fold purpose:

- <u>Federal Expenditure Reporting</u>: If you are receiving federal funds in the 2023-24 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

ERMHS NPS/RTC Expenditure Report

Expenditure reports for approved Level 3 NPS/RTC placements are due **January 17**. These reports should include expenditures through December 31, 2023.

ADA/Enrollment Report #2

A report of your LEA's current year ADA and enrollment is due **January 19**. This is the second quarterly report for 2023-24. The ADA/Enrollment template takes very little time to complete and is available via the Fiscal Portal.

2022-23 Audit Report Submissions

Charter schools that operated in 2022-23, regardless of SELPA membership, must provide a copy of the 2022-23 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 were due December 23, 2023. Please submit your 2022-23 audit as soon as it is finalized.

Links: <u>private upload link</u> <u>public upload link</u>

Fiscal Portal Survey

The El Dorado County Charter SELPA is investigating options to replace the Fiscal Portal, and we would like your input! We plan to send a survey in January to solicit feedback on the existing Fiscal Portal, both positive and negative, and suggestions for features you may find useful in the new yet-to-be-named interface. Please take a few minutes when you receive the survey to give us your opinion and ideas.

Inspiration to Action Symposium

This year we celebrate the theme of "The Power of Hope" and the collective efforts of educators and families to believe in every student. This free in-person event, held on **Friday**, **February 9, 2024**, from 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM at the Legacy Center, San Diego, invites educators from across the state to come together and engage with motivational speakers, share a great meal, and promises to leave you feeling re-inspired. Click here to register.

Coming Soon to a Mailbox Near You: Grant Award Notifications

The flow of mental health funding changed dramatically in 2023-24. The state funds that previously flowed through the SELPA for distribution are now being issued directly to the

LEAs as a part of their principal apportionment (RS6546). These funds may be used for all students, not just students with disabilities, but must be spent on mental health.

Federal mental health funds (RS3327) will be issued directly to the LEAs. CDE anticipates that the Grant Award Notices (GANs) will be mailed in January or February. These will be paper notices sent to the superintendent or the highest-level administrator for each LEA that CDE has in their database. There are many important elements involved in receiving these funds.

- The GAN letter must be signed and returned to CDE within a short time frame, to
 indicate that the LEA accepts the restrictions placed on the funds. If you do not sign
 and return the notice, you cannot access the funds for the current year.
- Federal funds are issued on a reimbursement basis. To receive the funds, you must complete federal expenditure reports indicating that you have spent monies within the restrictions. The expenditure reports have a strict naming rubric and timeline for submission.
- These Federal funds, which are issued under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), are **restricted** to expenditures "for pupils with mental health-related services required by their individualized education program."
- We strongly **recommend** that you spend the funds in the year in which they were granted, if possible. The federal grant spending period is 27 months, which can make tracking and reporting expenditures challenging when you are issued a new grant every 12 months.
- All LEAs receiving federal funding must meet the Maintenance of Effort requirements.

NPS/RTC/SBT Guidelines Updated

The guidelines concerning NPS/RTC/SBT have been revised, and the language concerning settlement agreements has been updated. To review the changes, please see https://charterselpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/NPS-RTC-SBT-Funding-Guidlines-Updated-January-2024.pdf.

2023-24 Legal Risk Pool

Legal risk pool funds are available through the Fiscal Portal. Upon approval, LEA and/or parent legal fees up to a maximum of \$15,000 reimbursement (50% of \$30,000) may be eligible for reimbursement. A case number from the filing is required, and the request deadline is May 3, 2024.

ACH Reminder

Partners are reminded that they can receive their special education funding faster, safer, and more securely by enrolling in the ACH program via the Fiscal Portal. Copies of ACH payments are available through the Fiscal Portal, just as they are for check payments.

SELPA Business Announcement

We are excited to announce that our very own AnnaMarie King has accepted the position of SELPA Business Manager and will be starting in the role immediately! AnnaMarie has vast and varied experience in the Accounting field, ranging from private industry, to nonprofits, and most recently, 3 years with EDCOE in the SELPA Business Department. She's worked in roles such as Financial Analyst, Accountant, and Manager.

AnnaMarie is the definition of 'learner,' which began with her undergraduate work at Stanford University, and her MBA from UC Berkeley! She leads by example with humility, grace, and an incredible work ethic. A former director said of her, "AnnaMarie embodies the essence of a collaborative leader. She is always looking for ways to bring out the best in her teammates and is willing to step into the breach when needed."

In her spare time, AnnaMarie has coached marathons for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and enjoys reading, swimming, skiing, hiking, and trail running.

Please join me in congratulating AnnaMarie!

