

## **K-12 School Improvement Proposals**

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- ☒ California has \$199 million (\$129 million ongoing and \$70 million one-time) available for school improvement efforts in 2008-09.
- ☒ Governor assumes only \$191 million is available. His plan includes using (1) one-time funding for a new district intervention program and (2) School Improvement Grant funding for a new separate school-centered intervention program.
- ☒ Assembly and Senate both recognize the same amount (\$199 million) in available funding and signal their intent to integrate it into a comprehensive school improvement package, making virtually all funding pursuant to legislation.
- ☒ Assembly and Senate also signal their intent to use some funding for enhancing the quality of information on student performance (designating \$7.8 million for CSIS Best Practices).

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Funding Sources		Governor	Assembly	Senate
<b>Local Assistance (Pages 341 and 342, Issues 566, 411, and 441)</b>				
<b>Title I (Set-Aside)</b>				
Ongoing	\$65.2	Own plan	Pursuant to legislation <sup>a</sup>	Pursuant to legislation <sup>a</sup>
Carryover	47.4 <sup>b</sup>	Own plan	Set aside for legislation	Set aside for legislation
Subtotal	(\$112.6)			
<b>School Improvement Grant</b>				
Ongoing	\$61.5	Own plan	Pursuant to legislation	Pursuant to legislation
Carryover	16.6	Own plan	Pursuant to legislation	Pursuant to legislation
Subtotal	(\$78.1)			
<b>Title III (English Learners)</b>				
Ongoing	\$1.8	Unspecified	Unspecified	Specified for EL intervention to be coordinated with Title I intervention.
<b>Title V (Innovative Programs)</b>				
Carryover	\$6.0	Funds unspecified existing activities for one more year.	Pursuant to legislation	Pursuant to legislation
<b>Total Local Assistance</b>	<b>\$198.5</b>			
<b>State Operations (Page 341, Issue 567)</b>				
<b>School Improvement Grant</b>				
Ongoing (four positions)	\$0.4	Approved	Approved	Approved with language redirecting positions, if possible.
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$198.9</b>			

<sup>a</sup> Specifies that \$7.8 million in one-time monies is used for CSIS Best Practices Cohort.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$18.2 million is scheduled to revert to the federal government on September 30, 2008 if not spent. The remainder is not scheduled to revert until September 30, 2009.

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- ☒ Pools together all available federal funding for school improvement (\$199 million).
- ☒ Uses ongoing funding to create new unified system of support.
  - Places districts in one of three tiers of intervention depending on severity of performance problems.
  - Funds reform teams. Size and scope varies depending on tier of intervention and number of low-performing schools.
  - Provides funding for three-year period. In 2008-09, 230 districts with roughly 2,000 low-performing schools would receive first-year funding totaling \$105 million.
  - Provides \$378,000 federal funding (four positions) to support administration but achieves same amount of state General Fund savings by redirecting existing positions.
- ☒ Uses one-time funding for various one-time activities:
  - Funds a \$69 million one-time initiative to improve the quality of student data.
  - Funds evaluation of new system.
  - Funds development of an additional performance measure that would track student-level academic progress over time.

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	2008-09 Funding <sup>a</sup>	Description
<b>Local Assistance</b>		
<b>Ongoing Funding</b>		
District Improvement Program	\$105.0	Provides roughly 230 districts with short-term funding linked to specific reform activities.
Statewide system of school support	11.8	Funds 11 county offices of education that are to provide technical assistance to PI districts, districts with schools in PI, and Title III districts in need of improvement.
Set aside for 2009-10	11.7	Costs will escalate in 2009-10, with 100 additional districts expected to enter the system.
Subtotal—Ongoing	(\$128.5)	
<b>One-Time Funding</b>		
Data quality initiative	\$68.5	
Local data quality	(52.4)	Provides per pupil funding for specific data-driven instructional improvement activities.
Local assessments	(8.2)	Funds start-up costs of implementing local assessment tools.
CALPADS preparation	(7.9)	Provides districts support in transitioning to CALPADS system.
Evaluation	1.0	Funds evaluation of new district improvement program.
Development of new measure	0.5	Funds first phase of development of new measure that tracks student-level achievement over time.
Subtotal—One-time	(\$70.0)	
<b>Total Local Assistance</b>	<b>\$198.5</b>	
<b>State Operations</b>		
Four positions	\$0.4	Administrative support.
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$198.9</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Reflects federal funding provided under Title I set-aside (\$112.6 million), the School Improvement Grant (\$78.5 million), Title V (\$6 million), and Title III (\$1.8 million).