

Contra Costa County Office of Education
2012-13 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan
Actual Expenditures

Background

Proposition 30, *The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012*, approved by the voters on November 6, 2012, temporarily increases the state's sales tax rate for all taxpayers and the personal income tax rates for upper-income taxpayers.

The new revenues generated from Proposition 30 are deposited into a newly created state account called the Education Protection Account (EPA). The Education Protection Account (EPA), providing local educational agencies (LEAs) with general purpose state aid funding, is a component of an LEA's total revenue limit or charter school general purpose entitlement. **A corresponding reduction is made to an LEA's revenue limit (Revenue Limit Offset) or charter school general purpose state aid equal to the amount of the EPA entitlement.** For most non excess tax LEAs, the EPA entitlement will directly offset the state aid, resulting in no net difference.

Requirements

Proposition 30 provides that all K-14 local agencies have the sole authority to determine how the funds received from the EPA are spent, but with these provisions:

1. The spending plan must be approved by the governing board during a public meeting.
2. Each year, the local agency must publish on its website an expenditure report of how much money was received from the EPA and how the funds were expended.

Accounting Exception for County Office of Educations

Proposition 30 imposes restrictions on allowable expenditures and specifies accounting guidance to districts. However, due to the unique characteristics of county offices of education (COEs) in that their principal instructional programs are typically reported as restricted and they may operate many other programs on a fee for service model, it may be necessary for COEs to transfer EPA funds to other resources in order to keep program accounting intact.

2012-13 Actuals

For Contra Costa County Office of Education, the 2012-13 EPA entitlement is \$2,516,635. The funds were transferred to Juvenile Court School and County Community School programs as a revenue limit offset.

EXPENDITURES THROUGH: JUNE 2013 FUND 01, RESOURCE 1400, EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT

Description	Object Code	Amount
AMOUNT AVAILABLE:		
2012-13 Entitlement	8012	\$ 2,516,635.00
OTHER FINANCING USES:		
Transfer to Juvenile Court School	8091	\$ (1,860,000.00)
Transfer to County Community School	8091	\$ (656,635.00)
ENDING BALANCE		\$ -