

Contra Costa County Office of Education
2013-14 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan
Unaudited Actuals

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 LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) (LCFF 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.

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For Contra Costa County Office of Education, the 2013-14 EPA entitlement is \$2,027,767. The funds are transferred to Juvenile Court School program as a LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) offset.

EXPENDITURES THROUGH: JUNE 2014 FUND 01, RESOURCE 1400, EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT

Description	Object Code	Amount
AMOUNT AVAILABLE:		
2013-14 Estimated Entitlement	8012	\$ 2,027,767
OTHER FINANCING USES:		
Transfer to Juvenile Court School	8091	\$ (2,027,767)
ENDING BALANCE		\$ -