

# 2022-23 California State Budget Summary: Early Learning and Care

#### TK-12

- **\$611M Proposition 98 General Fund** to rebench the Proposition 98 Guarantee to expand Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and accommodate enrollment increases.
- **\$383M Proposition 98 General Fund** to reduce the student-teacher ratio to 12:1 for TK.
- \$650M one-time General Fund for the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. Grant funds may be used to construct new school facilities or retrofit existing school facilities for the purpose of providing TK classrooms, full-day kindergarten classrooms, or preschool classrooms. Also clarifies that community colleges that operate preschool programs on behalf of county offices of education or school districts can apply for funds in this program.
- **\$300M one-time General Fund** for the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program. Grant funds may be used for costs associated with creating or expanding preschool or TK programs or to establish or strengthen partnerships with other providers of Pre-K, including Head Start programs.
- \$4B ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program to support all Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in offering before, after, and summer school options for their TK-6 students. Funds LEAs that must offer the program to all students at \$2,750 per unduplicated pupil and LEAs that must offer the program to half of their unduplicated students.
- **\$85M General Fund** to the Superintendent to provide county offices of education with professional development and support family engagement in mathematics and science in preschool, TK, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12.
- \$637M Proposition 98 to increase the Home-to-School Transportation Local Control Funding Formula add-on, to fund LEAs at up to 60% of their transportation costs, or their current add-on, plus ongoing COLA. The home-to-school transportation will require LEAs to develop a plan describing its transportation services and how it will prioritize services for pupils in TK, kindergarten, any grades 1 to 6 and low-income individuals.
- \$7.9B for TK-12 grade emergency learning recovery programs through the 2027-28 school year. Funds can be used to extend instructional time, support Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs, provide academic supports such as tutoring and instruction and materials for English language development.



• TK enrollment must be reported separately from Kindergarten enrollment by LEAs in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS).

# California State Preschool Program (CSPP)

- **\$10.5M Proposition 98 General Fund** and **\$10.75M General Fund** to waive family fees for the State Preschool Program for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- **\$33.2M General Fund** and **\$67M Proposition 98 General Fund** to provide cost of living adjustments to the Standard Reimbursement rates for non-LEA and LEA-based CSPP, respectively.
- Extends the State Preschool funding hold-harmless for 2022-23, which allows State Preschool contractors to receive full funding allocated to their state contracts, regardless of student attendance.
- Expands eligibility to the State Preschool Program by guaranteeing 24-months of Early Learning and care to all 3-and 4-year-olds, children with exceptional needs, and expands eligibility to all families with incomes at the state median.
- **\$72.34M ongoing General Fund**, and **\$314M ongoing Proposition 98**, for increases in rates for CSPP to provide a 1.8 adjustment factor for three-year-olds, a 2.4 factor for students with exceptional needs, 1.2 factor for Dual Language Learners, and 1.1 factor for mental health services.
- **\$250M Proposition 98 General Fund** for the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program.
- **\$18.3M General Fund** to establish the California Universal Preschool Planning Grant Program with the goal of expanding access universally to preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-old children across the state through a mixed-delivery system. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide an additional \$18.3M in each of 2023-24 and 2024-25 for this program, totaling \$50M.
- **\$2M one-time Proposition 98 General Fund** to the Department of Education to develop a process and tools for early identification of children at risk for developmental delays or learning disabilities.

# **Child Care**

- **\$1.09B** to annualize the 2021-22 Budget Act's 120,000 new slots and further increase child care program access to 145,000 slots, with the continued goal from the 2021-22 Budget Act to serve 200,000 more children by 2025-26.
- Waives family fees for subsidized child care for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- **\$136M General Fund** to provide cost of living adjustments to the Standard Reimbursement Rate for child care programs.



- **\$100.2M General Fund** for agreements between the State of California and the Child Care Providers Union for providing health care benefits and other agreements.
- **\$100.5M one-time federal funds** to increase the 2021-22 Budget Act investment in the Department of Social Services Child Care Infrastructure program for child care facility renovation and repair.
- **\$113.6M General Fund and federal funds** to extend the reimbursements of state-subsidized child care providers to be based on families' certified need until June 30, 2023.
- **\$20M General Fund** for a capacity grant for Alternative Payment child care agencies.
- **\$6M one-time General Fund** to continue to contract with a vendor to allow child care providers to elect direct deposit payment.
- **\$150M** for child care facilities.

### Early Childhood Education (ECE) Workforce Pipeline

- **\$184M** to augment the Teacher Residency Grant Program to support teacher and school counselor residency programs that recruit and support the preparation of teachers and school counselors. Revises the program to authorize supporting candidates seeking a PK-3 ECE specialist credential.
- **\$20M** to support a Teacher Residency Program statewide technical assistance center to help LEAs facilitate residency programs.
- **\$500M in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund** for the Golden State Pathways Program to support the development and implementation of college and career educational pathways in critically needed sectors, such as Early Learning and Care.
- **\$35M** for the Educator Workforce Investment Grant, for dual-language, special needs, and computer science educators.
- Permits the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to issue and renew a one-year emergency specialist teaching permit in ECE that authorizes teaching TK if certain conditions are met, including the applicant holding a baccalaureate degree and Child Development Permit.
- Expands use of the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant to be used for coursework that helps grow, recruit, and retain staff to become credentialed or fully-credentialed teachers for their assignment. Covers costs related to professional learning, and retention and support for beginning teachers.
- Authorizes and incentivizes, with grants up to \$500,000, the California State University and institutions of higher education to develop and offer a 4- or 5-year integrated childhood education specialist credential and baccalaureate degree programs and provides planning and expansion grants to support these efforts.



#### Dual Language Learners (DLLs)

- Includes an adjustment factor increase for DLLs to 1.2.
- **\$3.5M** from General Fund to the State Department of Education and a portion of the funds to be used to develop diverse book collections and obtain culturally relevant texts in both English and pupils' home languages and to be established at site-based school and classroom libraries.