



FY 19-20 Budget Talking Points

In the coming weeks leading up to Leg Day at the Capitol and in preparation for your visits locally with your elected officials, we urge you to familiarize yourself with the following key talking points related to the Governor's FY 19-20 Budget proposal. This is a great time to ensure all members are properly educated as we move through the legislative budget process and ultimately to a vote of the full Legislature in June.

The focus of your meetings should be as follows:

1. Educate them on who you are (K12 Adult School) and how you contribute to their district and constituents. Describe how your programs help adults access career pathways, gain literacy, and support immigrants integrating in your community.
2. Provide brief history and share your experience on funding and regional planning for K12 adult education as it applies to your adult school – prior to flexibility, post flexibility, under CAEP – sharing positives and challenges
3. Cover the key talking points outlined below.

“Talking Points”

1. We believe the CAEP consortia work, collaboration and coordination is providing beneficial strides forward for adult education in California. Regional consortia planning based on need should continue to inform and drive funding through the CAEP.
2. Current funding under CAEP is stagnant and not sufficient to meet the need and address increasing costs.
3. We strongly urge the Legislature and Administration to increase funding for adult education. While we appreciate the Governor's inclusion of a COLA in his January budget proposal, it will not address ongoing cost increases associated with pension, salary and general cost increases nor will it provide ability for expanding capacity to meet the current needs throughout the state.

ASK: in addition to the COLA for adult education as proposed in the Governor's FY 19-20 budget, the Legislature should provide an increase of \$110 million to address stagnant funding, increasing costs, programmatic cuts, and grow access and capacity to those who need it the most.

- CAEP funding is the only funding the K12 adult school system has available to it to deliver programs and cover cost increases
- Without a COLA ***and*** an increase in funding to help cover cost increases and expand access, K12 adult schools' access will remain stagnant at a time when the needs for programs like citizenship and ESL for our immigrant students, short term career training for displaced workers, adult basic skills for formerly incarcerated individuals, and more are desperately needed

*****If any issues or questions arise, please direct elected officials and staff to follow up with Dawn Koepke with McHugh Koepke & Associates at (916) 930-1993. Thank you!***