



MARIN JLAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE OCTOBER 11, 2023

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End of Session Hot Topics & Bills

- Hot Labor Summer
 - Classified Employees: AB 1699 McCarty re: posting and filling vacancies; SB 433 Cortese re: disciplinary hearings, appeals & 3rd party hrng officers. *Both bills VETOED*
 - Adult Ed probationary employees – permanent status AB 897 McCarty *APPROVED*
- School Transportation
 - SB 88 Skinner Driver Qualifications. *APPROVED*
 - AB 579 Ting Electric Schoolbuses (2035) *APPROVED with signing message*
- Curriculum and instructional materials selection AB 1078 Jackson *APPROVED (urgency)*
- Suspensions & Expulsions – SB 274 Skinner – prohibits use of willful defiance – *APPROVED*
- Hiring Flexibility – Retired Certificated Staff SB 765 Portantino – *Awaiting Governor's Action as of 10/10*
- School Bond Bills for 2024 Ballot – AB 247 Muratsuchi (TK-14); SB 28 (Glazer) (PreK-Univ) – *held in Legislature; negotiations early 2024*
- What else?



Universal Meals Implementation

- Legislative Analyst Office Report on Implementation – offer to meet
- SB 348 Skinner – approved by the Governor
- New Federal Rules on Community Eligibility Program



State Budget Outlook

- **State faced \$26 - \$30 billion Budget Deficit in 2023**
 - Actions to address deficit included reductions, delays, cost shifts, revenue-related, e.g., increase tax on health insurance plans.
 - Did not use reserves to close the deficit.
 - Despite deficit, TK-12 Education received 8.22% COLA, mitigated current year cuts, obtained extension of time on expenditure of ELOP
- **What's ahead for 2024-25?**
 - As of October 2023, forecast by LAO suggests upside for state revenues as compared to projections reflected in the 2023 Budget Act; **but a \$10 billion deficit would remain**
 - LAO preliminary estimate of statutory COLA for 2024-25 of about 2%
 - LAO -- Prop 98 remains in Test 1 (about 40%)

LAO Fiscal Outlook released mid-November 2023

Governor's Budget for 2024-25 released January 10, 2024

On the Horizon 2024

Staffing Challenges -
Teacher and staff
recruitment and
retention

Prop 28 Arts
Education
implementation

Universal Meals
implementation

Student Mental
Health and
Behavioral Health

State Accountability
and Chronic
Absenteeism – LCAP
Template Update

Career Education –
State Masterplan to
be developed by
October 1, 2024

Funding and
declining enrollment



THANK YOU!

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