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Dear Parent/Guardian:

With the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, the state of California has implemented a new method of funding school districts and county offices of education called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). The California Legislature approved the new funding method on June 14, 2013, and Governor Brown signed the bill on July 1, 2013.

The LCFF represents a historic shift in how California funds public schools and will replace the old formula for public school funding that was established under Governor Ronald Reagan in the 1970's. The LCFF presents an equally historic opportunity for local education agencies to improve student outcomes, close achievement gaps, and increase the level of communication between schools and the communities they serve.

The LCFF is a weighted student formula that recognizes that low-income students, English learners, and foster youth need extra support. To provide this extra support, the new funding formula will make available additional funds to county offices and school districts for these students.

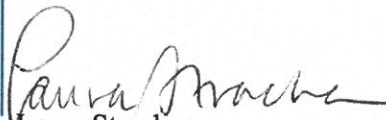
The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), Division of Alternative Education (ACCESS), already collects information and data on students classified as English Language Learners and those students who are identified as Foster Youth. ACCESS has not collected information regarding students who are from low-income families. In order for ACCESS to receive this additional funding to provide extra support, we are required to identify any families who qualify as a low-income family.

In an effort to identify low-income students for accountability and funding purposes only, the ACCESS program is requesting all families to complete the enclosed "LOW-INCOME ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDING ELIGIBILITY FORM" for each student enrolled in ACCESS. Please read the form carefully, complete it, and return with the other enrollment documents you have been given to fill out.

You will see an eligibility scale on the back of the form related to household income. The form itself does not ask for a specific income amount. It asks which income range you are in. If your income does not fit in any of the ranges on the eligibility scale then simply check, "Student does not meet the criteria as outlined above." You are not being asked to reveal your specific household income. Family size and household income will remain strictly confidential and will not be shared for any purpose. Your privacy is extremely important to us.

If you do not fit in one of the eligibility ranges now, but in the future there are reductions in your household income such as the loss of a job, your family size increases, you become eligible for Food Stamps, CalWORKS, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits; you may submit another form at that time.

Cordially,


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**LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA
LOW-INCOME ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDING ELIGIBILITY 2016-17**

In an effort to identify low-income students based on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for accountability and funding purposes only, please complete this form for each student enrolled.

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Name: _____

School/Administrative Unit: _____

Please check the one that apply to the above student:

Household member receives one of the following benefits. Please check one:
 CalFresh – Case # _____ Kin-GAP – Case # _____
 CalWORKS – Case # _____ FDPIR – Case # _____

Foster Care Child or Child placed in out-of-home care (is under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court).

Child is: Homeless*¹ Runaway*² Migrant *³

Meets the FRPM income eligibility based on the "FRPM Income Eligibility Scales" (see back of form):
 FM Eligibility Scale RM Eligibility Scale

Student does not meet the criteria as outlined above.

I certify (promise) that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income was included when determining income eligibility. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of state funds and school officials may verify the information at any time, and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and federal laws.

Print name of adult household member completing this form: _____

Signature of adult household member completing this form: _____

Date Signed: _____

Street Address, Apt#, etc. City State Zip

Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number Email Address

*School official use: Verification completed by school ¹Homeless Liaison, ²local educational liaison, ³local Migrant Education Program (MEP) coordinator or Homeless Liaison. _____ Yes, student qualifies under the status definition _____ No, student does not qualify,

FRPM Income Eligibility Scales for 2016-17

Effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, participants from households with incomes at or below the following levels qualify under the supplemental/concentration grant funding.

Note:

The income calculations are based on annual figures and the following formulas: Monthly = annual income divided by 12; Twice Per Month = annual income divided by 24; Every Two Weeks = annual income divided by 26; and Weekly = annual income divided by 52. All dollar amounts are rounded up to the next whole dollar.

Income from all members of the household must be included in the calculation.

Income to include, but not limited to: Gross earnings from work (amount earned before taxes and other deductions), Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), VA benefits, Welfare Benefits, Child Support, Alimony payments, Disability Benefits, Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, cash withdrawn from savings, interest and dividends, income from estates, trusts, and investments, net royalties and annuities, net rental income and any other income, including temporary income.

Do not include income from CAIFresh, CalWorks, Kin-GAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits, and foster payments received by your family from the placing agency, Military Privatized Housing Initiative or combat pay.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FM ELIGIBILITY SCALE					RM ELIGIBILITY SCALE				
	YEAR	MONTH	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK
1	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$ 644	\$ 594	\$ 297	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
For each additional family member, add:										
	\$ 5,408	\$ 451	\$ 226	\$ 208	\$ 104	\$ 7,696	\$ 642	\$ 321	\$ 296	\$ 148

- Household is synonymous with family and means a group of related or unrelated individuals who are not residents of an institution or boarding house, but who are living as one economic unit sharing housing and all significant income and expenses. This scale does not apply to households that receive CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-Gap), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, or children who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program (CalWORKs). Those children automatically qualify.
- In the Adult Care Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, a household includes the adult participant and, if residing with the participant, the spouse as well as any persons who are economically dependent on the adult participant. This scale does not apply to members of CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps) households, or recipients of Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid/Medi-Cal, or FDPIR benefits. Those participants automatically qualify.