



## Frequently Asked Questions: Budget Development 2021-22

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Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we move quickly and thoughtfully through the details of LA Unified's Path to Recovery for students.

- On Friday, March 12, budget allocation letters for the additional Title I and Student Equity Needs Index (SENI-Targeted Student Population) funds for applicable schools are being released.
- Additional guidance regarding next steps for the use of these additional funds as well as other resources being directed to your schools is available on the Principals' Portal (link [here](#)) and the 2021-22 School Budget Development Resources page (link [here](#)).

While some schools may have already held budget development meetings, this guidance provides directions on next steps to budget these funds for the coming school year.

We appreciate everything that you are doing to support students and families and are glad that these additional resources are available for your schools. Please send questions to [pathrecovery@lausd.net](mailto:pathrecovery@lausd.net).

### **Additional Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **RECOVERY FUNDING**

##### **What will the one-time funds cover?**

The one-time resources below will be provided to schools for the 2021-22 school year. Schools are not required to purchase any of these items out of their own budgets.

Technology and Safety Equipment (this covers this year and 2021-22)

- Replacement of student computers which are 5-years and older or inoperable
- Student internet access devices for connectivity
- Air filtration and ventilation upgrades
- Personal Protective Equipment (masks, gloves, disinfectant)
- Continuation of digital applications used for online learning (more details coming the week of 3/15)
- Camera systems for every classroom to support hybrid instruction (headsets, voice amplifiers and video soundbar equipment)

Staffing and Supports

- Additional custodial staff and services and overtime funding for existing custodial staff. Elementary schools will receive 3 hours of additional custodial time per day; secondary schools will receive 6 hours of additional time per day.



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- Additional staff to address mental health needs, such as a Psychiatric Social Worker, or equivalent service, based on need
- Additional staff time to accelerate learning recovery for students with Individualized Education Programs and special education needs. This includes APEIS, Bridge Coordinator, Speech & Language, and Psychologist supports.

### **Is every school getting the same staffing allocations?**

Allocations will vary based on various factors such as need and school type.

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## **TITLE I FUNDS**

### **Do I have to revise my current School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) to include the new Title I allocation?**

Whether or not your school has submitted a 2021-22 SPSA to the LD for approval and participated in the budget development process, you may select to reconvene the SSC, revise the SPSA to reflect the additional Title I funds that have been allocated, resubmit the SPSA to the LD for approval, and revisit the budget development process no later than April 19 or you may contact James Mundy ([jmundy@lausd.net](mailto:jmundy@lausd.net)) **prior to** April 19 to let him know that you would like to submit the SPSA without the additional Title I funds and wait until mid-July or thereafter to meet with the SSC to further plan on the use of the additional funds. In this case, the school would be able to submit a modification to their SPSA.

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## **STUDENT EQUITY NEEDS INDEX/TARGETED STUDENT POPULATION (SENI/TSP) FUNDS**

### **Do I have to revise my current TSP plan to include the new allocation in 10552?**

Whether or not your school has submitted a 2021-22 TSP to the LD/Community of School Administrator for approval and participated in the budget development process, you will revise the TSP plan based on previous stakeholder engagement to reflect the additional SENI/TSP funds that have been allocated, resubmit the TSP to your LD/Community of School Administrator for approval, and complete the budget development process no later than Monday, April 19 or you may contact your Community of School Administrator and Karen G. Long, Director Strategy and Innovation at [karen.long@lausd.net](mailto:karen.long@lausd.net) to request additional time.



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### **By when must the TSP plan be completed?**

The TSP plan should be completed by the end of the new budget development deadline set for Monday, April 19. If you need additional time to complete the plan, please notify your Community of School Administrator and Karen G. Long, Director Strategy and Innovation at [karen.long@lausd.net](mailto:karen.long@lausd.net).

### **Does the new SENI allocation have to be spent in the same way as the initial allocation?**

Yes, SENI / TSP funds, like the other Supplemental and Concentration funds, are also required to be spent on increased/ improved services and programs to close equity gaps for students who are English learners, low-income, and/or in foster care.

### **Will the TSP plan in the SPSA system reflect the new allocation?**

Yes, the TSP plan in the SPSA system will reflect the original + new = total allocation for 2021-2022.

### **Do I need to include my 2020-2021 carryover in the TSP plan?**

No, you will only include the lump sum total allocation in 10552 for the 2021-2022 school year in your TSP plan.

### **How will I submit the revised TSP plan and budget information in SFE, Schools Front End?**

The Fiscal Specialist assigned to your school will schedule a Budget Development appointment for you. You will submit your TSP plan online in the SPSA system. Your Community of Schools Administrator will review and approve your TSP plan.

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## **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

### **How do I schedule another budget meeting if I want to make changes to my 2021-22 budget?**

Please contact your Local District Administrator to reschedule your meeting. The last day for budget development is April 19th. The next opportunity to revise your budget is when the system reopens in mid-July 2021.

### **If I have already budgeted for items covered by the recovery plan, can I adjust my budget?**

Yes. If you have budgeted for items covered by the recovery plan, you may adjust your budget by April 19th or in July when the system reopens.



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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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SPSA	Local District Title I Coordinator
TSP plan approval	Community of Schools Administrator
Recovery funds	<a href="mailto:pathtorecovery@lausd.net">pathtorecovery@lausd.net</a>

As details regarding additional funding and resources for your schools are determined, we will send you an update and include that information on the Principals' Portal (link [here](#)) and the 2021-22 School Budget Development Resources page (link [here](#)).