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#	TOPIC	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	ALTERNATE SCHEDULES	Will the district be providing any additional funds for the 2x8 schedule?	The District is no longer providing funding for the additional teaching positions required by these alternative schedule models.
2	BACKING OUT BENEFITS	Do you have the amounts of benefit back-outs?	Please reference the Health and Medical Benefit Adjustments file on the School Fiscal Services website .
3	BUDGET PROCESS REMINDERS	Any position created in CM0 after October 31 must be created in FN0. What do those acronyms represent?	CM0- Current Maintenance or the current school budget. FN0 - Final Version or the budget for the upcoming school year. Any positions created after October 31 in the current school year's budget will not be included in the budget for the upcoming school year unless it is added during the Budget Development period.
4	CARRYOVER	We were told we won't get any carryover. Is that still the case?	In the 2025-26 school year budget, LA Unified projects a \$1.6 billion deficit by the 2027-2028 school year. To help address the deficit, the board approved a Fiscal Stabilization Plan (FSP) in June 2025. The FSP assumes a zero-carryover policy in the General Fund School Program (13027) and Student Equity Needs Index (SENI) (10552) for FY 2026. Therefore, during the FY 2027 budget development, advance carryover will not be provided for these programs.
5	CARRYOVER	Will Program 14242 carry over?	Yes, currently, Program 14242 (SDEP-Proceeds Film/Photo Renta) is expected to carry over.
6	CARRYOVER	Will the attendance incentive program carry over?	Yes, currently, Program 15891 (Student Attendance Incentive Program) is expected to carry over.
7	CARRYOVER	What about the carryover of Program 17703 (CAP)?	As in previous years, Program 17703 (ELOP-CulturalArtsPassport) will not carry over.
8	CARRYOVER	Will Program 14423 carry over?	Yes, currently, Program 14423 (Incentive-Brkfst-Discretionary) is expected to carry over.
9	CARRYOVER	Will Program 13027 carry over?	In the 2025-26 school year budget, LA Unified projects a \$1.6 billion deficit by the 2027-2028 school year. To help address the deficit, the board approved a Fiscal



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			Stabilization Plan (FSP) in June 2025. The FSP assumes a zero-carryover policy in the General Fund School Program (13027) and Student Equity Needs Index (SENI) (10552) for FY 2026. Therefore, during the FY 2027 budget development, advance carryover will not be provided for these programs.
10	CARRYOVER	When will the carryover memo be published?	The carryover memo will be published in December. It will be posted to the School Fiscal Services website .
11	CARRYOVER	Part of the board-approved fiscal stabilization plan was the assumption that there would be a zero-carryover policy. So, is it an assumption, or is it a fact that funds will not carry over? Will we get no carryover in the 26-27 school year?	The FSP assumes a zero-carryover policy in the General Fund School Program (13027) and Student Equity Needs Index (SENI) (10552) for FY 2026. Therefore, during the FY 2027 budget development, advance carryover will not be provided for these programs. The final decision on carryover will be published in the carryover memo in December.
12	CARRYOVER MEMO	When will the carryover memo be published?	The carryover memo will be issued in December.
13	CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES	If a classified employee is on workers' comp, can their position be closed?	The employee is moved when their position is closed, unless they are entitled to Reasonable Accommodation.
14	CONTINGENCY PLAN - SPANISH	Will a Spanish sample be added to the contingency plan?	We will add it to the page . Please look for it by the end of the week.
15	CTE TEACHERS - TITLE I FUNDS	Can you purchase a CTE teacher with Title 1 funds?	The preliminary answer is no. However, we are still looking into it.
16	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) IOC	Has the CAP IOC been delivered, just because I'm the CAP designee?	No, no, there is no IOC for CAP.
17	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	To clarify, does the CAP plan need to be submitted on the same date as SPSA?	CAP Plans are to be completed on the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) platform, which will be available on 12/8.
18	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Will our CAP designee have automatic access online?	No, unfortunately, we cannot make that happen, but you could approve this action if needed. Principals or APs can assign SPSA Designees via the SPSA platform .
19	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Was this information given to the CAP champion?	No, this has not been shared with CAP Champions yet, as the development of the SPSA platform has been ongoing.



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20	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Do you have sample needs assessments that we can tailor for our school (for CAP and Prop 28)?	Please see the links in the toolkit here: Arts Funding - Communication Toolkit.docx - Google Docs
21	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Is the Needs Assessment for CAP supposed to be provided to ALL stakeholders? Or just parents?	Staff and Families
22	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Have our CAP designees been trained on the SPSA platform to write the plan?	The plan reflects the paper plans used during the past few years. They may wish to generate a plan for next year using the Google document linked in the CAP memo. That way, when the platform is finalized, you have all the content prepared for ease.
23	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Is there a Word doc that can be used by the CAP champion if they don't have access to the SPSA platform (and then principals upload it)?	It follows the almost exact pattern of our "typical" CAP plan, so that would be ideal.
24	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Where can I find the questions to ask the parents regarding CAP?	Arts Funding Communication Toolkit: Arts Funding - Communication Toolkit.docx - Google Docs
25	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Can you tell us what the allocations are?	These allocations will arrive with all the other program allocations in December.
26	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Will CAP Champions be able to receive access?	Principals or APs can assign SPSA Designees via the SPSA platform .
27	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Are the 26-27 CAP plans due by the BD appointment date?	Yes, it should be prepared for the BD appointment; however, you have until the close of BD to ensure the plan is approved. Region Directors will approve on the platform.
28	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	What is the deadline to complete the CAP Plan?	Plans are to be prepared for your budget development appointment. The CAP plan can be updated and modified until the close of Budget Development (Jan 30).
29	CULTURAL ARTS PASSPORT (CAP) PLAN	Yes, just for the arts plan, they said that there's a PowerPoint. Where is the PowerPoint in this... on the resources?	There's no PowerPoint; there's a slide deck on page 3 of the Arts Funding Communication Toolkit . At the bottom, you can find resources and the elementary and secondary slide deck.



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30	DISTRICT PURCHASED SOFTWARE	Has DOI set a date for when they will release the centrally purchased program software they will buy for schools, so schools don't have to budget?	At this time, we can confirm that iReady will continue, as will IXL Digital Map.
31	ECAST APPEALS	Can we submit ECAST Appeals?	Schools may submit an ECAST appeal for FY2027. The enrollment forecast will be available to schools on December 1-10.
32	ESTIMATED RATES SHEET	When will rate sheets be available?	The Estimated Rates Sheet will be available on or before November 21, 2025, on the School Fiscal Services website .
33	INTERVENTIONISTS	Are the district-provided interventionists for ELA and Math for priority schools B basis or C?	Interventionist positions are authorized for funding only as B-Basis, regardless of the funding source.
34	IT SUPPORT TECHS	IT support must be funded for a whole year? July through June?	Yes, schools will only be allowed to purchase one-day increments for the full year (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027).
35	IT SUPPORT TECHS	Will it work like it did last year? If you put in a ticket, then they will help you. If you don't purchase a day or so, they'll still be helping you within the next 5 to 6 weeks. Or are we to purchase... to be assisted at our school site?	If you purchase an IT tech, you will receive their support as you've purchased it. If you do not purchase, you can still put in tickets to request service. There may be an extended wait time, however.
36	ITINERANT ELEMENTARY ARTS PREFERENCE FORM	Where is that preference form again?	Here is the link to the Itinerant Elementary Arts Preference Form. Elementary Arts Preference 2026-2027
37	JOB DESCRIPTIONS	Where can I find those job descriptions/qualifications sheets you showed on the slide?	They will be available in the 2026-27 SPSA Program and Budget Handbook.
38	LIMITED CONTRACT TEACHERS	Are we still allowed to purchase LCT out of 7S046 for in-school intervention?	Yes, schools will be able to budget Limited Contract Teachers (LCT) in the 2026-27FY in Program 7S046.
39	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	How many ELs does a school need to qualify for a MMALC?	Various factors are considered for the allocation of the MMALC positions, including the high count of ELs.
40	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	For clarification, are those positions no longer being funded by the District (MMALC)? They must be funded by the school?	The Multilingual Multicultural Education Department (MMED) still funds the MMALC and the International Newcome Instructional Aide positions, but schools have the option to purchase as well.



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41	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	I currently have a MMALC funded by the District. Will this continue next year, or will I have to purchase the position?	MMED still funds these positions, but schools have the option to purchase as well.
42	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	If we went from Red to Blue on the CA Dashboard for ELs and HAVE been allocated a MMALC, will we continue to be funded a MMALC for next year?	It's not guaranteed, but planning for the position would be a good idea until you receive your official allocation.
43	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	What is high count?	The high count of ELs (100 or greater) is not the sole factor that is considered in the allocation of the MMALC position. It is only one factor in the needs-based equity index.
44	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	When will we know if our school has been allocated a MMALC funded by MMED?	Schools will receive all their allocation notices on December 1, 2025.
45	MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL ACCELERATED LEARNING COACH (MMALC)	How soon will MMALC breakdown (how much from each fund) be shared?	This information will be available when allocations are released on December 1, 2025.
46	NON-REGISTER CARRYING TEACHER	Is there an official job description for the non-register carrying teacher? Or just the description listed in the Program and Budget Handbook	A job description for this position is included on Page 81 of the current program and budget handbook. For a Title I-funded Non-Register Carrying Teacher-remember to follow the Program and Budget Handbook guidelines. The Non-Register Carrying Teacher should be involved in implementing the SPSA to assist in closing the achievement gap and should have a clear understanding of the individual school's instructional and intervention needs. These needs must be articulated in the SPSA and should list the activities necessary to reach the objectives. Activities in the categorically funded programs are designed to supplement district services.
47	NON-REGISTER CARRYING TEACHER	Is there a position this year? Can we have a non-classroom intervention teacher? Or does that have to be an interventionist?	Non-Register Carrying teachers will be allowed in SENI, Equity Multiplier, and Title I.



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48	OPTION SCHOOLS NORMING	If a school increases enrollment for two consecutive months in the Spring of 25/26 will staffing be adjusted for the 26/27 SY?	During the next school year, if a school maintains enrollment growth over 2 consecutive classification months, a growth position can be requested.
49	PARTNERS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (PFSS)	Will Partners for Student Success be available for the 2026-2027 school year?	Yes, the PFSS program is expected to continue in the 2026-2027 FY.
50	POSITION COSTS	Do we have the costs of those positions you just mentioned? Most notably the newcomer instructional aide?	The updated cost of the positions will be listed in the estimate rate sheet. In 2024-25, the MMALC costs \$173,523 (with differential) and the International Newcomer Instructional Aide costs \$77,975.
51	POWER BI TOOLS	Can the principal designate others to have access to these reports?	Access to the Employee Roster in Power BI is limited to principals and administrators initially due to the sensitive data displayed in the Budget Development Roster . For the School Allocation Report , access will soon be granted to Assistant Principals, Coordinators, and School Administrative Assistants (SAAs), before budget development
52	POWER BI TOOLS	Will the School Allocation Report be in Power BI?	Yes, the School Allocation Report will be in Power BI.
53	POWER BI TOOLS	Can SAAs and CPAs be granted access to the Power BI BD Dashboards?	Access to Power BI is initially limited to principals and administrators due to the sensitive data displayed in the Budget Development Roster . However, for the School Allocation Report , access may be granted to Assistant Principals, Coordinators, and School Administrative Assistants (SAAs) before budget development.
54	POWER BI TOOLS	Can you go back to how we access this dashboard?	Here's the link to the Power BI Budget Development tools: https://app.powerbi.com/ .
55	POWER BI TOOLS	Can this new Employee Roster report be exported in an Excel File if not available to SAA's?	Yes, however, schools will also be emailed a PDF version of the Employer Roster Report as part of the Budget Development process.
56	POWER BI TOOLS	How can the principal request access for the coordinators to have access to Allocation Report before December 1st?	Coordinators will be granted access to the School Allocation Report before December 1, 2025.



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57	POWER BI TOOLS	How can our principal give access to the coordinators for the, allocation report before December 1st, and the allocation letters come out?	Access to the School Allocation Report in Power BI will be granted to coordinators before December 1, 2025.
58	PROPOSITION 28	Are outside arts providers considered personnel or is it only LAUSD teachers?	Program guidelines require that at least 80% of the allocated funding be directed to employing certificated arts teachers or classified staff who will support an arts teacher. The remaining funds, up to 20% of the allocation, may be used for professional development, supplies and materials, and arts education partnership programs. Outside arts providers would be considered part of the 20%.
59	PROPOSITION 28	I do not remember submitting a plan for Prop 28 last year. Is that new this year?	No, plans were required for Prop. 28 last year.
60	PROPOSITION 28 - VENDOR SERVICES	Can Proposition 28 be used to purchase vendor services?	Yes, up to 20% of the allocation may be used for professional development, supplies and materials, and arts education partnership programs.
61	PROPOSITION 28 - ARTS NETWORK	For Prop. 28, we can use the Arts Network, right?	Yes, we do have Arts Community Network partners. They're also linked on the Arts Funding Communication Toolkit . They're on page 4.
62	PROPOSITION 28 - ARTS PREFERENCE FORMS	If we have one that we really, really like, that we just got this year, and really likes us, where can I share that we would really hope this person gets placed at our site again next year?	Please utilize Elementary Arts Preference Forms - Elementary Arts Preference 2026-2027
63	PROPOSITION 28 - CARRYOVER	If we do receive a bunch more, Prop 28 rollover money, what flexibility do we have with that money? Because it's just going to keep rolling over if we don't get elementary arts teachers placed at our school.	We're still hiring and processing, so the number of teachers available continues to grow.
64	PROPOSITION 28 - MESSAGING	So there was a slide that had questions to ask parents. Where do I find those questions?	It's linked in the Arts Funding Communication Toolkit . There are different ones, depending on whether you're secondary or elementary, and whether you want to do these programs separately. Find the document titled "Messaging Toolkit District Policy Resources." Down, under resources, you should see Coffee with the Principal.
65	PROPOSITION 28 - MESSAGING	We were kind of told we had to budget for these arts people, and mine's been on maternity leave since October, and none is... no one has come in their place. And since we are going to bring budget development to our community. What should I share with them?	You could share that she's happily on maternity leave, experiencing a life event, and will be returning to us after that.



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66	PROPOSITION 28 PLAN	Our school is allocated the art teacher, the music teacher, the dance teacher. We really don't allocate those funds. Do we still have to create a plan?	Yes, the plan is required; that's in the legislation. If they don't have discretion over the resources, and they receive an itinerant allocation, like teachers coming to their school, that needs to be in their plan, because that is what is happening.
67	PROPOSITION 28 PLAN	So, is there a template that we follow?	In the Prop 28 Allocations Fiscal Year 2027 IOC , there is a link to the plan template. It's a forced copy. The IOC also includes a Google Form for uploading your plan. You can use the template to indicate how you will be using the allocation. Last year, I think, was the first year that we had, a breakdown that showed you, this is carryover, this is what must be spent on personnel, this is what's available to be spent, like, of that other portion, because 80% at minimum, has to be spent on personnel, and up to 20% can be utilized for other resources, such as instructional materials, that sort of a thing. in support of arts instruction. You will have the same form available, which shows a breakdown of your site, and it can also be useful in generating your plan.
68	PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER (PSW) ALLOCATIONS	For PSW, does it include enrollment of both special ed and general ed?	Yes, the PSW allocation is generated by your total enrollment.
69	PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER (PSW) ALLOCATIONS	Who came up with the 600 number? We are capped at 585. Why is it assumed that schools with fewer than 600 students don't need the PSW services?	Starting in the 2025-26 FY, schools with an enrollment of 600 students or more will receive a full-time Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW), and schools with an enrollment of 1,200 or more will receive an additional PSW allocation (2 FTEs total), as required by the UTLA contract . Schools with enrollment of fewer than 600 students will not receive a PSW allocation from the District.
70	PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER (PSW) ALLOCATIONS	Will shared campuses with small schools be eligible for a shared PSW this year?	The calculation of a shared PSW will be based on each school's individual enrollment, not the total combined enrollment of the shared schools.
71	PUPIL SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE COUNSELOR (PSA) ALLOCATION	When is the data captured to earn the 1/2-time PSA?	The first capture will take place in November to determine the December 1st allocations, and another capture in January before closing the system.
72	REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL ACTION (RPA)	If applicable, the RPA goes to the Fiscal Specialist for this 26-27 BD?	Schools are now responsible for submitting RPAs directly to the appropriate personnel in Human Resources and Classified Employment. The fiscal signature is no longer required on the RPA.



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73	SENI-TSP ALLOCATION	Does consistent enrollment factor in the SENI?	Chronic Absenteeism is one of the School Climate Indicators that determine SENI ranking and the allocation.
74	TITLE I & CSI SCHOOLS	If a school is Title 1 and CSI, will it be fully funded? Or will the funding be reduced?	The two allocations are independent of each other so you will receive your Title I and CSI- if you qualify for CSI.
75	TSP-SENI ALLOCATION	Based on the current situation, should we anticipate a much smaller amount allocated to us?	The 2021-2022 rates will be used to calculate the 2026-27 TSP-SENI allocations. Those rates were approximately 10 to 15% less than the current rates. It's challenging to predict how allocations will be affected for specific school sites because numerous other factors come into play. Schools with the highest SENI ranking are expected to receive a 10-15% decrease. If your school's SENI ranking remains unchanged and your unduplicated student count remains unchanged, then your school's allocation will be 10 to 15% less than the current year's allocation.