DESERT/MOUNTAIN SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 25, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

AGENDA

NOTICE: This meeting will be held as a hybrid committee meeting with some committee members participating in person and others participating via Web Ex. If members of the public wish to participate in the meeting and/or make public comment, please follow the instructions below to participate telephonically:

PARTICIPATE BY PHONE:

Dial Access Number: 1-415-655-0003

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If you wish to make a public comment at this meeting, prior to the meeting please submit a request to address the Steering and Finance Committee to the recording secretary via fax at 1-760-242-5363 or email jamie.adkins@cahelp.org. Please include your name, contact information and which item you want to address.

<u>Reasonable Accommodation</u>: If you wish to request reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting telephonically, please contact the recording secretary (via contact information noted above) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public is encouraged to participate in the deliberation of the Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee. Several opportunities are available during the meeting for the Council to receive oral communication regarding the presentations of any items listed on the agenda. Please ask for recognition either before a presentation or after the presentation has been completed. Please complete and submit a "Registration Card to Address the Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering Committee" to the Recording Secretary and adhere to the provisions described therein.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the February 25, 2022 Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 2021-22 County Operated Special Education Fee-For-Service Program – 2nd Interim Update

The SBCSS Internal Business Manager will present the 2021-22 County Operated Special Education Fee-For-Service Program -2^{nd} Interim Update.

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6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION

6.1 Assembly Bill 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements

Assembly Bill (AB) 361 requires local agencies to consider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make the following findings by a majority vote: 1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or 2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

6.1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly Bill 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements be approved as presented.

7.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the Steering and Finance Committee consider approving several Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent Items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any Committee Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

- 7.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Consent Items be approved as presented:
 - 7.1.1 Approve the January 21, 2022 Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

8.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Legislative Updates

Pam Bender will provide legislative updates.

8.2 Potential Changes in Special Education Funding

Pam Bender will present information regarding potential changes in special education funding.

8.3 Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) Funding Changes

Pam Bender will provide information regarding changes in Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) Funding.

8.4 Desert Mountain Operations Update

Rich Frederick will present Desert Mountain Operations Update.

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- 8.5 Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Services Reports and Updates
 - Linda Llamas will present the D/M Children's Center Client Services monthly reports and updates.
- 8.6 Self-Care Strategies to Promote Emotional Wellness
 - Linda Llamas will discuss strategies to promote self-care for ourselves, children, and families.
- 8.7 Professional Learning Summary and Update
 - Heidi Chavez will present the D/M SELPA's Professional Learning Summary and update.
- 8.8 Resolution Support Services Summary and Updates
 - Kathleen Peters will present the D/M SELPA's Resolution Support Services Summary and updates, including addressing absences of students in special education.
- 8.9 Case Law Review
 - Kathleen Peters will provide case law review including a You Be the Judge scenario.
- 8.10 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Request Form and Brochure
 - Kathleen Peters will present the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Request Form and brochure as well as the electronic submission link (https://forms.office.com/r/2LJe9iXrpq).
- 8.11 Prevention and Intervention Update
 - Kami Murphy will present a Prevention and Intervention Update
- 8.12 Compliance Update
 - Peggy Dunn will present an update on compliance items from the California Department of Education (CDE).
- 8.13 Nonpublic School/Nonpublic Agency Update
 - Peggy Dunn will provide a nonpublic school/nonpublic agency update.
- 8.14 California State Testing Updates
 - Karina Quezada will provide California state testing updates.

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9.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1 Monthly Audiological Services Reports
- 10.2 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports
- 10.3 Monthly Nonpublic School Placement Report
- 10.4 Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

11.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

12.0 CEO COMMENTS

13.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

This is the time during the agenda when the Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee is again prepared to receive the comments of the public regarding items on this agenda or any school related special education issue. Speakers are requested to give their name and limit their remarks to five minutes.

Persons wishing to make complaints against Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee personnel must have filed an appropriate complaint form prior to the meeting.

When the Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee goes into Closed Session, there will be no further opportunity for general public to address the Council on items under consideration.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Aster/Cactus Room, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for disabilities are requested to contact Jamie Adkins at (760) 955-3555, at least seven days prior to the date of this meeting.

	FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUDGET to 2nd INTERIM COMPARISON - 2021-22											
	SELPA	Desert Mou	ntain					Budget		2nd Interim		Increase/- Decrease
A. R	A. REVENUES						March 2021 As of 1/31/22					
1.	AB602 Special Ed Fun	ding	RS 6500	ОВ 8311	GL 5001	FC 0000	\$	45,545,473	\$	45,963,343	\$	417,870
2.	Property Tax Transfer		6500	8097	5001	0000						
3.	Property Tax Transfer	Adjustment between 2021-22 P-2 and	Annual									
4.	Federal IDEA (Local A	ssistance Entitlement)	3310	8181	5001	0000					\$	-
5.	Net State Aid (A1-A2-A	A3-A4)	6500	8311	5001	0000						
6.	LCFF ADA Revenue Tr	ransfer	6500	8710	5001	0000	\$	8,687,500	\$	7,960,503	\$	(726,997)
7.	Federal Preschool		3315	8182	5730	0000	\$	138,233	\$	150,570	\$	12,337
8.	Preschool Local Entitl	ement	3310	8182	5730	0000	\$	412,411	\$	412,411	\$	-
9.	Infant Part C		3385	8182	5710	0000	\$	37,210	\$	122,098	\$	84,888
10.	Infant State Apportion	ment	6510	8311	5710	0000	\$	888,800	\$	890,596	\$	1,796
11.	Infant Discretionary		6515	8590	5710	0000			\$	119,835	\$	119,835
12.	Contrib. frm Unrestric	ted	6500	8981	5001	0000	\$	152,483	\$	53,496	\$	(98,987)
тот	AL REVENUES						\$	55,862,110	\$	55,672,852	\$	(189,258)
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B. E	XPENDITURES											
1.	SAI Services - SDC						\$	29,306,627	\$	29,682,223	\$	375,596
2.	Related Services - DIS						\$	10,709,511	\$	10,706,444	\$	(3,067)
3.	Itinerant						\$	1,716,211	\$	1,846,633	\$	130,422
4.	1:1 Aide Services						\$	6.380.227	\$	5,327,126	\$	(1,053,101)
5.	Interpreter Services						\$	738,487	\$	642,272	\$	(96,215)
6.	Preschool Assessmen	ate.					\$	369,070	\$	266,928	\$	(102,142)
7.	Preschool SDC						\$	5,361,449	\$	4,836,738	\$	(524,711)
8.	Early Start						\$	1,280,529	\$	1,213,131	\$	(67,398)
	AL EXPENDITURES						\$	55,862,110	\$	54,521,495	\$	(1,340,615)
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C. F	PRIOR YEAR ADJUST	TMENTS										
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	Early Start Beginning	enue Funding Adjustment Balance	6500	8319	5001	0000	\$	-	\$		\$	
	AL PRIOR YEAR ADJUS						\$	-	\$		\$	-
D. 2021-22 ESTIMATED ENDING BALANCE												
1.	Total Revenues (Section						\$	55,862,110	\$	55,672,852	\$	(189,258)
2.	•	Revenue Adjustments (Section C)					\$	-	\$	-	\$	(100,200)
3.	Less Total Expenditure	es (Section B)					\$	55,862,110	\$	54,521,495	\$	(1,340,615)
4.	Less Early Start Endin								\$	-	\$	-
5.	Estimated 2021-22 Fe	e-For-Service Ending Balance					\$	-	\$	1,151,357	\$	1,151,357

Service Counts	Budget	2nd Interim	Diff
SAI Services - SDC	877	892	15
Related Services - DIS	1729	1751	22
Itinerant	295	293	-2
1:1 Aide Services	100	106	6
Interpeters	8	7	-1
Preschool Assessments	75	70	-5
Preschool SDC	213	200	-13
Early Start	60	58	2

ADA	
Estimated ADA - Budget	761.19
Estimated ADA - 2nd Interim	690.83

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

DESERT MOUNTAIN COUNTY OPERATED SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM 2021-22 LCFF PROJECTED FUNDING PER DISTRICT as of 2nd Interim

	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D	Col. E
District	2021-22 Estimated Funded ADA	2021-22 Estimated LCFF Target Funding	AVERAGE REVENUE PER ADA (Col. B / Col. A)	Estimated 2021-22 ADA	PROJECTED LCFF REVENUE (Col. D X Col. E)
Desert Mountain Region					
Adelanto Elementary	7,763.52	86,233,230	11,107.49	63.72	707,769.34
Apple Valley Unified	12,610.07	141,423,690	11,215.14	89.05	998,708.14
Baker Valley Unified	121.04	1,446,935	11,954.19	0	-
Barstow Unified	6,043.54	69,454,936	11,492.43	53.71	617,258.20
Bear Valley Unified	2,222.54	24,563,859	11,052.16	4.38	48,408.44
Helendale Elementary	639.15	6,173,057	9,658.23	7.86	75,913.68
Hesperia Unified	21,015.18	236,622,442	11,259.60	87.46	984,764.29
Lucerne Valley Unified	877.79	10,917,307	12,437.27	18.75	233,198.72
Needles	1,069.67	12,171,613	11,378.85	25.74	292,891.56
Oro Grande Elementary	89.83	1,069,082	11,901.17	1.44	17,137.68
Silver Valley Unified	2,039.44	20,486,857	10,045.33	2.6	26,117.87
Snowline Jt. Unified	7,169.81	79,226,365	11,050.00	76.06	840,462.62
Trona Jt. Unified	268.78	3,393,697	12,626.30	4.22	53,282.99
Victor Elementary	11,880.55	136,452,860	11,485.40	165.51	1,900,948.43
Victor Valley Union High	10,348.62	133,312,067	12,882.11	90.33	1,163,641.05
TOTAL/AVERAGE FOR REGION	84,159.53	\$ 962,947,997	\$ 11,436.38	690.83	\$ 7,960,503.02

^{*}Does not include addition 15% concentration grant funding.

Desert Mountain County Operated Special Education Program 2021-22 Revised Budget As of 2nd Interim

				SAI SERVICES > 50% SDC	RELATED SERVICES DIS	ITINERANT	1 TO 1 AIDE SERVICES	INTERPRETER SERVICES	PRESCHOOL ASSESSMENTS	PRESCHOOL SDC	EARLY START	TOTAL
1			RATE	\$ 27,221	\$ 5,093	\$ 4,783	\$ 52,456	\$ 75,895	\$ 4,448	\$ 22,752	\$ 5,909	
2		OBJECT	EXPENSE							I		
3		1000-1999	Certificated Salaries	9,427,056	3,702,504	996,190	_	_	148,591	1,493,442	606,573	16,374,356
4		2000-2999	Classified Salaries	5,023,828	1,859,049	68,801	2,467,544	331,760	-	866,925	60,432	10,678,339
5		3000-3999	Employee Benefits	7,783,333	2,261,947	447,865	1,952,846	201,602	56,234	1,342,390	275,954	14,322,171
6		4000-4999	Books & Supplies	98,608	24,552	4,850	-	-	-	15,150	100	143,260
7		5000-5999	Services & Other Operating Expenditures	2,367,607	1,061,449	18,993	12,644	1,113	716	6,493	9,565	3,478,580
8		6000-6999	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-
9												
10			Sub total	24,700,432	8,909,501	1,536,699	4,433,034	534,475	205,541	3,724,400	952,624	44,996,706
11			% of Total	0.61575	0.22210	0.03831	0.11051	0.01332	0.05230	0.94770	N/A	
12												
13			Allocated Cost (GL FN 2100, 2105, 2700, 8100)	2,821,332	1,017,661	175,525	506,350	61,049	41,959	760,289	172,208	5,556,373
14			Sub total 1000-5000 costs	27,521,764	9,927,162	1,712,224	4,939,384	595,524	247,500	4,484,689	1,124,832	50,553,079
15												
16		7300-7380	Indirect Cost @ 7.85%	2,160,459	779,282	134,410	387,742	46,749	19,429	352,048	88,299	3,968,417
17												
18			TOTAL EXPENSE	29,682,223	10,706,444	1,846,633	5,327,126	642,272	266,928	4,836,738	1,213,131	54,521,496
19												
20	RESOURCE	OBJECT	REVENUE				1					
21			LCFF Distribution (based on % of total expense of applicable program)	0.61575		0.03831	0.11051	0.01332				
22	6500	8710	Local Control Funding Formula Revenue	4,901,709	1,768,058	304,952	879,719	106,065				7,960,503
23	3315	8182	Federal Preschool						7,875	142,695		150,570
24	3310	8182	Preschool Local Entitlement Allocation						21,570	390,841		412,411
25	3385	8182	Part C Early Intervention								122,098	122,098
26	6510	8311	Infant I-50 Apportionment								890,596	890,596
27	6513	8182	Federal Preschool - Backfill for RS 3315									0
28	6515	8590	Infant Discretionary								119,835	119,835
29	6512	8590	Mental Health									0
30	6535	8590	Staff Development									0
31	6500	8311	AB602 Base Revenue	_								0
32	6500	8311	Contribution for Needles Nursing Services	67,732								67,732
33	6500	89XX	Contrib frm Restricted (JCS TRANSFER)									0
34	6500	8989	Contribution from Unrestricted	53,496								53,496
35			TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 5,022,937	\$ 1,768,058	\$ 304,952	\$ 879,719	\$ 106,065	\$ 29,445	\$ 533,536	\$ 1,132,529	\$ 9,777,241
36				10	10		/ <u>.</u>	/	,			
37			Excess Cost Per Program	(24,659,286)	(8,938,387)	(1,541,681)	(4,447,406)	(536,208)	(237,484)	(4,303,201)	(80,602)	(44,744,255)
38									_		_	
39			(Estimated Number of Services for 2021-22 as of 2nd interim)	892	1,751	293	106	7	70	200	58	
40			2021-22 Projected Actual Rates - As of 2nd Interim	\$ 27,645	\$ 5,105	\$ 5,262	\$ 41,957	\$ 76,601	\$ 3,393	\$ 21,516	\$ 1,390	
41			2024 22 FFC Date:	A	A	A	A	A 00-	A	A 22		
42			2021-22 FFS Rates	\$ 27,221	\$ 5,093	\$ 4,783	\$ 52,456	\$ 75,895	\$ 4,448	\$ 22,752	5,909	
43												

Estimated 2021-22 Revenue	\$ 55,672,852
Estimated 2021-22 Expenses	\$ 54,521,496
Net Estimated FFS Balance	\$ 1,151,357
Unused Reserve	\$ 1,641,430
Estimated Total Ending Balance	\$ 2,792,787



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AB 361 Creates Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements During a State of Emergency

September 22, 2021 Number 27

Written by:

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Stephanie E. Darand Law Clerk Walnut Creek On September 15, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local agencies to continue conducting public meetings remotely during a state of emergency, so long as certain requirements are met. As explained in more detail below, public agencies who wish to conduct meetings remotely on or after October 1, 2021, must make specific findings, every thirty days, and ensure conditions related to public participation are satisfied.

Background

Generally, if a local agency elects to use teleconferencing for a public meeting, the Brown Act requires: (1) a quorum of the legislative body to participate from within the boundaries of the agency's jurisdiction, (2) the public agency to post notice of each teleconference location, and (3) the public be allowed to address the legislative body from each teleconference location.

Beginning in March 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders (Prior Orders) relaxing these Brown Act provisions, allowing public agencies greater flexibility in holding remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Prior Orders, suspending the Brown Act teleconferencing requirements and confirming the use of internet-based service options for holding public meetings, were set to expire on September 30, 2021. In light of this looming deadline, AB 361 was passed and amends the Brown Act to allow public agencies to continue conducting remote meetings during a state of emergency without the need to comply with all of the teleconferencing requirements. While AB 361 was an urgency measure, effective upon the Governor's signature, the Governor also signed a new Executive Order, clarifying that most of the requirements of AB 361 become effective October 1, 2021.

Although the Governor waived the applicability of AB 361 until October 1, 2021, local agencies retain the option of meeting before October 1 to make the required findings under AB 361 in order to hold future meetings remotely. If a local agency does not do so, it will have to have a separate meeting in October to make the necessary findings before any regular or special meetings otherwise scheduled for October can be held remotely.

Applicability of AB 361

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Under the urgency legislation, a local agency may utilize the more "relaxed" Brown Act teleconferencing requirements in any of the following circumstances:

- 1. There is a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
- 2. There is a proclaimed state of emergency, and the local agency's meeting is for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
- 3. There is a proclaimed state of emergency, and the local agency has determined, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.

AB 361 defines a "state of emergency" as a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act. Importantly, this includes the current state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

To continue to rely on the relaxed teleconferencing provisions, the local agency must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make the following findings by majority vote, *every 30 days*:

- The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
- State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Virtual Meeting Requirements Under AB 361

For all remote meetings held under AB 361, local agencies are required to meet the following public participation and notice requirements (note that some of these requirements differ from what had been in place under the Prior Orders):

- Meeting agendas and notices must describe how members of the public may access the meeting and
 offer public comment, and identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in
 option or an internet-based service option;
- The public must have the opportunity to address the legislative body and comment in real time. The
 local agencies may still allow for the public to submit comments in advance of the meeting, but the
 local agency must also provide an option for the public to comment in real time;
- If a timed public comment period is provided on an agenda, whether on a specific agenda item or in general, registration and the public comment period cannot close until the time has elapsed. If public comment is taken separately on each agenda item, the legislative body must allow a reasonable amount of time per item to allow members of the public the opportunity to provide public comment, register, or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment;



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- Local agencies are permitted to use platforms which, incidental to their use and deployment, may
 require users to register for an account with that platform so long as the platform is not under the
 control of the local agency;
- If there is a disruption in the broadcast of a public meeting using the call-in option or the internetbased option, or there is a disruption within the agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering comments, the agency must not take any action on items appearing on the agenda until full access is restored.

Meeting agendas are not required to be posted at all teleconference locations, and local agencies are not required to make each teleconference location accessible to the public, provided that members of the public are afforded the opportunity to provide public comment remotely.

Takeaways

AB 361 creates statutory exemptions to the Brown Act that extend flexibility for remote public meetings during proclaimed emergencies, through January 1, 2024. For state and local agencies that are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act, AB 361 establishes similarly relaxed guidance for virtual public meetings, until January 31, 2022. State and local agencies must give the public notice and an opportunity to comment and participate at meetings in real time, even using remote means, and they must comply with certain prerequisites in order to rely on the remote meeting provisions, including reconsideration of the circumstances and need for remote meetings every 30 days. While this new law relaxes certain remote meeting requirements relating to member participation, agendas, and public accessibility at remote locations, the underlying aim of the Brown Act—to ensure meetings of local agencies be open and public—remains.

If you have any questions about AB 361 or about Brown Act or board governance issues in general, please contact the author of this Client News Brief or an attorney at one of our <u>eight offices</u> located statewide. You can also subscribe to our <u>podcasts</u>, follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> or download our <u>mobile</u> app.

As the information contained herein is necessarily general, its application to a particular set of facts and circumstances may vary. For this reason, this News Brief does not constitute legal advice. We recommend that you consult with your counsel prior to acting on the information contained herein.







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AB-361 Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences. (2021-2022)





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Assembly Bill No. 361

CHAPTER 165

An act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Approved by Governor September 16, 2021. Filed with Secretary of State September 16, 2021.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 361, Robert Rivas. Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences.

(1) Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public. The act generally requires all regular and special meetings of the legislative body be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. The act authorizes the district attorney or any interested person, subject to certain provisions, to commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that specified actions taken by a legislative body are null and void.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor, or the Director of Emergency Services when the governor is inaccessible, to proclaim a state of emergency under specified circumstances.

Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the legislative body at the meeting, and that a legislative body of a local agency has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided.

This bill would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body. The bill would require the legislative body to take no further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, until public access is restored. The bill would specify that actions taken during the disruption are subject to challenge proceedings, as specified.

This bill would prohibit the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and would specify that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. The bill would prohibit the legislative body from closing the public comment period and the opportunity to register to provide public comment, until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as specified. When there is a continuing state of emergency, or when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the bill would require a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to these provisions, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

Existing law prohibits a legislative body from requiring, as a condition to attend a meeting, a person to register the person's name, or to provide other information, or to fulfill any condition precedent to the person's attendance.

This bill would exclude from that prohibition, a registration requirement imposed by a third-party internet website or other online platform not under the control of the legislative body.

(2) Existing law, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. The act requires at least one member of the state body to be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

The Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the state body at the meeting, and that a state body has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body. With respect to a state body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the state body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge state bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

(3) Existing law establishes the various campuses of the California State University under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and authorizes the establishment of student body organizations in connection with the operations of California State University campuses.

The Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000 generally requires a legislative body, as defined, of a student body organization to conduct its business in a meeting that is open and public. The act authorizes the legislative body to use teleconferencing, as defined, for the benefit of the public and the legislative body in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a legislative body, as defined for purposes of the act, to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body. With respect to a legislative body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the legislative body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge legislative bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

- (4) This bill would declare the Legislature's intent, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options.
- (5) This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by AB 339 to be operative only if this bill and AB 339 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.
- (6) The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(7) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(8) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 89305.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:

- **89305.6.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a legislative body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body.
- (b) (1) For a legislative body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the legislative body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.
- (2) For a legislative body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all of the following requirements in this article are suspended:
- (A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.
- (B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

- (C) Members of the public may address the legislative body at each teleconference conference location.
- (D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.
- (E) At least one member of the legislative body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.
- (c) A legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A legislative body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.
- (d) If a legislative body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the legislative body shall also do both of the following:
- (1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.
- (2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).
- (e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:
- (1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.
- (2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a legislative body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the legislative body's internet website.
- (f) All legislative bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to legislative body meetings.
- (g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 11133 is added to the Government Code, to read:

- **11133.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a state body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body.
- (b) (1) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the state body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.
- (2) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all of the following requirements in this article are suspended:
- (A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.
- (B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

- (C) Members of the public may address the state body at each teleconference conference location.
- (D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.
- (E) At least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.
- (c) A state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A state body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.
- (d) If a state body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the state body shall also do both of the following:
- (1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.
- (2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).
- (e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:
- (1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.
- (2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a state body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the state body's internet website.
- (f) All state bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to state body meetings.
- (g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.
- **SEC. 3.** Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- **54953.** (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.
- (2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.
- (3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each

teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

- (4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.
- (c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.
- (2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.
- (3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.
- (d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.
- (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.
- (e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:
- (A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
- (B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- (C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- (2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:
- (A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.
- (B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3. In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the

meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

- (C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.
- (D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.
- (E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.
- (F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.
- (G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
- (ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (F), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.
- (iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.
- (3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:
- (A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- (B) Any of the following circumstances exist:
- (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
- (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
- (4) For the purposes of this subdivision, "state of emergency" means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).
- (f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.
- **SEC. 3.1.** Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- **54953.** (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency in person, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Local agencies shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable state and

federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.

- (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.
- (2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.
- (3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.
- (c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.
- (2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.
- (3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.
- (d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.
- (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.
- (e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:
- (A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have

imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

- (B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- (C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- (2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:
- (A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.
- (B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3. In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.
- (C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.
- (D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.
- (E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.
- (F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.
- (G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
- (ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (F), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.
- (iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.
- (3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:
- (A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

- (B) Any of the following circumstances exist:
- (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
- (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
- (4) For the purposes of this subdivision, "state of emergency" means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).
- (f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.
- **SEC. 4.** Section 54953 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- **54953.** (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.
- (2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.
- (3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivision (d). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations
- (c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.
- (2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.
- (3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.
- (d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.
- (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations

within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.
- (e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

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- **54953.** (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, in person except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Local agencies shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.
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- (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.
- (e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.
- **SEC. 5.** Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and Assembly Bill 339. Those sections of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2022, but this bill becomes operative first, (2) each bill amends Section 54953 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 339, in which case Section 54953 of the Government Code, as amended by Sections 3 and 4 of this bill, shall remain operative only until the operative date of Assembly Bill 339, at which time Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill shall become operative.
- **SEC. 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future applicable emergencies, by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, permitting expanded use of teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **SEC. 7.** The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public participation and notice requirements allowing for greater public participation in teleconference meetings during applicable emergencies.

- **SEC. 8.** (a) The Legislature finds and declares that during the COVID-19 public health emergency, certain requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) were suspended by Executive Order N-29-20. Audio and video teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and public meetings conducted by teleconference during the COVID-19 public health emergency have been productive, have increased public participation by all members of the public regardless of their location in the state and ability to travel to physical meeting locations, have protected the health and safety of civil servants and the public, and have reduced travel costs incurred by members of state bodies and reduced work hours spent traveling to and from meetings.
- (b) The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, Section 2 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 11133 of the Government Code, and Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, all increase and potentially limit the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:
- (1) By removing the requirement that public meetings be conducted at a primary physical location with a quorum of members present, this act protects the health and safety of civil servants and the public and does not preference the experience of members of the public who might be able to attend a meeting in a physical location over members of the public who cannot travel or attend that meeting in a physical location.
- (2) By removing the requirement for agendas to be placed at the location of each public official participating in a public meeting remotely, including from the member's private home or hotel room, this act protects the personal, private information of public officials and their families while preserving the public's right to access information

concerning the conduct of the people's business.

SEC. 9. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that state and local agencies can continue holding public meetings while providing essential services like water, power, and fire protection to their constituents during public health, wildfire, or other states of emergencies, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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D/M SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:

Academy for Academic Excellence – Marcelo Congo, Samantha Gonzalez, Adelanto SD – Michael Baird, Apple Valley USD – Renee Castillo, David Wheeler, Baker Valley USED – Cecil Edwards, Barstow USD – Heather Reid, Bear Valley USD – Lucinda Newton, Desert/Mountain Operations (SBCSS) – Rich Frederick, Helendale SD – Mike Esposito, Joshua Behnke, Hesperia USD – Eric Land, Teri McCollum, Elaine Nelson, Lucerne Valley SD – Vici Miller, Oro Grande SD – Keri Cozart, Silver Valley USD – Cheri Rigdon, Snowline JUSD – Lori Delgado, Trona JUSD – Jairo Arellano, Victor Elementary SD – Tanya Benitez, Melanie Madoo, and Victor Valley UHSD – Margaret Akinnusi, Rama Bassham, Wennifer Beard.

GUEST:

Options for Youth – Christina Leal

CAHELP, SELPA, & DMCC STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Adkins, Codi Andersen, Pam Bender, Guille Burgos, Heidi Chavez, Ariel Clark, Danielle Cote, Tara Deavitt, Lindsey Devor, Peggy Dunn, Adrien Faamausili, Thomas Flores, Bonnie Garcia, Renee Garcia, Colette Garland, Derek Hale, Maurica Manibusan, Robin McMullen, Kami Murphy, Lisa Nash, Kathleen Peters, Karina Quezada, Linda Rodriguez, Jennifer Rountree, Veronica Rousseau, Adrienne Shepherd-Myles, Pamela Strigglers, Jennifer Sutton, Stephanie Sweem, and Amy Thompson.

1.0 TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS:

Academy for Academic Excellence, 17500 Mana Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92307
Baker Valley Unified School District, 72100 School House Lane, Baker, CA 92309
Barstow Unified School District, 551 South Avenue H, Barstow, CA 92311
Bear Valley Unified School District, 42271 Moonridge Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Hesperia Unified School District, 15576 Main St, Hesperia, CA 92345
Lucerne Valley Unified School District, 8560 Aliento Rd, Lucerne Valley, CA 92356
Needles Unified School District, 1900 Erin Dr, Needles, CA 92363
Victor Elementary School District, 12219 2nd Ave, Victorville, CA 92395
Victor Valley Union High School District, 16350 Mojave Dr, Victorville, CA 92395

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP JPA) Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pam Bender, at 9:01 a.m., at the Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley.

3.0 ROLL CALL

4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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5.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Lucinda Newton, seconded by Cheri Rigdon, to approve the January 21, 2022 Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote 16:0: Ayes: Akinnusi, Arellano, Baird, Benitez, Congo, Cozart, Delgado, Edwards, Esposito, Frederick, Land, Miller, Newton, Reid, Rigdon, and Wheeler, Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION

6.1 Assembly Bill 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements

Assembly Bill (AB) 361 requires local agencies to consider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make the following findings by a majority vote: 1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or 2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

6.1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Cecil Edwards, seconded by Lori Delgado, to approve continuing to meet virtually based on the Assembly Bill 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements as presented. The motion carried on the following vote 16:0: Ayes: Akinnusi, Arellano, Baird, Benitez, Congo, Cozart, Delgado, Edwards, Esposito, Frederick, Land, Miller, Newton, Reid, Rigdon, and Wheeler, Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

7.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the Steering and Finance Committee consider approving several Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent Items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any Committee Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

- 7.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Cheri Rigdon, seconded by Lori Delgado, to approve the following Consent Item as presented. The motion carried on the following vote 16:0: Ayes: Akinnusi, Arellano, Baird, Benitez, Congo, Cozart, Delgado, Edwards, Esposito, Frederick, Land, Miller, Newton, Reid, Rigdon, and Wheeler, Nays: None, Abstentions: None.
 - 7.1.1 Approve the December 17, 2021 Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

8.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Physical Therapy Board of California Notice to Consumer

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Pam Bender called on Codi Andersen to present the Physical Therapy Board of California Notice to Consumer that is to be included in the physical therapy referral packet. Codi explained that the Physical Therapy Board of California requires that each student who receives physical therapy is to receive the Notice to Consumer that states the physical therapy board regulates the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. She continued that because the student receiving these services are in a school setting, the Notice to Consumer might not be visible to the parents. By including the documents in the referral package, the parents/guardians will receive the Notice to Consumers form then sign the signature page to be returned to the D/M SELPA physical therapy department.

8.2 Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Services Reports and Updates

Guille Robles presented the Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Services monthly reports and updates. Guille asked to be contacted directly with any changes or questions.

8.3 Professional Learning Summary and Update

Heidi Chavez presented the D/M SELPA's Professional Learning Summary and update. The next Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2022. Heidi shared the flyer in English and Spanish with the topic of Supporting Your Child's Well-Being. She said participants will need to register to receive the virtual meeting link.

Heidi reported the CAHELP I-MTSS Symposium is now free for virtual and in-person attendance. In-person participants will receive lunch and all participants will receive a book from each presenter.

Heidi also reported the next Directors Training is scheduled for February 25 immediately following D/M SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting. She said the topic is Legally Defensible IEPs and will be held virtually.

8.4 Resolution Support Services Summary and Updates

Kathleen Peters presented the D/M SELPA's Resolution Support Services Summary and Updates including State Dyslexia Legislation and Regulations. She reported that there has been an increase in filings along with districts filing more on parents. In D/M Charter SELPA, there is a parent who does not want to agree to the IEP because she does not want the child in a special education setting but does want them to receive services offered in the IEP. Kathleen said that after there was no movement in mediation, the case is set for an expedited hearing with the safety concerns being addressed first and the other concerns being addressed at a second hearing.

Kathleen stated dyslexia is a reemerging issue and does need to be addressed substantively in the LEA programs. She said by 2017, the State was to amend and implement the concept of including the phonological processing as a basic psychological process in general and special education

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settings. Kathleen continued that LEAs are required to provide program direction and teacher training in the elements of reading and phonological processing. She said based on recent due process filings, evidence-based practices can be in place without an official program if teachers are well trained and educated on the concept and able to articulate that knowledge.

Bonnie Garcia spoke about a 5-day *Orton Gillingham* training provided by D/M SELPA in the methodology of the program. D/M SELPA also offers *Breaking the Code* training that addresses the science of reading and the history of literacy along with current practices in structured literacy and assessments. Bonnie said these are regional trainings but *Breaking the Code* can also be done as an on-site. She reported that 60% of students are not reading at proficiency and it is an important issue to address.

Regarding after school hours training availability, Bonnie said she is open to providing *Breaking the Code* with approval from her supervisor. Heidi Chavez agreed to contact the Academy of Orton Gillingham to discuss their after-hours availability.

Karina Quezada added that 80% of students identified with specific learning disability (SLD) are because of a disability related to reading. It is critical for staff to understand how to assess in that specific area as many psychologists and speech therapists are not able to properly assess and identify the concerns of dyslexia. Karina reported there are additional trainings offered by D/M SELPA virtually and in person that address assessment writing as well as identifying and screening students for dyslexia before they are referred to special education.

Kathleen reminded the committee members that Key2Ed Facilitated IEP training is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2022, with the next training scheduled for February 7, 2022.

8.5 Case Law Review

Kathleen Peters called on Lisa Nash to present a You Be the Judge scenario. After providing the participants with a few moments to read the scenario, Lisa Nash stated the answer as B. Lisa said the district should have reevaluated the student before changing her placement to virtual learning. The district's failure to reevaluate the student's placement was in violation of appropriate procedures under Section 504 and denial of free appropriate public education (FAPE).

8.6 Prevention and Intervention Updates

Kami Murphy presented Prevention and Intervention updates. She shared the Real Talk opportunity for parents to chat with other parents. The presented Real Talk flyer included the scheduled dates and Kami confirmed they are held virtually 10:00am-11:00am.

Kami then shared three additional documents that can be shared with families to assist them in preparing for and participating in IEPs. She said the information will help give families a bigger voice and better understanding of the IEP process.

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8.7 Transition Partnership Program (TPP) Training

Adrienne Shepherd-Myles provided information on the upcoming Transition Planning for All Students training. The training is scheduled for February 3, 2022, virtually 9:00am-12:00pm. She said the training is for veteran teachers as well as new teachers that have not attended the training in the past couple of years. Adrienne stated there have been some systematic problems with the development of post-secondary goals and using age-appropriate assessments to develop those goals. Adrienne said she is happy to provide Transition Planning for All Students training as well as any other TPP trainings as on sites.

8.8 Compliance Update

Peggy Dunn presented an update on compliance items from the California Department of Education (CDE). She said regarding 2020-21 Disproportionality, she is waiting for final approval from CDE. Peggy said that for overdue initial eligibility determinations, LEAs are to continue closing IEP meetings and not leave them in open status. If an IEP is held virtually, it can be closed as verbal while waiting for the signatures via DocuSign.

Colette Garland referred to Adrienne Shepherd-Myles' *Transition Planning for All* stating that it is a compliance piece so it is important for teachers to attend. Colette reiterated the importance of closing IEPs while in the DocuSign process because if an IEP is left open, it does not create a CalPads record that is sent to the state. She said that CalPads certified on January 17, 2022 and is now in the amendment window allowing changes to be made and errors corrected. Colette said the final certification is January 28, 2022.

Colette said Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) has been completed with no errors. Pam Bender will be completing the SELPA certification before the February 1, 2022, due date.

Colette reported there will be a CalPads workshop geared to MIS contacts but it will also be open to directors, coordinators, and lead teachers. She continued that the programmers are working on adding the service logs and are currently in the testing phase with East Valley SELPA. Once the issues are corrected, it will be added to CalPads.

8.9 Nonpublic School/Nonpublic Agency Update

Peggy Dunn provided a nonpublic school/nonpublic agency update. She stated Desert View School and Bright Futures Academy continue to be monitored. Peggy reported there are currently three students in residential placement with six referrals pending.

Peggy reminded the committee members that D/M SELPA holds master contracts with many different NPAs and suggested contacting her or Office Specialist II Patricia Ochoa before pursuing a new contract. D/M SELPA negotiated prices could be less than what LEAs can negotiate on their own.

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9.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pam Bender reminded the committee members that second interim is approaching.

Thomas Flores stated grant award letters for the local assistance entitlements grant and federal preschool grants have not been received at this time and the Fall pupil count has not been finalized. He said the 1st expenditure report will likely be for the nine-month period of July 1 through March 31 and due to D/M SELPA mid-April. He said Marina Gallegos will email the allocation amounts and forms as soon as the information becomes available.

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1 Monthly Audiological Services Reports
- 10.2 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports
- 10.3 Monthly Nonpublic School Placement Report
- 10.4 Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

The following trainings were highlighted Arts Integration, Region 10 Trauma and SEL, and Get Skool'd.

11.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS

Cheri Rigdon shared Belinda Jauregui provided the disability simulation training for Silver Valley USD special education. She said the teachers loved it and highly recommended the training for general education teachers.

12.0 CEO COMMENTS

Pam Bender provided a brief overview of Governor's Budget pertaining to special education. She said the budget includes \$500 million from the Proposition 8 General Fund for special education and a 5.33% cost of living adjustment (COLA) which is approximately \$146 million. That will increase the base rate for special education to an estimated \$820 per average daily attendance (ADA) which will continue to process through 602 funding formula. The governor is calling for policy changes to amend special education funding formula to calculate the special education base rate per LEA instead of SELPA. Another change is distributing Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) money directly to LEAs instead of through SELPA. This change is being reviewed by State SELPA in how it will affect small and rural LEAs receiving needed supports.

Pam continued that the governor wants to link the special education to the general education planning so a special education addendum can be added to Local Control and Accountability (LCAP). LEAs will be

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encouraged to have more parents of students with disabilities participate in LCAP advisory groups. A workgroup has been formed to create a resource for IEP best practices along with an IEP template for use statewide. The governor is also looking to give \$500 million in one-time funding to incorporated inclusive classrooms. Also included in the budget is \$2 million one-time funding for early identification assessment tools and an additional \$60 million to train educators on the effective use of those tools. The governor's budget also included \$110.6 million towards state preschool to fund the requirements that will ensure at least 10% of population will be students with disabilities.

Pam thanked the committee members for their support. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr, Pam recited the quote "the function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." She said that society is deciding how to react to the chaos that is occurring and we need to teach our children to be critical thinkers.

13.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

None.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Cheri Rigdon, seconded by David Wheeler to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on the following vote 16:0: Ayes: Akinnusi, Arellano, Baird, Benitez, Congo, Cozart, Delgado, Edwards, Esposito, Frederick, Land, Miller, Newton, Reid, Rigdon, and Wheeler, Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

The next regular meeting of the Desert/Mountain SELPA Steering and Finance Committee will be held on Friday, February 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Aster/Cactus Room, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for disabilities are requested to contact Jamie Adkins at (760) 955-3555, at least seven days prior to the date of this meeting.

8.1 Legislative Updates

Verbal report, no materials

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FISCAL REPORT

PUBLIC EDUCATION'S POINT OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING EDUCATED DECISIONS

Potential Changes Coming for Special Education Funding

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With the release of Governor Gavin Newsom's State Budget proposal and trailer bill language, upcoming changes impacting special education are on the horizon. Special education funding via Assembly Bill (AB) 602 is projected to be approximately \$820 per average daily attendance, inclusive of the cost-of-living adjustments. While local educational agencies (LEAs) have benefited from multiple years of increased special education funding, state and federal special education revenues continue to be inadequate. Changes in the calculation of special education funds will have impacts in transparency and potential allocation at the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) level. The State Budget would change the calculation for special education funds to include an LEA level accounting of the funds generated for the AB 602 entitlement, which will allow LEAs to clearly understand their revenue generation. This change will provide an opportunity for SELPAs and LEAs to review and evaluate local budget allocation plans and agreements about the use of AB 602 special education funding to meet local priorities and needs as determined by the local governance council.

Mental and behavioral health have been hot topics prior to and as we grapple with the impact of the pandemic. The Budget includes language to shift state and federal funding for Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) directly to LEAs, bypassing the SELPA as an intermediary. This shift may have impact to students, LEAs, and SELPAs depending on the current method of service provision in the region. LEAs already utilizing these funds to provide ERMHS directly to their students may have an easier transition. In areas where ERMHS are provided or facilitated via local and regional consortia or SELPAs, there may be substantial need for transition planning for students, issues related to program transfer, and need to consider the overlap of fiscal and human resources procedures mandated by the Education Code.

As LEAs and SELPAs navigate issues facing special education students and programs, there is a need to be strategic about changes, proposals, and responses that meet the needs of students with disabilities. California continues to experience student enrollment declines and increasing special education eligibility, COVID-19 learning impact continues for students, staff and systems, and use of COVID-19-related funding will affect maintenance of effort locally. Compliance demands, potential filings for compensatory education due to COVID-19, and systemic staffing shortages will pose additional challenges for LEAs.

School Services of California Inc.'s upcoming "Special Education: Both Sides of the Equation" webinar series

will assist special education program and fiscal staff to stay up-to-date on funding changes. Join us March 1 and 3 for this interactive opportunity to gather information, tools and tips for effective program management, and guidance on ways to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

8.3 Educationally Related Mental Health Services Funding Changes
Verbal report, no materials

8.4 Desert Mountain Operations Update

Verbal report, no materials



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Special Education Directors

FROM: Linda Llamas, Director

SUBJECT: Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Reports

Attached are the opened and closed cases for the following services:

- Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment (SART)
- Early Identification Intervention Services (EIIS)
- School-Age Treatment Services (SATS)
- Student Assistance Program (SAP)
- Speech and occupational therapy

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (760) 955-3606 or by email at linda.llamas@cahelp.org



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February 25, 2022

From: D/M Children's Center: Linda Llamas, LMFT; Linda.Llamas@cahelp.org

To: Steering Committee Members

Re: Self-care strategies to promote emotional wellness

The new year is upon us, and we continue to face a myriad of challenges as we do our best to meet the needs of the children and families we serve. The COVID-19 pandemic and all it has brought with it continues to challenge and stretch our community. Many thought that the new year would perhaps bring some relief and some semblance of normalcy but that has yet to be. So, what can we do? How can we serve our students and families AND take care of our teachers and staff AND take care of ourselves and our families? Let us take a note from 12-step programs by starting with a reminder that we can only take things one day at a time, sometimes one hour at a time, or even one minute at a time. Seize this moment to remind yourself that you are not alone, and while we may not all be in the same boat, we are all in the same storm!

In the spirit of following airplane regulations and putting our oxygen masks on first, let us start with how to best take care of ourselves.

Here are some things you can do to take care of yourself:

- Prioritize your mental and physical health
 - Schedule doctor, dentist, and other health appointments and keep them
 - Support your mental health by scheduling time to do the things that fill you up – that can be alone time or time in with family and friends – be intentional with your time
 - If you find that you are needing professional supports, be sure to utilize the resources available to you, either though insurance or through your Employee Assistance Program
 - Remember the basics drink water, exercise, get out in the sun, and get the sleep you need to function at your best

Establish a routine

- A routine will help with getting out the door in the morning or get you to bed at night with little stress and set you up for success
- Establishing a routine that works for you is the key to ensuring that you can handle whatever the day brings

Set boundaries

- With work, with your family, extended family, even with your own expectations
- Remember this is not a sprint, it is a marathon, and it is important to plan accordingly
- Give yourself some grace
 - Forgive yourself for mistakes and be kind to yourself when things don't turn out as you expected
 - Work on the things you can control and let go of everything else

Here are some things you can do to support caregivers as they work to get students back to school:

- Encourage caregivers to establish and maintain a routine
 - Routines provide stability and consistency this helps with keeping stress levels down
- Encourage caregivers to prioritize their health, mental and physical, and encourage them to make and keep annual appointments for check-ups – for themselves and their children too!
 - This is good time to remind families of the importance of good hygiene habits – remind them to encourage all family members to wash their hands
- Encourage parents to talk and listen to their children about what they are experiencing and feeling
 - Advise them that it is important to validate any feelings their children are experiencing
 - Tell them they can help their children express any concerns by talking, drawing or other activities
 - Remind them that this uncertain time requires them to be extra patient with their children and they may find that their kids need more attention and comfort than usual
- Spend time together as a family having fun
 - Whether that's taking a walk around the neighborhood or riding bikes or playing board games or watching TV – encourage caregivers to spend time with their family doing the things that help them feel better as a family
 - Celebrate any milestones or achievements
- If families have experienced a serious illness or the death of loved one, encourage parents to seek out the help and support they need to cope
 - Talk to family and friends, or seek professional help, if needed

Here are some things you can do to support your students as they head back to school:

- Check-in with your students and listen to their concerns
- Routines, routines, routines
 - Routines are especially important for children right now so that they feel a sense of stability and consistency
- Remind teachers to encourage students to practice good hygiene habits, to exercise, get some sun, and get enough sleep
 - Help teachers with suggested activities in and out of the classroom
 - A mindfulness exercise to start the day
 - Some classroom yoga
 - A quick game outside to get that nervous energy out
- Encourage students to continue with, or take up, hobbies/activities they enjoy
 - This can look different depending on the age group but things like playing an instrument, writing, drawing, acting, dancing, sports, building miniatures, etc. can help students cope during this time
- Urge students to take a break from electronics and social media
 - o Foster an environment of healthy dialogue that is free from misinformation
- Have a list of resources within the school, district, and community so that your students can access help if needed

As we begin to see a little bit of light at the end of the tunnel it becomes extremely important for us to take things at our own pace. Check-in with yourself, your kids, your family for what feels comfortable – only do the things you feel ready to do. And even if you thought you were ready but when you went out there you felt overwhelmed – that is okay! Just pull back, re-group, and do the next thing that feels comfortable.

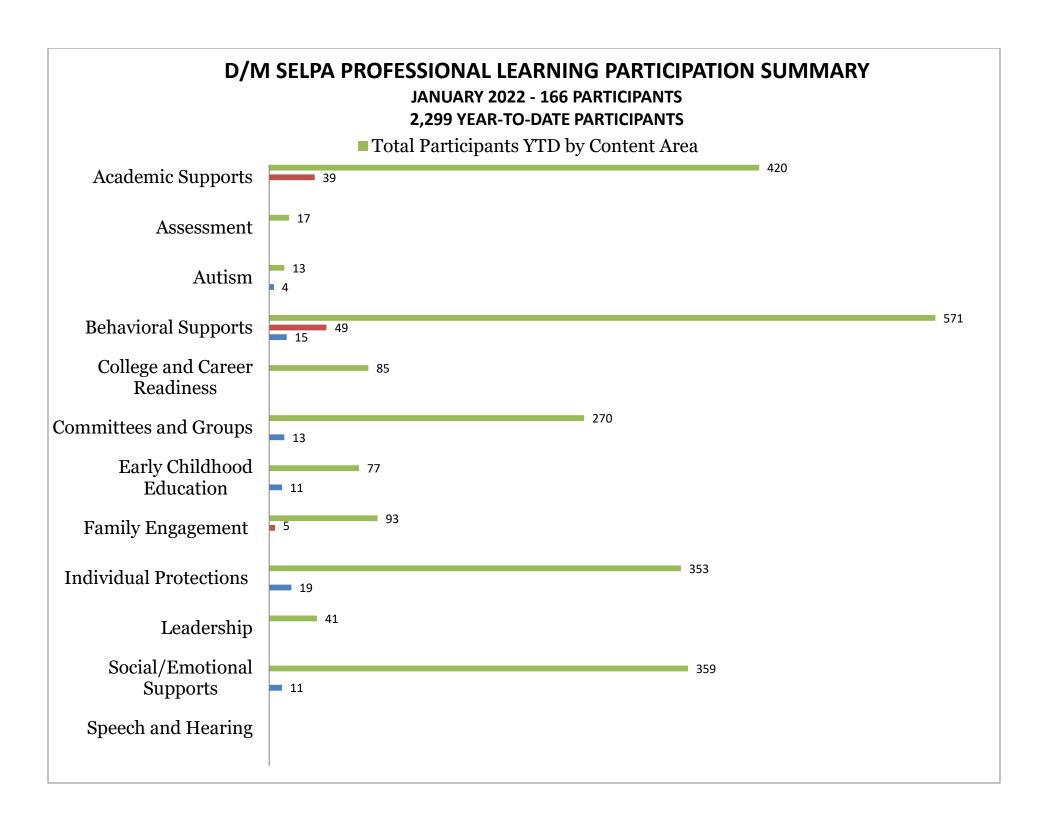
In closing, suicide must also be addressed. Considering some of the high-profile suicides recently in the news, and how that may affect all of us and our students, this is a reminder about the many resources available if you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts:

- If the need is immediate, always call **911** first
- National Suicide Hotline
 - 0 800-273-8255
- Cal HOPE
 - o 833-317-4673
- California Youth Crisis Line
 - o 800-843-5200

- California Parent and Youth Helpline
 - o 855-427-2736
- San Bernardino County Mental Health 24-hour Helpline
 - o 888-743-1478

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- 4. https://iacapap.org/remember-surviving-the-pandemic-with-your-children/
- 5. https://mentalhealthliteracy.org/covid-19/
- 6. https://caparentyouthhelpline.org/
- 7. https://www.adolescenthealth.org/Home.aspx
- 8. https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/8-teacher-tips-student-mental-health
- 9. https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/
- 10. https://www.calhope.org/
- 11. https://calyouth.org/cycl/
- 12. https://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/





Occupational and Physical Therapy in the Schools: What We're All About

Occupational and physical therapists will be presenting information about their profession and how it helps students in the school setting. Tips for improving fine and gross motor skills, visual motor skills, and sensory regulation will all be defined and reviewed.

Presenters

Codi Anderson, Physical Therapist Suzan Raymond, Occupational Therapist Lisa Sutton, Occupational Therapist

Registration

https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-203131 or scan QR code for registration.

Special Accommodations

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

When

Thursday, April 21, 2022 CAC Reps Business Meeting: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Presentation 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center (DMESC)

17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Cost

Free to attend.



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Terapia Ocupacional y Física en las Escuelas: De qué se Trata.

Los terapeutas ocupacionales y físicos presentarán información sobre su profesión y sobre la manera en que ellos pueden ayudar a los estudiantes en el ambiente escolar. Se definirán y revisarán consejos para mejorar las habilidades motoras finas y gruesas, las habilidades motoras visuales y la regulación sensorial.

Ponentes

Codi Anderson, Fisioterapeuta Suzan Raymond, Terapeuta Ocupacional Lisa Sutton, Terapeuta Ocupacional

Inscripción

https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-203131 o Escanee el código QR para inscribirse.

Adaptaciones Especiales

Por favor, envíe cualquier solicitud de adaptación especial al menos quince días laborables antes de la capacitación, indicando su solicitud al inscribirse.

Cuando

Jueves 13 de Abril de 2022 Reunión de Trabajo de Reps: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Presentación 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lugar

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center (DMESC)

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Gratis para asistir.



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DISTRICT													CASE ACTIVITY FOR CURRENT YEAR						
	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21-22	Total		D/W	Resolution	Mediation	Settled	Hearing	Filed on Parent
Adelanto SD	0	3	6	5.5	2.5	5	3	3.5	3	3.5	1	36		0	1	0	0	0	0
Apple Valley USD	0	0	2	1	1.5	1.5	0	3.5	10	5	1	25.5		1	0	0	0	0	0
Baker USD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Barstow USD	0	0	0	0	1	3.5	0	2	0	1	0	7.5		0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Valley USD	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	6		0	0	0	1	0	0
Helendale SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0
Hesperia USD	5.5	4	3	5	7.5	7	6	7	17.5	7	8	77.5		1	1	3	3	0	0
Lucerne Valley USD	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1.5	0	0	0	8.5		0	0	0	0	0	0
Needles USD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Oro Grande SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3		0	0	0	1	0	0
Silver Valley USD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0
Snowline USD	2	1	1	5	4.5	6.5	2	8.5	7	2	1	40.5		0	0	0	1	0	0
Trona USD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Victor Elementary SD	1	1	4.33	3.33	1.83	2.5	6.5	0	7	1	4	32.49		0	1	0	3	0	0
Victor Valley Union High SD	2	4	3.33	4.3	7.83	4	4	8.5	6.5	10	4	58.46		0	0	1	3	0	0
Academy for Academic Excellence	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	12		0	0	0	0	0	0
CA Charter Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert/Mountain OPS	0.5	1	1.33	0.83	4.33	3	1.5	3	2	1	0	18.49		0	0	0	0	0	0
Excelsior Education Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	2	0	0	2.5		0	0	0	0	0	0
Health Sciences HS & MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2		0	0	0	0	0	0
SELPA-WIDE TOTALS	13	15	26.99	27.96	31.99	37	28	40	59	32.5	21	332.44		2	3	4	12	0	0

Districts showing a value of .50 above indicates that the district is a co-respondent with another district.

^{*}Number accounts for High Tech High but has exited from CAHELP. Actual count for 2019-20 is 67.

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
1. VVUHSD Case No. 2021070206	LEA filed on parent for permission to assess, pursuant to assessment plan of 3-19-21	7/7/2021	7/26/2021		08/03 - 05/21 9/21-23/21	Filing was necessary because the parent filing of 10/20 was withdrwan and left with open IEP's and lack of student attendance. 7/26/21 Continuance granted for parent to obtain attorney. 9/21/21 - Parent unrepresented at hearing; did not present his case. Written closing statement submitted. Awaiting judgement. 10/21/21 - Ruling-permission to assess. CLOSED
2. Victor Elem SD Case No. 2021070710	Failure to provide FAPE 1. Program 2. Speech/Lang. 3. Appropriate Assessment	7/21/2021	8/6/2021	9/7/2021	9/14-16/21	Mediation - Settlement Agreement 1. IEE - (Sp & Lang and Psycho ed). 2. SP & Lang (2W x 20 min) individual therapy added to IEP. 3. Comp Ed (academic, SP/Lang, OT contingent on results) 4. 1:1 until assessments completed not stay put. Settlement Agreement CLOSED

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
3. Hesperia USD Case No. 2021070965	Failure to provide FAPE 1. Communication 2. Academics 3. Behavioral management	7/29/2021	8/5/2021		9/21-23/21	Full execution of settlement agreement on 8/11/2021 - 1. Conduct Assessments: Suppleemntal Speech and Central Auditory Processing. 2. 1:1 instructional assistance through 12/17/2021 until TISA is reviewed. 3. Amend IEP: Speech 4M/30 min group and 4M/30 min individual. 4. Comp Ed (Speech and Lang). 5. Reimburse parents for intensive reading services. Settlement Agreement CLOSED
4. Hesperia USD Case No. 2021080484	Denial of FAPE 1. Student not making progress 2. Failed to provide appropriate program		8/30/2021	10/19/2021	2021	Resolution Negotiations in Progress. 9/23/21 IEP held to address EL needs, DMCC, SAI class. Settlement agreement:IEP EL updated goals, Sylvan comp ed. CLOSED
5. Apple Valley USD Case No. 2021090257	AVUSD filed to defend placement	9/9/2021				Parent moved and withdrew complaint. CLOSED

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
6. Hesperia USD Case No. 2021090391	Failure to Implement Unilaterally modified IEP & placement to home	9/10/2021	9/21/2021		11/09-11/21 12/14-16/2021	Neither parent nor counsel could elaborate on what assessments they were seeking. 10/26/21 - Opposing counsel not responsive, student graduated with diploma age 19. 11/21/21 - no movement. 12/10/21 - Case withdrawn by parent when OAH denied continuance. CLOSED
7. Oro Grande Case No. 2021090564	Denial of FAPE 1. Failure to implement. 2. Lack of progress 3. Lack of access to remote learning 4. Impeded parental participation 5. Anxiety related to bullying unaddressed	9/20/2021	10/13/2021	12/3/2021	11/16 18/2021 1/19-20/2022	9/28/21 - Opposing attorney seeking to extend 2 yr. statute; seeking "dialectical therapy" and other. 10/21 Mediation scheduled. 12/02/21 - Settlement agreement consent to IEP, comp. ed. Withdrawn from Riverside Prep Charter. CLOSED
8. VESD Case No. 2021100026	Denial of FAPE 1. Failure to conduct comprehensive psycho educational assessment. 2. Indadequate LAS service 3. Failure to provide SAI, LAS, insufficient reading, writing and math goals	10/1/2021	10/06/2021 10/18/2021		11/23-24/2021	10/22/21 - Settlement agreement comp ed, IEE. CLOSED

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
9. VVUHSD 2021100113	Denial of FAPE 1. Academics 2. Social-Emotional and behavioral	10/5/2021	10/13/2021		11/30-12/02/2021	10/20/21 - Settlement agreement for comped IEE, increased ERMHS in IEP. CLOSED
10. HUSD 2021100364	Child Find	10/13/2021	10/27/2021	3/11/2022	12/21 23 2021 4/26-28/2022	10/13/21 - Address verification challenged. 11/21- discovery investigation found student not in district. Disenrolled as a term of expulsion decision. Due Process still open. 12/21 - Awaiting AVUSD assessment.
11. HUSD 2021100499	Denial of FAPE 1. Independent Study 2. Lack of Services and SAI	10/19/2021	10/26/2021		12/14-16/2021	10/26/21 - Offer made: negotiations continue. 11/3/21- Settlement agreement: Provision of Instructional Assistance while on Independent Study. CLOSED

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
12. VESD 2021100682	Denial of FAPE 1. Program failure 2. Lack of progress 3. School closure	10/19/2021	11/2/2021		12/14-16/2021	11/15/21 Settlement agreement: Return to in-person with 1:1 aide until further assessment. CLOSED
13. BVUSD/SBCSS 2021100692	Denial of FAPE 1. Failure to assess a. Behavior b. OT c. APE d. AT e. Psycho-ed 2. Material Implementation 3. Placement, LRE 4. Goals not data driven 5. Procedural violations	10/26/2021	11/4/2021		12/21-23/2021	Settlement 11/30/21: PT, IEE, 1:1 aide, comp ed. CLOSED
14. SJUSD Case No. 2021	Denial of FAPE 1.MD Determination 2. Failure to provide ERMHS 3. Failure to conduct Triennial. 4. Failure to provide 1:1 aide 5. Predeternined placement 6. Assessment timelines violated	10/29/2021	11/5/2021 11/4/2021	11/16/2021 Expedited Withdrawn	11/30 - 12/2/2021 expedited 12/26 - 28/2021	10/29/21 - Expedited 11/18/21- Withdrawn 11/19/21- Settlement agreement: placement, behavior support. CLOSED

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
15. HUSD 2021110034	Child Find	11/1/2021	11/29/2021	2/22/2022	1/4-6/2022 4/5-7/2022	11/2/21 Assessment begun. Awaiting results. 12/21 -Mediation scheduled to be held post assessment -agreement to await IEE. 1/25/2022 - IEP with IEE to be held after this date.
16. HUSD 2021110032	Denial of FAPE: 1. More restrictive placement 2. Comprehensive Assessment 3. Lack of Educational Benefit 4. Goals not reasonably calculated	11/1/2021	11/29/2021	2/15/2022	12/28-30/2021 3/29-30/2022	11/2/21 Seeking reimbursement for private school placement; parent to visit HUSD class; seeking prospective placement, IEE. 12/21 - Agreement to await IEE.
17. VVUHSD 2021118403	Denial of FAPE: 1. Inadequate speech services 2. Deficient academic goals	11/12/2021	12/6/2021		1/4-6/2022	12/7/21 - Settlement agreement SPL increase in IEP, comp. ed. CLOSED

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
18. VESD 2022010453	Denial of FAPE: Failure to provide an appropriate educational program. 1. Academics 2. Fine Motor 3. Behavior 4. Communication	1/18/2022	2/1/2022		3/8-10/2022	
19. HUSD 202201449	Denial of FAPE: 1. Unilaterally modifying IEP 2. Program location to home 3. Altered service delivery	1/18/2022	1/31/2022		3/08-10/2022	This is the second filing of this nature by a graduated student seeking COVID 19 compensation.
20. VVUHSD 2022010560	Denial of FAPE: 1. Failure to assess fully 2. Failure to consider communication needs 3. Failure to adhere to IEP Timelines 4. Failure to seek parent input 5. Failure to assess student progress 6. Failure to include transition goals 7. Other substantive and procedural claims	1/20/2022	Waived	Expedited 2/3/2022	Expedited 2/15-17/2022 Regular 3/08-10/2022	

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Due Process Hearing	Status
21. AESD 2022010641	Denial of FAPE: 1. Failure to implement 2. Lack of progress 3. Failure to communicate emergency behaviors 4. Unilaterally changing placement without parent consent	1/24/2022	2/8/2022		3/22-24/2022	
22. HUSD						
23. HUSD						
23. HUSD						

Desert /Mountain SELPA Legal Expense Summary As Reported at Steering February 25, 2022

2000-2001	\$39,301.51
2001-2002	\$97,094.90
2002-2003	\$37,695.13
2003-2004	\$100,013.02
2004-2005	\$136,514.09
2005-2006	\$191,605.08
2006-2007	\$140,793.00
2007-2008	\$171,614.04
2008-2009	\$263,390.71
2009-2010	\$114,076.96
2010-2011	\$293,578.50
2011-2012	\$567,958.10
2012-2013	\$321,646.04
2013-2014	\$250,372.65
2014-2015	\$297,277.76
2015-2016	\$204,756.26
2016-2017	\$233,130.03
2017-2018	\$247,459.52
2018-2019	\$314,479.71
2019-2020	\$475,930.79
2020-2021	\$354,582.16
2021-2022	\$138,261.81



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February 2, 2022

Via Email: kathleen.peters@cahelp.org

Kathleen Peters SELPA Program Manager Desert Mountain SELPA

Re: Responsibility to Reach Out to No-Show Special Education Students

Dear Ms. Peters:

In follow up to our letter regarding frequent absences of special education students dated October 11, 2021, you have asked this office to issue guidance on the responsibility of the local education agency ("LEA") to continue to reach out when a special education student does not return to school.

If a school district knows that a special education student still resides within the district, the district cannot drop the student from enrollment unless he or she enrolls in another public California school, private school, or another school outside of California. (Cal. Const. art. IX, § 1; Ed. Code, § 48200.) As long as the student resides in the district, unless enrolled in another LEA or private school, the district has a continuing obligation to provide a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") to the student and must continue trying to get the student to attend school. (20 U.S.C. § 1413(a)(1) [LEA is charged with "providing for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction]; *Woods v. Northport Public School* (6th Cir. 2012) 487 Fed. Appx. 968, 979-980 ("It is residency, rather than enrollment, that triggers a district's IDEA obligations."); Ed. Code, § 48240 (establishing a duty to promote a culture of attendance and to establish a system that accurately tracks pupil attendance).)

If the school district has made every effort to communicate with the family and still cannot get a hold of the family, or the family refuses to send the student to school, and the pre-School Attendance Review Board ("SARB") process (i.e., three notifications of truancy, report to attendance supervisor/superintendent, and conscientious effort to conference with parents/guardians and student) is unsuccessful, the school district should refer the student to SARB.

As recommended in our October 11, 2021 letter, the school district also should convene an individualized education program ("IEP") meeting to discuss the student's attendance. Such discussion may include whether the student's poor attendance is related to school avoidance

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behaviors, in which case additional supports may need to be added to the student's IEP; whether the student's health is preventing him or her from attending school and the parent has a request from a doctor for home hospital instruction; or whether the parent does not want to send the student to school due to health and safety concerns and would like the student to participate in independent study, in which case the IEP team will need to discuss whether a FAPE can be provided to the student through independent study. The IEP team should also consider whether reassessment or additional assessments are necessary and develop an assessment plan, if needed. Situations that may trigger the need for assessments include if the school district has not seen the student in awhile and does not have current information about the student's needs, if the student's poor attendance is related to school avoidance and a functional behavior assessment on such behavior has not been conducted recently, if the parent or other IEP team member mentions new areas of suspected disability, or if the student's triennial assessment is due.

If the student does not return to school following the IEP meeting, the school district should send a prior written notice documenting its concerns regarding the student's attendance.

The school district should also consider filing for due process on either (1) the school district's right to assess the student, or (2) the school district's right to implement the student's IEP. If reassessment or additional assessments are necessary and the parent has not consented to the assessment plan, or if the parent has consented to the assessment plan but imposed limitations or conditions on the assessment, the school district should file for due process to obtain permission to assess the student without the parent's consent and without limitations or conditions placed on the assessments by the parent. (Ed. Code §§ 56501(a)(3); 56506(e).) If the IEP is not outdated, and there is no need for reassessment or additional assessments, the school district should file for due process to demonstrate that the parents are preventing the school district from implementing the student's IEP through the student's nonattendance, and to obtain permission to implement the student's IEP should the student continue to reside in the school district. (20 U.S.C 1415(f); Ed. Code 56346(f).)

If a school district does not know whether a special education student still resides within the district, it is necessary for the school district to make a diligent, good faith effort to determine whether the student resides within the district. (California Department of Education, CALPADS Update FLASH #132, https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/calpadsupdflash132.asp ("LEAs should continue to fully investigate the whereabouts of students that they cannot locate.").) Such efforts may include documented phone calls, home visitation(s), examination of records including public records, interviews of persons who may have knowledge of the student's residency, and/or use of licensed private investigators. (See Ed. Code, §§ 48204.1, 48204.2; school district's board policy on residency investigations, which may be Board Policy 5111.1.) If correspondence is being returned with a forwarding address out of district boundaries, and the student cannot otherwise be located, this is generally sufficient to conclude that the student has left the district, although the district should consult with the homeless liaison to confirm the student is not homeless. If it is verified the student no longer resides in the school district, the district may disenroll the student and should retain documented evidence that the student has moved. (CALPADS Update FLASH #132.) Similarly, if a student cannot be located after a fully investigation has been conducted, the district may disenroll the student, using the date that the investigation was completed as the exit date, and should retain documented evidence of the district's investigation. (CALPADS Update FLASH #132.)

Kathleen Peters February 2, 2022 Page 3

If you need further information or further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

LOZANO SMITH

Amanda J. Cordova

Enclosure: Checklist for Addressing No-Show Special Education Students

CHECKLIST FOR ADDRESSING NO-SHOW SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

Confirm student continues to reside within the school district							
 If verified student no longer resides in in the district, disenroll the student and retain documented evidence that the student has moved If student cannot be located after full investigation, disenroll the student and retain documented evidence of the investigation 							
Follow pre-SARB process							
 1st unexcused absence/tardy: Optional communication to parent 2nd unexcused absence/tardy: Optional communication to parent 3rd unexcused absence/tardy (1st truancy): Letter / Email / Phone Call: "1st Notification of Truancy" Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent Start SART/SST/Pre-SARB Process 4th unexcused absence/tardy (2nd truancy): Letter / Email / Phone Call: "2nd Notification of Truancy" Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent Continue SART/SST/ Pre-SARB Process 5th unexcused absence/tardy (3rd truancy): Letter / Email / Phone Call: "3rd Notification of Truancy" Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent Make "conscientious effort" to conference with parents/guardians and student May refer to SARB 							
Convene IEP meeting to discuss attendance							
Propose reassessment or additional assessments, if needed							
Send prior written notice documenting concerns regarding attendance							
Refer the student to SARB							
File for due process on right to assess or right to implement the student's IEP							
Continue to meet special education timelines (e.g., convening annual IEP meeting, sending assessment plan for triennial assessment, convening triennial IEP meeting)							



Amanda J. Cordova E-mail: acordova@lozanosmith.com

October 11, 2021

Via Email: kathleen.peters@cahelp.org

Kathleen Peters SELPA Program Manager Desert Mountain SELPA

Re: Frequent Absences of Special Education Students

Dear Ms. Peters:

You have asked this office to issue guidance on handling frequent absences of special education students, including utilization of the School Attendance Review Board ("SARB") process.

California Education Code section 48200 states that all students aged 6 through 18 are subject to compulsory full-time education, unless exempted under the law. Each person subject to compulsory education must attend the full-time day school for a full length of the school day in the school district where the person's parent or legal guardian resides, unless exempted. (Ed. Code, § 48200.) The compulsory education requirements continue to apply for the 2021-2022 school year. Classification as a special education student does not exempt a student from compulsory education laws.

School districts should follow the same attendance and SARB protocols for all students, regardless of their status as a general education or special education student. A student may be referred to SARB if the student is a habitual truant, is a chronic absentee, or is habitually insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school. (Ed. Code, § 48263(a).) Prior to referring a student to a SARB, school districts must take the following steps:

Unexcused Absence/Tardy	Truancy	Communication to Parent	Communication/District Action
1st		Optional	
2nd		Optional	
3rd	1st	Letter / Email / Phone Call: "1st Notification of Truancy"	 Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent Start School Attendance Review Team ("SART")/Student Success Team ("SST")/

			Pre-SARB Process
4th	2nd	Letter / Email / Phone Call: "2nd Notification of Truancy"	 Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent Continue SART/SST/ Pre-SARB Process
5th	3rd	Letter / Email / Phone Call: "3rd Notification of Truancy"	 Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent Make "conscientious effort" to conference with parents/guardians and student
5th	3rd		May refer to SARB

When a special education student is frequently absent, the school district should convene an individualized education program ("IEP") meeting to discuss the student's attendance. Such discussion may include whether the student's poor attendance is related to school avoidance behaviors, in which case additional supports may need to be added to the student's IEP; whether the student's health is preventing him or her from attending school and the parent has a request from a doctor for home hospital instruction; or whether the parent does not want to send the student to school due to health and safety concerns and would like the student to participate in independent study, in which case the IEP team will need to discuss whether a free appropriate public education can be provided to the student through independent study.

If you need further information or further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

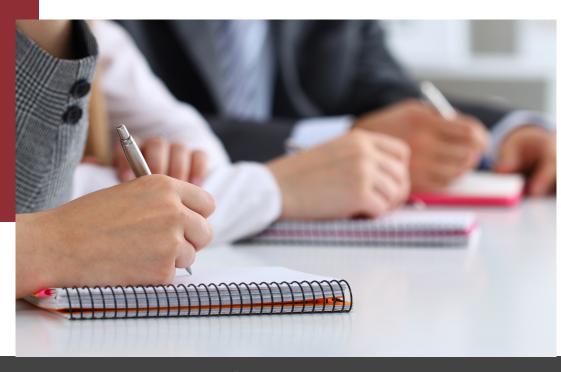
Sincerely,

LOZANO SMITH

Amanda J. Cordova



Breaking
Through
Contentious
IEPs,
Listening for
Need



Presented By

Jason A. Harper, ADR Consultant

Date

March 8, 2022

Time

Training time from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Cost

There is no fee associated with this training.

Location

Virtual training, a link will be forwarded to each participant prior to the training. This training may be recorded. In-person trainings will adhere to the Center for Disease Control's guidelines for sanitizing and social distancing.

Description

Get in Touch

In the heat of the moment, we tend to resort to threats/demands to make sure we get what we feel we deserve, and the other party will do the same. The end result is that no one wins. In this workshop, participants will learn how to listen for the five universal needs underlying our demands. Listening and communicating through needs will develop empathy and transform the conversation from adversarial to a joint search for mutual gain.

Audience

Administrators, special education teachers, and school psychologists.

Registration

Please register online at: https://sbcss.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=204059

Special Accommodation

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

Address: 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307 Email: Patricia.Ochoa@cahelp.org

Phone: (760) 955-3551 Website: www.cahelp.org

YOU BE THE JUDGE: Do written questions fulfill California LEA's duty to investigate harassment?

The parent of an elementary school student with migraine headaches and a seizure disorder filed a disability discrimination complaint with the student's California district. The parent claimed the student's teachers had questioned her need for accommodations and suggested that she was taking advantage of her diagnoses.

After issuing written questions to one teacher, the principal, the school nurse, and the school psychologist, the district sent the parent a report stating that it found insufficient evidence of disability harassment.

The parent contacted the Office for Civil rights and alleged that the investigation was inadequate because the district asked all four witnesses the same general questions—none of which addressed the alleged incidents of harassment. Also, the parent claimed the district did not interview a long-term substitute. The district pointed out that it conducted its investigation within 60 days, reviewed the student's records, interviewed multiple witnesses, and sent the parent a written report of its findings.

Section 504 requires a district to provide a nondiscriminatory educational environment to students with disabilities. 34 CFR 104.4(b).

Was the district's harassment investigation appropriate?

- A. **NO.** The district failed to consult with the parent to determine which individuals it would interview and which questions it would ask.
- B. YES. Section 504 only required the district to conduct a timely investigation and provide the parent a written report of its findings, both of which it did.
- C. **NO.** The district's failure to interview key witnesses and ask relevant, targeted questions was not consistent with Section 504's requirements.

DESERT/MOUNTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA DESERT/MOUNTAIN CHARTER SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Request

The parent/guardian or school may initiate the ADR process by completing and returning this form to the Desert/Mountain SELPA.

Both the parent/guardian and the school may jointly complete one request form. Desert/Mountain SELPA staff will review the request and respond to both parties.

STUDENT INFORMATION	SCHOOL INFORMATION							
Student Name: Date of Birth: Attending School: Parent/Guardian: Phone Number: Email Address:	_ Grade:	School Site:		<u> </u>				
Alternative Dispute Resolution requested by: I/we have concerns about the following area(s	☐ Parent/Guardian	□ School	□ Both					
☐ Extended School Year	 □ Assistive Technology □ Goals/Objectives □ Independent Education □ Progress Reporting □ Other: 		Behavior/Discipline Identification/Reevaluation Placement Related Services					
Describe the issues at hand:								
Describe the steps the school/district has taker	n to resolve the issues descri	ribed above:						
By signing below the requester agrees to the following statements: • The Alternative Dispute Resolution process is a voluntary process. • There will be no cost to the parent or the school. • The facilitator is neutral and is not a member of the IEP team. • The facilitator cannot provide legal advice to any participant. • The signing of this request gives the facilitator access to student information and records during the facilitation process.								
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Administrator Signatur	e Date					
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Administrator Signatur	e Date					

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Solicitud de resolución alternativa de conflictos (ADR)

El padre/tutor o la escuela pueden iniciar el proceso de ADR al completar y devolver este formulario a Desert/Mountain SELPA.

Tanto el padre/tutor como la escuela pueden completar de manera conjunta un formulario de solicitud. El personal de

Desert/Mountain SELPA revisará la solicitud y responderá a ambas partes.

		INFOR	MACIÓN DE LA ESC	UELA	
Nombre del estudiante:	Nombre del distrito:				
Fecha de nacimiento: Discapacidad	principal:	Escuela:			
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		Dirección de correo electrónico:			
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Resolución alternativa de conflictos solicitada por		☐ Escuela	☐ Ambos		
Tengo/tenemos inquietudes sobre la/s siguiente/s	área/s:				
☐ Adaptaciones/Modificaciones	☐ Tecnología de asistenc	19	☐ Comportamiento/Dis	scinlina	
☐ Año escolar extendido	☐ Metas/Objetivos	ia	☐ Identificación/Reeva		
☐ Implementación del IEP	☐ Evaluación educativa i	ndependiente	☐ Ubicación	iudeion	
☐ Niveles actuales de desempeño	☐ Informes de progreso	ndependiente	☐ Servicios relacionado	O.C.	
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Describa las medidas que ha tomado la escue	ela/distrito para resolver los	problemas descritos ar	nteriormente:		
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 Al firmar a continuación, el solicitante acept El proceso de Resolución Alternati 					
 No habrá ningún costo para los pad 	•	eso voluntario.			
 El facilitador es neutral y no es inte 					
El facilitador no puede proporciona		articipante.			
 La firma de esta solicitud le da al fa 	acilitador acceso a la inform	nación y a los registros	del estudiante durante el	l proceso de	
facilitación.					
Firma del padre/tutor	Fecha	Firma del administrac	lor	Fecha	
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REASONS FOR USING THE ADR SERVICES OPTIONS?

- Confidential: Everyone involved in the ADR process is obligated to maintain confidentiality.
- Satisfaction: The process is more satisfying than legal action because ADR allows parties in conflict to control and shape their own agreement.
- No Cost: ADR options are provided at no cost.
- Fast: ADR options do not delay the 45-day timeline for due process.
- Voluntary: Parents and schools are free to withdraw from it at any time.



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

For ADR questions or to start the ADR process, contact your school's special education director or the Desert/Mountain SELPA & Charter SELPA

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) SERVICES

INFORMAL ALTERNATIVES TO RESOLVE SPECIAL EDUCATION DISPUTES AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES

What is Alternative Dispute Resolution?

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is an informal method of settling disagreements that may arise during an IEP meeting. ADR has been adopted by the Desert/Mountain SELPA & Charter SELPA and is supported by the California Department of Education (CDE). The CDE encourages schools and families to explore early resolution options.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) uses specific processes to open communication, promote understanding, and reach agreements that support and strengthen relationships.

ADR is designed to meet the interests of the parties involved that result in a mutually agreeable outcome, rather than a decision solely made by a third party such as a hearing officer, or a judge.

It is through the ADR process that the D/M SELPA & Charter SELPA seeks to expedite resolutions to special education concerns after an IEP meeting, in a manner that meets the needs of the student at the earliest opportunity possible.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Services Available

Facilitated IEP Meeting

As part of the IEP meeting process, the facilitator clarifies the agenda and meeting outcomes, enforces working agreements, keeps the group focused on the IEP process, encourages problem solving, monitors time and encourages participation by all team members. The outcome of the facilitated IEP is a signed IEP, which has been developed collaboratively and with agreement between the school and parents/guardians.

Local Resolution Meeting

During a local resolution meeting, the facilitator assists to resolve the differences between the parent/guardian and the school. Through this process, each party has a chance to state their position, share concerns, and listen to the other party's position. If an agreement is reached, the specifics are put into writing and signed by all parties. An IEP meeting will be held following any local resolution meeting to make the agreements legally binding.

How Does Alternative Dispute Resolution Work?

ADR Intake

After a request for ADR services is made by a parent/guardian or a district representative, a D/M SELPA staff member listens to the concerns, helps the parties identify interests and identifies a process to help, coordinates meetings, and monitors ADR activities with the aim to arrive at student-centered outcomes.

Voluntary

Alternative Dispute Resolution is a voluntary process and it is based upon both parties wanting to reach a fair and equitable agreement. The ADR process seeks to resolve disagreements at the local school level. Parents/guardians and the school are free to withdraw from the process at any time.

¿POR QUÉ UTILIZAR LAS OPCIONES DE LOS SERVICIOS ADR?

- Confidencialidad: todas las personas que participan en el proceso ADR están obligadas a mantener la confidencialidad.
- Satisfacción: el proceso es más satisfactorio que la acción legal porque la ADR permite a las partes en conflicto controlar y dar forma a su propio acuerdo.
- · Gratuidad: las opciones ADR se ofrecen sin ningún costo.
- Rapidez: las opciones ADR no retrasan el plazo de 45 días para el debido proceso.
- Voluntariedad: los padres y las escuelas pueden retirarse de ella en cualquier momento.



PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CON NOSOTROS

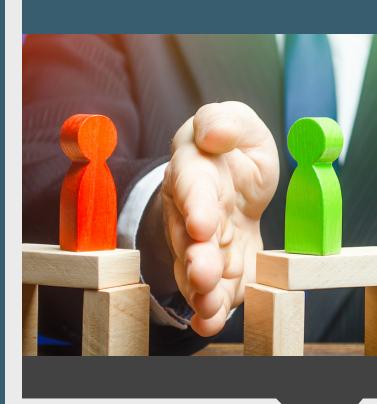
Si usted tiene preguntas sobre ADR o para iniciar el proceso ADR, póngase en contacto con el Director de Educación Especial de su Escuela o con SELPA del Desert/Mountain y SELPA Charter

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SERVICIOS DE RESOLUCIÓN ALTERNATIVA DE CONFLICTOS (ADR)

ALTERNATIVAS INFORMALES PARA RESOLVER CONFLICTOS DE EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL DISPONIBLES PARA LAS FAMILIAS



¿Qué es la Resolución Alternativa de Conflictos?

La Resolución Alternativa de Conflictos (ADR) es un método informal para resolver las diferencias que puedan surgir durante una reunión IEP. La ADR ha sido adoptada por el SELPA de Desert/Moutain y el SELPA Charter y es auspiciada por el Departamento de Educación de California (CDE). El CDE invita a las escuelas y a las familias a explorar las opciones de resolución temprana.

La Resolución Alternativa de Conflictos (ADR) utiliza procesos específicos para abrir la comunicación, promover el entendimiento y llegar a acuerdos que apoyen y fortalezcan las relaciones.

La ADR está diseñada para satisfacer los intereses de las partes involucradas que dan lugar a un resultado de mutuo acuerdo, en lugar de una decisión única de un tercero, como un representante de audiencia o un juez.

Es a través del proceso ADR que el D/M SELPA & Charter SELPA busca aligerar las resoluciones de las inquietudes de educación especial después de una reunión IEP, de tal manera que satisfaga las necesidades del estudiante en la primera oportunidad posible.

Servicios Disponibles de Resolución Alternativa de Conflictos

Disponibilidad de un Facilitador de Reunión IEP

Como parte del proceso de la reunión IEP, el facilitador aclara el orden del día y los resultados de la reunión, hace cumplir los acuerdos de trabajo, mantiene al grupo centrado en el proceso IEP, fomenta la resolución de problemas, controla el tiempo y fomenta la participación de todos los miembros del equipo. El resultado del proceso de facilitación de IEP es un IEP firmado, que se ha desarrollado en colaboración y con el acuerdo de la escuela y los padres/tutores.

Reunión de Resolución Local

Durante una reunión de resolución local, el facilitador ayuda a resolver las diferencias entre el padre/tutor y la escuela. A través de este proceso, cada parte tiene la oportunidad de exponer su posición, compartir sus inquietudes y escuchar la posición de la otra parte. Si se llega a un acuerdo, los detalles se ponen por escrito y son firmados por todas las partes. Se celebrará una reunión IEP después de cualquier reunión de resolución local para que los acuerdos sean legalmente vinculantes.

¿Cómo funciona la resolución alternativa de conflictos?

Servicios Disponibles Alternativos de Resolución de Conflictos

Después de que un padre/tutor o un representante del distrito solicita los servicios de ADR, un miembro del personal de D/M SELPA escucha las inquietudes, ayuda a las partes a identificar los intereses e identifica un proceso de apoya, coordina las reuniones y supervisa las actividades de ADR con el objetivo de llegar a resultados centrados en el estudiante.

Voluntariedad

La Resolución Alternativa de Conflictos es un proceso voluntario, y se basa en que ambas partes quieran llegar a un acuerdo justo y equitativo. El proceso ADR busca resolver los conflictos a nivel de la escuela local. Los padres/tutores y la escuela pueden retirarse del proceso en cualquier momento.

PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SUPPORTS

WINTER 2022, MID-YEAR REPORT

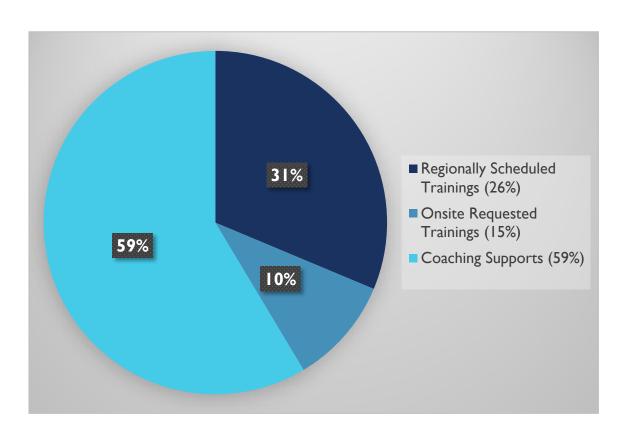


THE NUMBERS





VIRTUAL TRAINING AND COACHING SUPPORTS CONTINUED



Training and coaching have been adjusted to accommodate the current social and education climate. Data is reflective of the need for increased customized supports, and evidence-based practices for implementing multi-tiered systems of supports while responding to school disruptions.

BEYOND PBIS



SW-PBIS

 Implementation and sustained use of School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports



Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF)

• Integration of School Mental Health and PBIS



Social/Emotional Learning (SEL)

• Social/Emotional Learning Practices

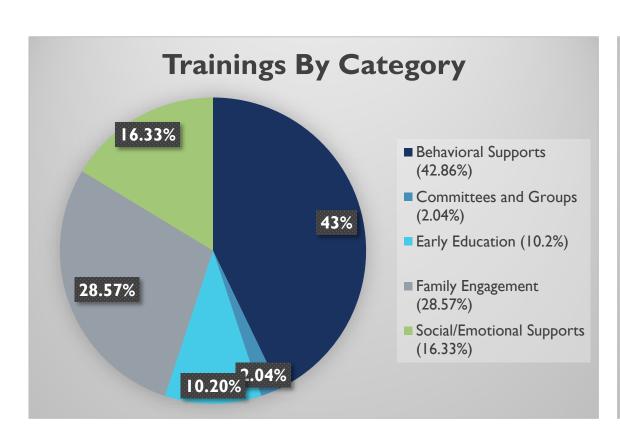


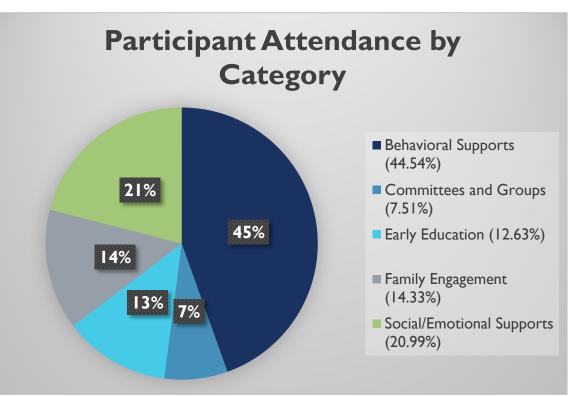
Community Outreach

• Community Outreach/Family Engagement Supports

The Prevention and Intervention Team facilitates training and coaching support to LEAs with a multitiered systems approach addressing social/emotional and behavioral needs of all students. Supports inclusive of:

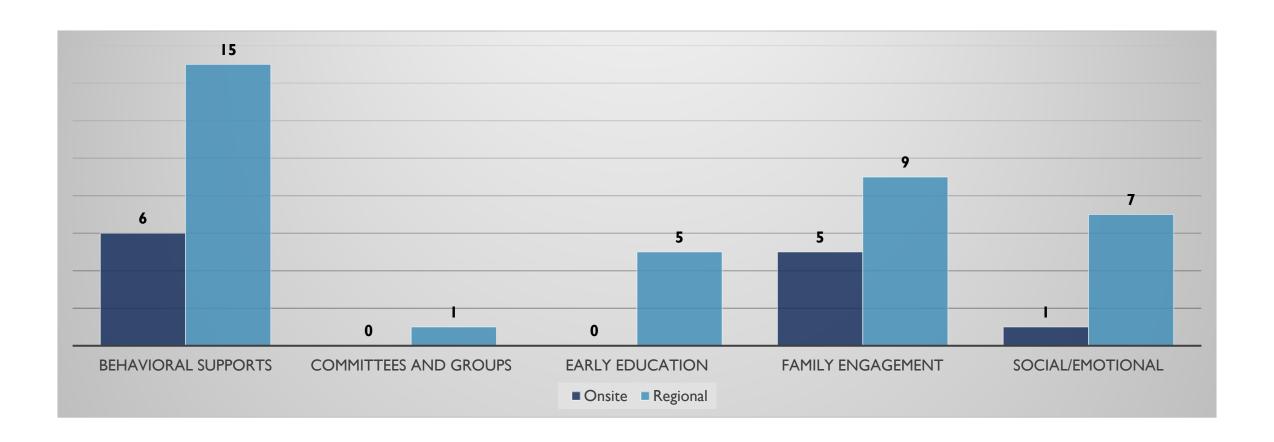
TYPES OF TRAININGS & SUPPORTS





Compared to the number of trainings offered, events in the social/emotional supports category are the highest attended.

TRAININGS BY CATEGORY





California PBIS Recognition



The Association for Positive Behavior Support

19th International Conference on Positive Behavior Support The Expanding World of PBS: Science, Values, and Vision



8.12 Compliance Updates

Verbal report, no materials

8.13 Nonpublic School/Nonpublic Agency Update
Verbal report, no materials

8.14 California State Testing Updates
Verbal report, no materials

Ted Alejandre County Superintendent

Transforming lives through education

MEMORANDUM

Date:

February 1, 2022

To:

Directors of Special Education

From:

Richard Frederick, Area Director

Subject:

Audiological Service Reports

Attached are the Audiological Service Reports for the month of January 2022 by district.

If you have any questions concerning these reports, please contact Dale Folkens, Ed. D. Principal at (760) 244-6131 ext. 247 or via email at dale.folkens@sbcss.net.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 25, 2022

To: Directors of Special Education

From: Codi Andersen, Occupational/Physical Therapy Supervisor

Subject: Occupational and Physical Therapy Reports

Attached are the occupational and physical therapy Referral Status, and Current Students Direct Services reports by district.

If you have any questions concerning either report, please contact me at (760) 955-3659 at Codi.Andersen@cahelp.org

Desert Mountain SELPA 2021-2022 Non-Public School Placement Report

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Desert Mountain SELPA 2021-2022 Non-Public School Placement Report

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Upcoming Trainings

Date/Time 3/1/2022	Event STRUCTURED LITERACY - WHAT, WHY, WHO, AND HOW?	Location VIRTUAL
3/1/2022 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	THE WHAT, WHY, AND HOW OF IEP MEETING NOTES	VIRTUAL
3/2/2022 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	I-MTSS SYMPOSIUM - WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS	SPRING VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
3/2/2022 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	UNDERSTANDING ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES WITHIN THE CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS (CAASPP)	VIRTUAL
3/3/2022 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	BASIC RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND USING CIRCLES EFFECTIVELY	VIRTUAL
3/3/2022 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	STUDENT DISCIPLINE: MANIFESTATION DETERMINATION PROCESS	VIRTUAL
3/3/2022 9:00 AM - 10:30 A	WEBIEP AM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
3/5/2022 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	EC CLASSROOM STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE LARGE GROUP (CIRCLE TIME) INSTRUCTION	VIRTUAL
3/8/2022 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	BREAKING THROUGH CONTENTIOUS IEPS, LISTENING FOR NEED	VIRTUAL TRAINING
3/9/2022 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	HONK! HONK! STOP, ASSESS, AND DRIVE YOUR READING INSTRUCTION	VIRTUAL

Upcoming Trainings

Date/Time 3/9/2022 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Event PUTTING EBPS INTO PRACTICE - ANTECEDENT-BASED INTERVENTIONS	Location VIRTUAL
3/9/2022 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	SLP COLLAB GROUP #3	VIRTUAL
3/9/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	WEBIEP PM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
3/9/2022 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID	VIRTUAL
3/10/2022 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE (CPI) FLEX-BLENDED LEARNING	VIRTUAL
3/10/2022 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	MANAGING SCHOOL CRISES: FROM THEORY TO APPLICATION	DMESC
3/14/2022 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	ORTON-GILLINGHAM APPROACH	DMESC
3/15/2022 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	COLLABORATIVE IEP: ALIGNING THE SUN, THE MOON, AND THE STARS	VIRTUAL
3/16/2022 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE: THE BEHAVIOR COLLABORATIVE	VIRTUAL
3/16/2022 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PUTTING EBPS INTO PRACTICE - SOCIAL NARRATIVES	VIRTUAL

Upcoming Trainings

Date/Time 3/16/2022 10:00 A - 11:30 A	Event REAL TALKPARENT-TO-PARENT GROUP CHATS	Location VIRTUAL/DMESC
3/22/2022 11:00 A - 12:00 PM	GETTING TO KNOW US: CAHELP PROGRAM AND SERVICES	VIRTUAL
3/22/2022 9:00 AM - 10:30 A	WEBIEP AM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
3/23/2022 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOR IN AUTISM AND MANAGING	VIRTUAL
3/31/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	WEBIEP PM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
4/1/2022	STRUCTURED LITERACY - WHAT, WHY, WHO, AND HOW?	VIRTUAL
4/5/2022 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	RESTORATIVE CONFERENCES	DMESC
4/5/2022 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	THE ART OF FACILITATING IEP MEETINGS	VIRTUAL
4/6/2022 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PUTTING EBPS INTO PRACTICE - VIDEO MODELING	VIRTUAL
4/6/2022 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	STRUCTURED LITERACY WITH ORTON-GILLINGHAM: FOUNDATIONAL	VIRTUAL

Upcoming Trainings

Date/Time 4/6/2022 9:00 AM - 10:30 A	Event WEBIEP AM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	Location VIRTUAL
4/6/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	WEBIEP PM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
4/7/2022 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE (CPI) FLEX-BLENDED LEARNING	VIRUTAL
4/8/2022 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	EARLY CHILDHOOD DAILY SCHEDULES AND VISUAL CUES TO SUPPORT SELF-REGULATION	DMESC
4/8/2022 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM	LEARNING DISABILITY SIMULATION WORKSHOP: DON'T WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES, JUST SIT AN HOUR IN MY SEAT	DMESC
4/13/2022 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PUTTING EBPS INTO PRACTICE - SOCIAL SKILLS	VIRTUAL
4/15/2022 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	FAMILY FUN DAYS	VIRTUAL/DMESC
4/19/2022 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	12TH ANNUAL TRANSITION RESOURCE FAIR- STUDENT AND FAMILY	VIRTUAL
4/19/2022 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	12TH ANNUAL TRANSITION RESOURCE FAIR-VENDORS	VIRTUAL
4/20/2022 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	STRUCTURED LITERACY WITH ORTON-GILLINGHAM: ADVANCED	VIRTUAL

Upcoming Trainings

Date/Time Event Location

4/20/2022 UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH VIRTUAL

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES)





The What, Why, and How of IEP Meeting Notes

Presented By

Karina Quezada, Psy.D., Program Specialist

Date

March 1, 2022

Time

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost

Desert/Mountain SELPA and Charter SELPA members \$0.00; Non-member participants \$25.00

Location

Virtual training, a link will be forwarded to each participant prior to the training.

This training may be recorded.

Description

IEP meeting notes are a critical component of IEP meetings, as they provide a record of what transpires during those meetings. In this workshop, participants will:

- Learn the purpose of IEP meeting notes
- Identify best practices when taking notes
- Learn to avoid common pitfalls
- Review samples and discuss scenarios

Audience

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General and special education teachers, administrators, speech-language pathologists, and school psychologists.

Registration

Please register online at: https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-212819

Special Accommodation

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

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Understanding Accessibility Resources within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Equal opportunity for all students to access instruction and demonstrate learning is a fundamental principle of public education. Accessibility resources represent a set of tools that help a student better access classroom instruction. They are also provided in a testing environment so that students can do their best to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment System was designed to maximize accessibility for all students. An array of universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations are available to help ensure that Smarter Balanced summative and interim assessments generate a fair and accurate estimate of each student's achievement. The participants of this course will:

- Understand the importance of accessibility resources
- Learn about the various universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations available within the Smarter Balanced System
- Learn the initial steps in the identification of supports appropriate for each student
- Explore examples of student learning needs/ characteristics that might be addressed using accessibility resources

Presented By

Karina Quezada, Psy.D., Program Specialist

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Cost

Desert/Mountain SELPA and Charter SELPA members \$0.00; Non-member participants \$25.00



Date

March 2, 2022

Time

1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Location

Virtual training, a link will be forwarded to each participant prior to the training.

This training may be recorded.

Audience

General and special education teachers, administrators, psychologists, and speech-language pathologists.

Registration

Please register online at:

https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-210503

Special Accommodations

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Speech-Language Pathologists Collaborative Group: **Assessing Social Communication Skills Part 1**

Description

Our third collaborative of the year will focus on assessing pragmatics. A brief review of California Education Code Requirements, along with assessment considerations, and informal and formal assessments tools will be presented. A part two is scheduled for later this school year.

Presented By

Ivan Campos, MS, CCC-SLP, Program Specialist

Date

March 9, 2022

Time

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Location

Virtual, a link will be sent to each participant prior to the training date.

Audience

Speech-language pathologists, SLP interns, and SLP assistants.

Cost

Free

Registration

Please register online at: https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-205296



Special Accommodations

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

CEU Credit For:

March 9, 2022

The CEU processing fee is \$5.00 to be paid by March 7, 2022

This course meets the qualifications for an hour and a half of continuing professional development credit for Speech-Language Pathologists as required by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (SLPAHADB). The provider is Desert/Mountain Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) PDP 56. Due to SLPAHADB requirements, participants must attend the entire hour and half conference in order to receive continuing education credit. Please mail the \$5.00 payment, payable

to SBCSS, with this CEU credit form by March 7, 2022 to the Desert/ Mountain SELPA, c/o Judith Loera, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Print name exactly as it is to appear on the certificate below and indicate the

SLP license number:

Print name:

Contact phone number:

Email:

judith.loera@cahelp.org



Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Training 2nd Edition Blended Learning

The Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) is a three-part course focusing on crisis prevention and intervention. With a core philosophy of care, welfare, safety, and security, as well as being aligned with positive behavioral supports principles, it gives educators the skills to safely and effectively prevent, disengage, and physically withhold (as a last resort) dangerous situations. Part 1: The self-paced on-line modules will take 2 - 4 hours. Part 2: Participants will be lead through a refresher session online. Part 3: The in-person training, participants should dress safely and must attend the entire course. Upon successfully demonstrating competency of disengagement skills, physical interventions, and passing of a written exam, participants will receive CPI certification.

- Payments need to be submitted before an on-line module seat & booklet are assigned.

- The book that goes along with the Part #1 on-line module course will be sent to your district office.
- The on-line module course will be sent via email from the CPI Learning site.

Location

Part 1: On-line Course & Book

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Part 2: Zoom refresher (link to be sent the day before)

Part 3: DMESC- 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA In-person trainings will adhere to the Center for Disease Control's guidelines for sanitizing and social distancing.

Audience

Special education teachers, general education teachers, paraprofessionals, school psychologists, administrators, and other specialists.



Presented By

CPI Team

Time

Part 1: Complete the on-line CPI module prior to April 7, 2022.

Part 2: Refresher session- April 7, 2022 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Part 3: In person training- April 8, 2022 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost

\$50 Per Attendee

Registration

Please register online at: https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-203249

Special Accommodations

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

This training may be recorded.

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