Common Core, CISI Fall Workshops, LCFF & Student Data

Common Core Spending Plan Template and Implementation Template

In order to support California school districts with the $1.25 billion one time Common Core Implementation funding they will be receiving this fall (approx. $200 per pupil) CISI has developed a CCSS District Spending Plan Template and CCSS Implementation Plan Template.

The template, based on CDE guidance, is designed to serve as a tool and guide for districts to use as they move forward with implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Please feel free to share it with anyone who might find it useful. The template, attached, is also available on the CISI website at cisi.ucdavis.edu.

CISI Fall Workshops – November 2013

We have begun planning for the CISI Fall Workshops that will be held in early November in nine locations around the state. With the many changes around Common Core implementation and transitioning to the Local Control Funding Formula, CISI is working to provide members with the most up to date information on curriculum and instruction, critical issues affecting asset allocation that supports student learning, accountability and school improvement.

The CISI Fall Workshops are scheduled to be held in Butte County, Sacramento, Clovis, Santa Clara, Santa Barbara, Orange County, Los Angeles and San Diego. This year’s Top Ten Issues in Education will be focused on the intersection of implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the transition to the Local Control Funding Formula. Please contact us with questions: cisi@ucdavis.edu.
CALPADS – Release of Updated Accountability Data

The 2013 AYP and 2013 Growth API have been updated. LEAs received a private preview of these measures on August 23, 2013; these data were publicly posted on CDE’s DataQuest System on August 29, 2013. [http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/](http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/)

Local Control Funding Formula – Data Matters

The Local Control Funding Formula will provide base grant per pupil funding to districts along with additional supplemental and concentration grant funding for the following three student subgroups: low-income, English Learner and foster youth. Districts’ demographic data will, therefore, be linked to the amount of funding received.

In mid-September, the CDE will provide LEAs with access to student-level data files that will help them identify any potential errors. More detailed information will be provided when the data files are made available. LEAs will have until the close of business on October 31, 2013 to make final corrections to the CALPADS ODS data that impact these accountability measures.

WestEd Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Channel

The CDE has partnered with WestEd to provide information and guidance on the Local Control Funding Formula. Information on the Local Control Funding Formula can be found on the WestEd LCFF Web page at [http://lcff.wested.org/](http://lcff.wested.org/). Brief informational videos about LCFF are provided through access to the site’s LCFF Channel.

CDE has also established a LCFF listserv, which can be joined at the following link: [join-LCFF-list@mlist.cde.ca.gov](mailto:join-LCFF-list@mlist.cde.ca.gov)

Vergara v. California

Filed by nine California public school children last year, the Vergara v. California lawsuit (sponsored by the nonprofit organization Students Matter) challenges the Permanent Employment Statute, which requires schools to give teachers permanent employment after 18 months on the job; the Dismissal Statutes, which ADDRESSES THE DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS BASED UPON PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; and the Seniority-based Layoff or Last-In, First-Out (LIFO) Statute. *continued on next page*
The plaintiffs are represented by Ted Olson, a former U.S. Solicitor General who has twice received the U.S. Department of Justice’s highest award for public service and leadership, and Ted Boutrous, who has been named one of the 100 best lawyers in California for eight consecutive years. Olson and Boutrous are partners at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher who have collectively argued over 60 cases in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. The 20-day trial for *Vergara v. California* begins on January 27, 2014.

The public comments of Superintendents John Deasy of L.A. Unified, Jonathan Raymond of Sacramento City Unified, Xavier de la Torre of the Santa Clara County Office of Education and former superintendent Tony Smith of Oakland Unified are are available on the Students Matter website.

The education blog *L.A. School Report* recently wrote that a win for the plaintiffs in *Vergara v. California* would be "the biggest change for public education in California since the passage of Proposition 13."