



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SELPA VII

January 19, 2022

Zoom Video/Phone Conference

B. Dispute Prevention and Dispute Resolution (DPDR) Funds Allocation

Like the LRS funds, one-time Dispute Prevention and Dispute Resolution (DPDR) funds of \$287k have been appropriated from the State to SELPA VII. This funding is to help support member local educational agencies in conducting dispute prevention and voluntary alternative dispute resolution activities to prevent and resolve special education disputes resulting from school disruptions stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be housed at the SELPA and LEAs will submit for reimbursement by June 30, 2023. 20% of these funds is allocated to the SELPA office per the trailer bill and is used to provide ADR services such as IEP facilitation, mediation, and parent ADR trainings. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan moved to approve the Dispute Prevention and Dispute Resolution (DPDR) funds allocation to SELPA VII. Director Kathy Alaniz seconded and the motion carried, 2-0.

IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SELPA Executive Director Updates

- 1) **Return of SpEd Excess and Low Incidence Revenues** - \$299k has been returned to Santa Clara Unified school district in SCCOE Special Ed excess revenue, per the Budget Allocation Plan. Prior year low incidence funds of \$153k have been returned to the district as well.
- 2) **Distribution of 2020-21 Interest Earned on SELPA Pass-through** - \$3k in interest earned on pass-through funds has been returned to the district.
- 3) **One-time American Rescue Plan funds for IDEA Part B** - one-time federal funds for LEAs that receive regular Part B funds; waiting for final grant award notifications from CDE.
- 4) **Governor's January Special Ed Budget Proposal 2022-23**
 - COLA is at 5.33%
 - additional \$500M increase to base funding that will result in an estimated \$820 per ADA. This will impact the SELPA Base Rate MOU, which could be eliminated by the end of this year.
 - Special ed base funding allocations proposed to be calculated at the LEA level vs. SELPA level
 - ERMH funds allocated directly to LEAs (whether to district of residence or district of location is to be determined by CDE)
 - Incorporate a Special Education Addendum to the LCAP
- 5) **CDE Monitoring Activities** – the 2020-21 Disproportionality file review has been completed by CDE over the summer. For SigDis, CDE is yet to provide their approval of the CCEIS plans.
- 6) **SELPA Activities** – update was provided on CALPADS/data activities, fiscal submissions/reports, and professional development offerings.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Director Kathy Alaniz seconded and the motion carried, 2-0.