



Austin Beutner
Superintendent

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Dear Principals,

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update on carryover balances for the 2020-21 school year and how schools can use these funds to mitigate COVID-19 impact on enrollment and teacher displacement

By September 18, 2020, all schools will receive their remaining carryover balance from the 2019-20 school year.

To further our goal of providing the best education to students and maintaining stability at schools, consider prioritizing these funds to:

- Purchase teaching positions to prevent displacements
- Fund one-on-one in-person tutoring and other intervention services
- Purchase technology as needed for staff

For elementary schools that anticipate displacements in the K-3 band, and do not have sufficient carryover balance to purchase teaching positions, a one-time, mitigation fund will be provided to each Local District to support these schools in purchasing the teaching positions (if the costs exceed what schools have in their carryover amounts) to prevent teacher displacements.

Our Primary Promise is to build the foundation in literacy, math and critical thinking skills by 3rd grade. The impact of COVID-19 is felt most acutely by students less capable of learning independently which includes students in K-3. The effort to provide for continuity in the relationships between students, teachers and families in these early grades will help provide the best possible education for these students.

Please contact your Fiscal Services Manager if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your leadership.