

Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name	Contact Name and Title	Email and Phone
Creative Arts Charter School	Fernando Aguilar, Executive Director	fnaguilar@creativeartscharter.org ; (415) 749-3509

California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. The following is a one-time mid-year report to the local governing board or body and educational partners related to engagement on, and implementation of, these Acts.

A description of how and when the LEA engaged, or plans to engage, its educational partners on the use of funds provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Creative Arts Charter School has a long-established foundational principle of meaningful educational partner engagement. These efforts were refined and improved through the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) development process.

Previous engagement opportunities include:

- The Board of Directors is composed entirely of parents and meets monthly as a public hearing with the opportunity for public comment. We promoted parent participation in public meetings and public hearings through website and agenda posting. Virtual meetings conducted via video conference had telephone call-in access. We provided translation as needed. A public hearing for the LCAP was held on 5/18/21, and the LCAP was approved by the Board on 6/22/21.
- Parents have also provided feedback through Monthly Director Coffees, our Reopening Meetings for BIPOC families and families of students with IEPs, and numerous surveys that have been administered throughout the school year.
- Teachers have provided feedback during regular staff meetings, Staff of Color meetings, and teacher surveys.
- Principals, administrators, and other school personnel provided feedback during regular staff meetings.
- Students have provided their input through our student survey and through classroom discussions with students regarding their experience, perspectives, and needs. Teachers shared student feedback from these discussions with school leadership to inform plans.

- Mixed Groups - we have various Board committees that meet at different frequencies throughout the year depending on need. Our Racial Equity Committee met during the week of 5/10/21 to discuss expanding the African American Performance Initiative coordinator position.

Creative Arts Charter School included the additional Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) during the 2021-22 LCAP development process, and as such there was no additional funding provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that would normally be included in the LCAP.

The Educator Effectiveness Grant plan was reviewed by the board 11/16/21, a teacher survey was conducted in November, and the board approved the plan 12/14/2021.

A description of how the LEA used, or plans to use, the additional concentration grant add-on funding it received to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students on school campuses with an enrollment of students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth that is greater than 55 percent.

Creative Arts Charter School did not receive the additional concentration grant add-on funding.

A description of how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on pupils.

Creative Arts Charter School has a long-established foundational principle of meaningful educational partner engagement. These efforts were refined and improved through the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) development process. The school's practices have been further enhanced during the pandemic as Creative Arts Charter School sought the input and feedback of its educational partner groups from the onset of the pandemic and continuing through the development of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, the 2021-2022 LCAP and the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

The following link and page numbers indicate how and when the LEA engaged its education partners in the use of funds received to support recovery for the COVID- 19 Pandemic.

- Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

<https://creativeartscharter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Learning-Continuity-and-Attendance-Plan-2020-2021-9.30.20.pdf> (p.1-3)

- 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

- The Board of Directors is composed entirely of parents and meets monthly as a public hearing with the opportunity for public comment. We promoted parent participation in public meetings and public hearings through website and agenda posting. Virtual meetings conducted via video conference had telephone call-in access. We provided translation as needed. A public hearing for the LCAP was held on 5/18/21, and the LCAP was approved by the Board on 6/22/21.
- Parents have also provided feedback through Monthly Director Coffees, our Reopening Meetings for BIPOC families and families of students with IEPs, and numerous surveys that have been administered throughout the school year.

- Teachers have provided feedback during regular staff meetings, Staff of Color meetings, and teacher surveys.
- Principals, administrators, and other school personnel provided feedback during regular staff meetings.
- Students have provided their input through our student survey and through classroom discussions with students regarding their experience, perspectives, and needs. Teachers shared student feedback from these discussions with school leadership to inform plans.
- Mixed Groups - we have various Board committees that meet at different frequencies throughout the year depending on need. Our Racial Equity Committee met during the week of 5/10/21 to discuss expanding the African American Performance Initiative coordinator position.

The ESSER III Expenditure Plan was approved 10/19/21 by the governing board during an open public meeting.

A description of how the LEA is implementing the federal American Rescue Plan Act and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief expenditure plan, and the successes and challenges experienced during implementation.

Creative Arts Charter School is successfully implementing efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and ensure the continuity of services as required by the federal American Rescue Plan Act with implementation of a robust set of safety protocols and practices including required face coverings, regular health screenings, regular cleaning and disinfection, increased ventilation, and referral of ill students and staff to health care providers for COVID-19 testing. As a result of this work and evidence of our **success**, the school did not have any school-based transmission prior to the Winter Break and has been able to provide continuity of services to the students. One **challenge** has been the additional staff time required to implement the health and safety protocols.

Creative Arts Charter School will begin implementation of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III expenditure plan in 2022-23, and as such does not have any expenditure or implementation progress to report.

A description of how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year in a manner that is consistent with the applicable plans and is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP and Annual Update.

Creative Arts Charter School is using the fiscal resources received for the 2021-22 school year with a specific focus on ensuring the academic and social emotional recovery of our students after spending a year or more in a distance learning format. The LCAP prioritizes providing high-quality, standards-aligned instruction with specific supports for our highest need students. Based on our annual update reflections, the plan addresses learning loss through implementation of assessments and a system of academic supports (Goal 1, Actions 3-4,8- 9, p. 36-37).

Ensuring our students return to in-person instruction in the safest manner possible, while addressing their social emotional needs is also prioritized in the LCAP this year (Goal 2, Actions 1-6, p. 39-40).

Instructions for the Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan Year

For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), please contact the local county office of education (COE), or the California Department of Education’s (CDE’s) Local Agency Systems Support Office, by phone at 916-319-0809 or by email at lcff@cde.ca.gov.

Introduction

California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires LEAs to present an update on the Annual Update to the 2021–22 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents on or before February 28, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. At this meeting, the LEA must include all of the following:

- The Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 LCAP (2021–22 Supplement);
- All available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021–22 LCAP; and
- Mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021–22 LCAP.

When reporting available mid-year outcome, expenditure, and implementation data, LEAs have flexibility to provide this information as best suits the local context, provided that it is succinct and contains a level of detail that is meaningful and accessible for the LEA’s educational partners.

The 2021–22 Supplement is considered part of the 2022–23 LCAP for the purposes of adoption, review, and approval, and must be included with the LCAP as follows:

- The 2022–23 Budget Overview for Parents
- The 2021–22 Supplement
- The 2022–23 LCAP
- The Action Tables for the 2022–23 LCAP
- The Instructions for the LCAP Template

As such, the 2021–22 Supplement will be submitted for review and approval as part of the LEA’s 2022–23 LCAP.

Instructions

Respond to the following prompts, as required. In responding to these prompts, LEAs must, to the greatest extent practicable, provide succinct responses that contain a level of detail that will be meaningful and accessible for the LEA's educational partners and the broader public and must, to the greatest extent practicable, use language that is understandable and accessible to parents.

In responding to these prompts, the LEA has flexibility to reference information provided in other planning documents. An LEA that chooses to reference information provided in other planning documents must identify the plan(s) being referenced, where the plan(s) are located (such as a link to a web page), and where in the plan the information being referenced may be found.

Prompt 1: *“A description of how and when the LEA engaged, or plans to engage, its educational partners on the use of funds provided through the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the 2021–22 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).”*

In general, LEAs have flexibility in deciding what funds are included in the LCAP and to what extent those funds are included. If the LEA received funding through the Budget Act of 2021 that it would have typically included within its LCAP, identify the funds provided in the Budget Act of 2021 that were not included in the LCAP and provide a description of how the LEA has engaged its educational partners on the use of funds. If an LEA included the applicable funds in its adopted 2021–22 LCAP, provide this explanation.

Prompt 2: *“A description of how LEA used, or plans to use, the concentration grant add-on funding it received to increase the number of staff who provide direct services to students on school campuses with an enrollment of students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth that is greater than 55 percent.”*

If LEA does not receive a concentration grant or the concentration grant add-on, provide this explanation.

Describe how the LEA is using, or plans to use, the concentration grant add-on funds received consistent with California *Education Code* Section 42238.02, as amended, to increase the number of certificated staff, classified staff, or both, including custodial staff, who provide direct services to students on school campuses with greater than 55 percent unduplicated pupil enrollment, as compared to schools with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is equal to or less than 55 percent.

In the event that the additional concentration grant add-on is not sufficient to increase the number of staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent, describe how the LEA is using the funds to retain staff providing direct services to students at a school with an enrollment of unduplicated students that is greater than 55 percent.

Prompt 3: *“A description of how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on pupils.”*

If the LEA did not receive one-time federal funding to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on students, provide this explanation.

Describe how and when the LEA engaged its educational partners on the use of one-time federal funds it received that are intended to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of distance learning on students. See the COVID-19 Relief Funding Summary Sheet web page (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/relieffunds.asp>) for a listing of COVID-19 relief funding and the Federal Stimulus Funding web page (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/>) for additional information on these funds. The LEA is not required to describe engagement that has taken place related to state funds.

Prompt 4: “A description of how the LEA is implementing the federal American Rescue Plan Act and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief expenditure plan, and the successes and challenges experienced during implementation.”

If an LEA does not receive ESSER III funding, provide this explanation.

Describe the LEA’s implementation of its efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and ensure the continuity of services, as required by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and its implementation of the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) expenditure plan to date, including successes and challenges.

Prompt 5: “A description of how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year in a manner that is consistent with the applicable plans and is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP and Annual Update.”

Summarize how the LEA is using its fiscal resources received for the 2021–22 school year to implement the requirements of applicable plans in a manner that is aligned with the LEA’s 2021–22 LCAP. For purposes of responding to this prompt, “applicable plans” include the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan and the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

California Department of Education
November 2021