

- Provides a 1.7% COLA for all statutorily-required categorical programs, including the California State Preschool program.
- Provides \$30 million one-time for County Offices of Education to support regional coordination of student services.
- Increases County Offices of Education funding by \$29.7 million ongoing to reflect a 2.7% COLA.

Universal Transitional Kindergarten

- Launches planning in the Budget Year for a 2022-23 beginning to quality Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) implementation – UTK by 2025. Repurposes the \$250 million in January Budget UTK funding for planning purposes.
- Authorizes the roll-out of UTK over a three-year period: each year from 2022-23 through 2024-2025, three more months of Transitional Kindergarten would be offered, enrollment would be allowed, and average daily attendance (ADA) would be funded.
- Proposes that all new costs for UTK ADA be funded above the Proposition 98 guarantee, which would be rebench. Estimates the costs at \$900 million in 2022-21, growing to a total of \$2.7 billion in ongoing funding in 2024-2025.
- Funds \$380 million in 2022-23 and \$740 million in 2023-2024 to reduce child to adult ratios in TK and kindergarten to 1:12.
- Funds the California Department of Education (CDE) to update the Preschool Learning Foundations for UTK.
- Allows the California State Preschool Program to transition from 4-year old care to 3-year old care.

Community Schools

- Augments the one-time January Budget Community Schools proposal to provide a total of \$3 billion for approximately 1,400 new Community Schools for a five year timeline.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Childcare Access

- Proposes to add a total of 100,000 subsidized child care slots across state-funded programs.
- Increases Proposition 64 funding for child care by \$83 million in 2021-22, for 6,500 slots.

Childcare Infrastructure

- Restores the 2019-20 investment of \$250 million to provide infrastructure grants for the acquisition, construction, development, and renovation of child care facilities through one-time federal relief funds.
- Proposes \$10 million in one-time federal relief funds to support Resource and Referral agencies.
- Proposes \$20 million for a multi-year effort for the Department of Social Services to strengthen existing child care quality improvement supports and systems.

Pandemic Response

- Requests Legislative ratification of the Administration's \$579 million pandemic response agreement with the Child Care Providers United, with one-time, federal relief funding:
 - Proposes a tiered licensed provider one-time stipend, based on licensing capacity, of between \$3,500 to \$6,500.
 - Proposes per-child stipends for subsidized child care and preschool providers.
 - Proposes to waive family fees for eligible families beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
 - Expands the California Child Care Initiative Project by \$25 million.
 - Proposes \$10.6 million through September 30, 2023 for early childhood mental health consultations.
 - Provides 16 non-operational days for providers accepting vouchers that have to close due to COVID-related reasons beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

- Continues hold harmless funding for child care providers that contract directly with the state and provider reimbursement at a child's maximum certified level of need for all providers accepting vouchers through June 30, 2022.

Transition of Childcare to the Department of Social Services

- Augments State Ops support requests from the January Budget to facilitate the transition of childcare services to the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- Shifts \$31.7 million and 185.7 positions from the California Department of Education (CDE) to DSS.
- Proposes an additional increase of \$10.9 million and 79 positions, in addition to the shift from CDE.
- Proposes \$6 million for direct deposit payment implementation, and \$4.8 million to continue child care data system development.