

# Local Control and Accountability Plan

The instructions for completing the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) follow the template.

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## Plan Summary 2021-2024

### General Information

A description of the LEA, its schools, and its students.

Para Los Niños Charter Middle School (PLN CMS) is located in the heart of industrial downtown Los Angeles. Our school sits on the edges of the Fashion, Flower and Fruit and Produce districts of downtown. Our neighborhood is Skid Row. The middle school is co-located with LAUSD’s 9th street elementary school. This is PLN CMS’s 7th year at its current location. It has been in operation for 9 years and began as a 6th grade cohort at the flagship Para Los Niños Charter Elementary school located a mile away on 7th and Alameda Blvd. PLN CMS was generated from a demand to provide a quality middle school education to the students and families that present at-promise needs. Our school serves families that commute from all across Los Angeles County to work and operate their businesses downtown, families that live in historic south central Los Angeles, East Los Angeles and the Pico Union District. In addition we serve the most at-promise families that are living temporarily at the missions and transitional housing in Skid Row. Our school is a popular choice among families due to our consistent academic program, comprehensive sports program and supportive after school program.

Para Los Niños Charter Middle School, now in its 7th year of operations, is a cornerstone for working families in Downtown Los Angeles. Located in an historic brick building on 7th Street just east of Alameda, our elementary school straddles the gritty, industrial downtown sector and the Arts District. Para Los Niños Charter Middle School (PLN CMS) is a learning haven for children who have experienced multiple stressors in their lives; 92% of whom are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Through a relationship-based approach and Multi-Tiered System of Support, we provide an educational program that addresses the academic, social and emotional learning and, ultimately, the wellness of our students. We have an intense focus on the whole child, understanding that children live and learn within the context of a family, and a family lives and learns within the context of a community. As part of a non-profit organization, we strive to personalize our educational approach for every student by providing comprehensive and accessible support in our schools which begin from infancy and range to middle school. We are in constant pursuit of accelerated learning, through assessment and data-driven data decision-making. Through an interdisciplinary, arts-infused approach to mastery of grade level standards, our students – the overwhelming majority of whom are English Learners – are provided with multiple ways to succeed and express their learning. With a foundation of constructivist learning theory, PLN CS believes that deeper, active and engaged learning builds on students’ lived experience and knowledge and encourages inquiry and exploration. We are in pursuit of creating a more culturally relevant educational experience for students by integrating social justice themes. Through inquiry in NGSS topics we also promote relevance, critical thinking and standards-based rigor in the lives of our students.

Sheltered English is our current approach for our English Learners. We aim to provide a greater level of rigor through a structured, standards-based literacy program that builds on inquiry while developing strong foundational reading skills. We are working collaboratively as an organization to support staff and students in their development of CASEL competencies. We personalize support by working in partnership with families. We aim to create a personalized experience for the child and family through the interdisciplinary work of educators and staff in Social Work, Mental Health, and our Afterschool Program. Working collaboratively as an organization, we seek to unlock the potential of every child and promote powerful families and communities.

## Reflections: Successes

A description of successes and/or progress based on a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) and local data.

Some progress that has occurred includes: the increased teacher retention from previous years. We have been able to retain the vast majority of staff, with only 2 staff members changing within the last two years (19-20, 20-21). In addition to teacher support and retention, we have made data analysis, student achievement focused professional development, and response an integral part of our student support culture. This has resulted in teacher professional development aligned to specific strategies to improve student academic results. Additionally, the focus on data has also allowed us to move forward with the implementation of a targeted math and reading intervention program for identified students. Our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) has increased its impact on campus by redesigning the master schedule to provide opportunities for a greater emphasis on developing student social-emotional skills through an advisory period as well as school-wide PBIS aligned student culture development. Overall, the school has established goals for instructional and cultural norms that will increase student outcomes but more importantly, allow students to culminate from CMS as well-rounded students that are ready for future success.

## Reflections: Identified Need

A description of any areas that need significant improvement based on a review of Dashboard and local data, including any areas of low performance and significant performance gaps among student groups on Dashboard indicators, and any steps taken to address those areas.

1. Improve student achievement in ELA, ELD and math as measured by SBAC, ELPAC, and internal summative assessments.
2. Improve the school climate by decreasing the suspension, expulsion, and truancy rates, improving attendance rate, and improving rate of parental involvement in school events.
3. Provide explicit professional development for teachers to address best practices for student academic success, academic language and literacy development, and data driven instruction.

The LCFF evaluation rubric shows that all students, including ELLs and students with disabilities, are 53.6 points below level 3 (yellow, low) in English Language Arts. In ELA students with disabilities are red. In Math all students are 110 points below level 3 in math (orange, very low). Again students with disabilities are red.

# LCAP Highlights

A brief overview of the LCAP, including any key features that should be emphasized.

The current version of the LCAP is centered around responsiveness and personalization of services for students, while building the whole child with aligned services and supports. This then caused us to better align our LCAP goals to reflect a better organization of services for our students. We still aligned our services around the 8 state priorities, recognizing how each of them support students - with a strong group of teachers that are continually improving in their practice, a school focus on academic growth in all aspects and for all students, and aligning whole-child support services along with parental involvement. We feel that these three supports represent our broader focus on priority areas that as a school we have aligned to support students.

## Comprehensive Support and Improvement

An LEA with a school or schools eligible for comprehensive support and improvement must respond to the following prompts.

### Schools Identified

A list of the schools in the LEA that are eligible for comprehensive support and improvement.

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### Support for Identified Schools

A description of how the LEA has or will support its eligible schools in developing comprehensive support and improvement plans.

Due to our being an independent charter school, we are our own LEA. However as our own LEA we continued to build our program based on conversations and regular meetings with stakeholders that pointed us to the need to implement a direct intervention for students. These meetings occurred on a monthly basis in order to make sure that parents had enough opportunities to meet and provide their feedback, and included parents from various demographic groups including parents of EL students as well as Students with Disabilities. PLN Charter Middle School has been working with stakeholders in order to develop a needs assessment to identify what are the areas in which the stakeholders feel there is the greatest need. The needs assessment took place initially with a survey of parents and their outstanding concerns regarding the school and the areas that they felt needed additional support. This was done in tandem with ongoing parent meetings with a dedicated focus on academic areas of support for students. The needs assessment which helped to inform the meetings with stakeholders were based on not just state and local data but also on diagnostic data and locally constructed assessments, which were presented and then analyzed. Specifically, state CAASPP data was discussed along with English Learner results as represented in the ELPAC. Additional local data that was used to inform the needs assessment also included attendance data for students, local CAASPP-like assessments created through Illuminate and diagnostic assessments through iReady. Based on these meetings with stakeholders we identified an intervention and progress monitoring set of practices that would seek to help us identify students as well as monitor their progress. Students were tiered based on diagnostic assessment data in an Response to Intervention (RtI) model. These practices were determined to be the most effective for our school based on the resources that we had as well as the ability to implement practices in a distance-learning setting. The process of our student tiering involves identified students (based on diagnostics) that were then grouped and assigned to intervention teachers for both Reading and Math. In Reading the focus was on explicit vocabulary instruction as well as explicit comprehension strategy instruction. In Math the focus was on explicit and systematic instruction as well as a focus on word problems in

Math. This intervention process is then coupled with monthly monitoring that will help to provide us checkpoints that will let us know if students are making the necessary progress. The students that were identified were prioritized due to those that had the greatest needs that were able to participate in an intervention program. As part of the ongoing intervention process there was also dedicated time to review resource inequities that were present. Inequities were identified by stakeholders that were present with many of the students that were identified, mainly that there was a lack of instructional time for students that were significantly behind. The small-group intervention practices that were identified allowed us to specifically address the resource inequities that were present and overcome them to the benefit of the students.

## **Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness**

A description of how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the plan to support student and school improvement.

As part of our intervention process, we are also implementing a monitoring system to ensure that work we are doing with students gives us positive results. This year we have purchased iReady and have already begun to use it as a tool to establish a baseline of student abilities. As the year progresses, we have both monthly Standards Mastery assessments as well as two more diagnostic assessments already in place. These assessments will help us continue our monitoring process and ensure that students are making the necessary growth. After cycles of intervention take place, the data will be reviewed and stakeholders will continue to gather more feedback and continue to refine our process and make sure that it is reaching students and showing the needed progress. Monitoring and intervention will take place through these cycles which will support the school in making sure that this plan is implemented with fidelity and is gathering the results that would benefit the students. Effectiveness will be monitored through defined periodic checks in the data to make sure that the selected students are progressing and making academic gains as expected.

# Stakeholder Engagement

A summary of the stakeholder process and how the stakeholder engagement was considered before finalizing the LCAP.

Stakeholder groups were involved throughout the planning process and creation of the SPSA. The following groups participated in the SPSA process:

1. ELAC - English Learner Advisory Committee: The ELAC met on a monthly basis throughout the school year. The agendas for the meetings include not just mandated topics but also issues related to academic achievement, opportunities for parental involvement, and monitoring of services provided based on parental recommendations. Specifically at our ELAC meetings in January and February we developed and distributed a school-wide needs assessment to be better able to gauge what were the recommendations that parents wanted to see reflected in the SPSA.

2. SSC - School Site Council: The SSC met on a monthly basis throughout the year. The meetings focused on issues related to student academic achievement and progress towards the goals of the school. Specifically feedback was provided around the implementation of programs and the impact these programs were having on student progress.

3. CMS Staff Stakeholders - Staff were invited and participated in SSC meetings as an avenue to provide school feedback on goals. In addition, goals were presented to staff members in order to make sure that goals were reflecting the feedback received.

Para Los Niños - Charter Middle School creates opportunities for family/stakeholders to provide feedback in many ways. In order to maximize parent engagement, Para Los Niños conducts all communications in English and Spanish. One Calls/texts/ phone calls/flyers are all bilingual. Bilingual Newsletters, activity calendars are sent on a monthly basis via school website and/or USPS, providing school information, postings and parent education information. During monthly Zoom with the Principal, and Learning with the Principal, the principal presents vital school information, and provides an open forum, which gives parents the opportunity to make comments, suggestions, and provide any other feedback. At the monthly meetings, community resource partners make announcements and talk about their community services in English/Spanish (translation is provided when needed). Learning with the Teacher monthly meetings provide a smaller platform for families to build their capacity on grade level expectations and strategies they may provide at home. In order to have access to school meetings during Covid-19, parents are encouraged to use the school's electronic device on loan to their child for access to parent meetings, workshops, Back to School Night, Parent Engagement events such as Coffee w/ the Principal; On average, over 40 families attended these virtual meetings. Feedback provided through these meetings, included polling and follow-up calls from teachers to capture individual feedback. Parent Surveys were also conducted by the broader organization during the spring and summer. In addition, Para Los Niños collected anecdotal information through our School Case Manager, Office Staff, Integrated Services Team. Daily phone communications to parents due to student absenteeism were logged and information was collected. All of these sources of parent feedback have helped to gather feedback and engagement in completing our LCAP.

LEA maintains parent advisory committees that provide input into the schools programs and services for students. The School Site

Council (SSC) and English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) meets regularly throughout the school year- ELAC on Tuesdays/SSC on Thursdays. Each committee is composed of elected parents-10 on ELAC and 5 on SSC. The principal, Student Support and Success Coordinator, Instructional Leadership Teams (ILT) grade level leads, teachers, and other school support staff attend these monthly meetings. The purpose of these committees is to engage parents in the LCAP and Single Plan for Student Achievement goal(s) review and planning process, to elicit their input into the school's programs and services for students, and to provide them with the opportunity to voice priorities for their students. ELAC is composed of parents of students who are English learners and school leadership. At each ELAC meeting, members receive information and provide recommendations on the development and implementation of the programs and services that support the students who are English learners. ELAC reviews the achievement and progress of EL students in detail, including the California School Dashboard English Learner Progress Indicator and Chronic Absenteeism Indicators. ELAC receives information on the school's reclassification procedures and rates, along with other data including data relating to the metrics that are part of the state's priorities. Members receive information and provide recommendations on programs and services for English learners. ELAC members review EL student achievement and provide recommendations as to how the school's programs can be improved to increase the achievement of ELs. The ELAC then reports to the SSC right after their meeting.

The SSC made the following recommendations regarding the LCAP:

- Maintain or expand programs and services for students, especially students who are low-income, English learners, and/or foster youth.
- Continue to provide services and programs that support students' social/emotional health and well-being
- Have accountability in place to ensure that supports are reaching students and are effective in decreasing absenteeism
- Provide outreach, training, and support for parents in parenting skills and strategies that support the social/emotional well-being of their children
- Identify groups of students, especially high-risk students, who are improving and replicate strategies and supports that were given to these students to other high-risk student groups.
- Increase services for at risk students and/or student groups including after school extended school program and summer enrichment programs.
- Support parent awareness of available interventions, enrichment and support using ClassDojo, school

A summary of the feedback provided by specific stakeholder groups.

The summary of stakeholder feedback centered around a few key points that teachers and parents emphasized in order to build the capacity of our students. Stakeholders requested additional learning opportunities to help students grow academically. There was also feedback on the need for an increase in social-emotional support for students, which would help support students as they transition back from distance learning to in-person instruction. Lastly there was feedback requesting a closer alignment between parents/caretakers and the school instructional staff.

A description of the aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by specific stakeholder input.

The feedback that we received for the LCAP played a significant role in the redesigning our priorities for the next three years. This influenced our focus on broadening our intervention support for students in the upcoming years as well as further integrating our SEL supports for students and bringing in resources to help students. In addition this feedback helped to ensure that we focus on integration of

stakeholders and how to support them within the overall LCAP. Lastly, the structure of the LCAP was changed based on the feedback to eliminate discrete goals and instead group our goals together to align towards an overall purpose, with distinct actions bundled within the goal that address the broader emphasis of what we are trying to accomplish.

# Goals and Actions

## Goal

Goal #	Description
1	Identify, attract, retain, and build the capacity of teachers, and staff. Maintain staff of fully credentialed teachers. (LCAP Priority #1)

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

One of the key pieces we have found in establishing a strong school academic and social-emotional culture is maintaining a stable and well-trained staff. We have determined that this can be accomplished through better hiring practices, improved teacher recruitment that reflects the PLN vision, and teacher training that builds teacher capacity and establishes PLN as an employer that fully builds teacher capacity.

## Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Retain 100% of quality teachers and staff year over year	Retaining over 90% of teachers in the 2020-21 school year.				Retain 100% of quality teachers and staff.
[Respond here]	[Respond here]				[Respond here]
[Respond here]	[Respond here]				[Respond here]

## Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1	Change hiring practices and postings to better reflect PLN vision and attract high quality teacher candidates.	This action focuses on hiring staff that are aligned with the overall mission of the organization - PLN - while at the same time understanding the work, community, and students which we serve. Giving incoming staff clear guidance will help to attract mission-aligned staff and ensure to retain them.	[\$ 0.00]	[Y/N]

2	Provide professional development for teachers on a variety of topics to help improve teacher capacity.	This action emphasizes the importance of building teacher capacity as a way to retain staff and at the same time train staff on being responsive to our student needs, both in academic areas as well as in social-emotional support for students.	\$10,000	[Y/N]
3	Provide teachers with opportunities for outside training and conferences	Recognizing that there are numerous resources for teachers and staff outside of our school, this action seeks to have teachers broaden their skills while at the same time bringing back resources to campus that they can share and improve the skills of their peers as well.	\$20,000	[Y/N]

## Goal Analysis [LCAP Year]

An analysis of how this goal was carried out in the previous year.

A description of any substantive differences in planned actions and actual implementation of these actions.

[Respond here]

An explanation of material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures.

[Respond here]

An explanation of how effective the specific actions were in making progress toward the goal.

[Respond here]

A description of any changes made to the planned goal, metrics, desired outcomes, or actions for the coming year that resulted from reflections on prior practice.

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Goal #	Description
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Increase the number of students who are meeting and exceeding grade-level standards in multiple key content areas and ensure the implementation of academic content and performance standards adopted by the state board for all pupils, including English learners.

(LCAP Priorities #s 2, 4, 7, and 8)

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

This goal was in response to data which showed that students needed to improve in several academic outcome areas. This included CAASPP scores, ELPAC progress and scores, and PE HFZ results. In addition, this goal was in response to parental and staff requests to find additional ways to improve student outcomes and performance on state test measures.

## Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Increase of student performance on the ELA CAASPP	2018-19 - 19.48% meeting and exceeding standards				75% meeting and exceeding standards
Increase of student performance on the Math CAASPP	2018-19 - 8.09% meeting and exceeding standards				75% meeting and exceeding standards
Decrease the number of Long-Term English Learners	57 out of 90 students identified as LTEL in 2019-2020				10 students identified as LTEL
Increase Reclassification Rate for EL students	2.2% for 2020-21 SY				50% reclassification rate
Increase the number of students performing in the HFZ	XXX for the 18-19 SY				75% performing in the HFZ

## Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
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1	Develop an academic intervention program both during the school year for breaks throughout the year coordinated by a specific staff member that will oversee intervention.	This action is in response to a greater desire for opportunities to have students close persistent gaps in their education. By providing broader academic and intervention opportunities throughout the year, staff can work with students on closing these academic gaps.	\$100,000	[Y/N]
2	Staff additional Instructional Assistant positions in order to provide small-group in-class and pull-out supports for students.	In order to ensure we broaden access for students we are additionally budgeting for additional staffing to help support both in-class and out of class intervention opportunities. These additional staff assigned to this action will help in a broader sense, to help reach our overall goal of students meeting grade-level standards.	\$100,000	[Y/N]
3	Provide professional development for teachers on data analysis procedures and targeted strategies to improve student outcomes - including key subgroups	This action seeks to improve all teacher capacity through specific strategies aligned to distinct content areas of teachers as well as supporting teachers in their abilities to teach all students - including those with specialized needs.	[\$ 0.00]	[Y/N]

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Goal #	Description
3	Address student social-emotional needs, both individually and in relationships with peers through various student support structures.  (LCAP Priorities #s 3, 5, 6, and 8)

An explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal.

This goal was developed to ensure that students do not just receive academic support, but also receive social emotional support to help them succeed. In addition to those supports being directly provided by staff on campus, parents would be brought in as equal stakeholders through which we could additionally build capacity so they can learn best practices to support their child at home as well. Through these wrap-around supports we can help to develop the whole child and help them progress more than just academically.

### Measuring and Reporting Results

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for 2023–24
Lower suspension rate	2%				0
Lower expulsion rate	[Respond here]				0
Decrease chronic absenteeism	3.76% - 2020				1%
Decrease school tardies	Average 30/day				5/day
Increase the number of parents participating in	30/meeting				150/meeting

## Actions

Action #	Title	Description	Total Funds	Contributing
1	Establish an advisory period with a structured curriculum	By establishing a cohesive advisory period with an aligned curriculum, students will receive a cohesive and aligned opportunity to grow in their social-emotional development while at the same time connecting with their teacher and the school community.	\$15,000	[Y/N]
2	Provide counseling services for students through a full-time counselor	The action of having a full-time counselor on campus will help to ensure that students that need additional support can receive them immediately and in addition that there be a central point-person to coordinate social-emotional support for students on campus.	\$90,000	[Y/N]
3	Implement a school-wide PBIS program	Implementation of school-wide PBIS has been shown to positively impact our campus by building connections between students and one-another along with students and staff. Continuing with our PBIS program will ensure that students receive positive reinforcement for their	\$20,000	[Y/N]
4	Increase the amount of parent support and involvement on campus through a dedicated Family Specialist.	Bringing together additional support in the form of parents will not only help to make sure that parents are better informed of the events of the school, but also that parents are having the necessary skills developed in order to be able to support their child in tandem with the school.	\$75,000	

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# Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students [LCAP Year]

Percentage to Increase or Improve Services	Increased Apportionment based on the Enrollment of Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income students
50%	\$75,000

The Budgeted Expenditures for Actions identified as Contributing may be found in the Increased or Improved Services Expenditures Table.

## Required Descriptions

For each action being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or county office of education (COE), an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the goals for these students.

The at-promise student population at our school site is offered a variety of supports to help them address basic needs and access our educational program. Specifically, our Family Specialist begins case management support for each family. The families are tiered based on need and then they are referred to our integrated services program. This group of professionals offers immediate support in the area of facilitating access to mental health support and or access to uniforms and clothing. Once a basic needs assessment is completed the student is then monitored on a weekly basis to identify the effectiveness of the supports. Currently school social work interns will check-in with the families to ensure access to the academic program is intact. Additionally, we loan a chromebook and hotspot to all families to ensure they can login to our online academic program. Additionally, we are offering in-person learning hub to support students that are experiencing barriers to access the online program due to the pandemic. The students can come to school during the day and take their classes with adult support. We also have designated instruction for English Language Learners, an ELD class that is offered every day. In each of these classes, students are provided with additional support in developing comprehension, vocabulary skills, expressive & receptive language skills in English.

A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.

Services are being improved by hiring additional social worker staff to be designated 100% to our school site. This is to support students, families and staff in providing real time support to students that are experiencing homelessness or whose socioeconomic status presents barriers to accessing the academic program. The school social worker will work in tandem with the Family Specialist to case manage the immediate and long term needs of families that present as at-promise in these two categories. Moreover, we have purchased a social emotional learning curriculum that will be implemented by teachers during an advisory period three times per week. This curriculum will focus on building student strengths to communicate their wants and needs during emotion development in a positive and productive way. Overall, our continued implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) framework offered by LACOE presents ways for teachers to support and incentivize students and their positive behaviors in the classroom and supporting school values. This school culture work ensures that students experiencing at-promise barriers feel included and accepted into our school community via

consistent opportunities to perform and be positively recognized in the classroom. We also are in the process of hiring a Full-Time English Language Development teacher who will work with all three grade levels of teachers and students to implement strategic instruction of ELD curriculum in their own classroom as well as across the content areas.

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*For additional questions or technical assistance related to the completion of the LCAP template, please contact the local 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](mailto:lcff@cde.ca.gov).*

# Introduction and Instructions

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires LEAs to engage their local stakeholders in an annual planning process to evaluate their progress within eight state priority areas encompassing all statutory metrics (COEs have ten state priorities). LEAs document the results of this planning process in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) using the template adopted by the State Board of Education.

The LCAP development process serves three distinct, but related functions:

- **Comprehensive Strategic Planning:** The process of developing and annually updating the LCAP supports comprehensive strategic planning (California *Education Code* [EC] 52064(e)(1)). Strategic planning that is comprehensive connects budgetary decisions to teaching and learning performance data. Local educational agencies (LEAs) should continually evaluate the hard choices they make about the use of limited resources to meet student and community needs to ensure opportunities and outcomes are improved for all students.
- **Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement:** The LCAP development process should result in an LCAP that reflects decisions made through meaningful stakeholder engagement (EC 52064(e)(1)). Local stakeholders possess valuable perspectives and insights about an LEA's programs and services. Effective strategic planning will incorporate these perspectives and insights in order to identify potential goals and actions to be included in the LCAP.
- **Accountability and Compliance:** The LCAP serves an important accountability function because aspects of the LCAP template require LEAs to show that they have complied with various requirements specified in the LCFF statutes and regulations, most notably:
  - Demonstrating that LEAs are increasing or improving services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students in proportion to the amount of additional funding those students generate under LCFF (EC 52064(b)(4-6)).

- o Establishing goals, supported by actions and related expenditures, that address the statutory priority areas and statutory metrics (EC 52064(b)(1) & (2)).
- o Annually reviewing and updating the LCAP to reflect progress toward the goals (EC 52064(b)(7)).

The LCAP template, like each LEA's final adopted LCAP, is a document, not a process. LEAs must use the template to memorialize the outcome of their LCAP development process, which should: (a) reflect comprehensive strategic planning (b) through meaningful engagement with stakeholders that (c) meets legal requirements, as reflected in the final adopted LCAP. The sections included within the LCAP template do not and cannot reflect the full development process, just as the LCAP template itself is not intended as a stakeholder engagement tool.

If a county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over a single school district, the county board of education and the governing board of the school district may adopt and file for review and approval a single LCAP consistent with the requirements in EC sections 52060, 52062, 52066, 52068, and 52070. The LCAP must clearly articulate to which entity's budget (school district or county superintendent of schools) all budgeted and actual expenditures are aligned.

The revised LCAP template for the 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24 school years reflects statutory changes made through Assembly Bill 1840 (Committee on Budget), Chapter 243, Statutes of 2018. These statutory changes enhance transparency regarding expenditures on actions included in the LCAP, including actions that contribute to meeting the requirement to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students, and to streamline the information presented within the LCAP to make adopted LCAPs more accessible for stakeholders and the public.

At its most basic, the adopted LCAP should attempt to distill not just what the LEA is doing, but also allow stakeholders to understand why, and whether those strategies are leading to improved opportunities and outcomes for students. LEAs are strongly encouraged to use language and a level of detail in their adopted LCAPs intended to be meaningful and accessible for the LEA's diverse stakeholders and the broader public.

In developing and finalizing the LCAP for adoption, LEAs are encouraged to keep the following overarching frame at the forefront of the strategic planning and stakeholder engagement functions:

Given present performance across the state priorities and on indicators in the California School Dashboard, how is the LEA using its budgetary resources to respond to student and community needs, and address any performance gaps, including by meeting its obligation to increase or improve services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students?

LEAs are encouraged to focus on a set of metrics or a set of actions that the LEA believes, based on input gathered from stakeholders, research, and experience, will have the biggest impact on behalf of its students.

These instructions address the requirements for each section of the LCAP, but may include information about effective practices when developing the LCAP and completing the LCAP itself. Additionally, information is included at the beginning of each section emphasizing the purpose that each section serves.

# Plan Summary

## Purpose

A well-developed Plan Summary section provides a meaningful context for the LCAP. This section provides information about an LEA's community as well as relevant information about student needs and performance. In order to provide a meaningful context for the rest of the LCAP, the content of this section should be clearly and meaningfully related to the content included in the subsequent sections of the LCAP.

## Requirements and Instructions

**General Information** – Briefly describe the students and community. For example, information about an LEA in terms of geography, enrollment, or employment, the number and size of specific schools, recent community challenges, and other such information as an LEA wishes to include can enable a reader to more fully understand an LEA's LCAP.

**Reflections: Successes** – Based on a review of performance on the state indicators and local performance indicators included in the Dashboard, progress toward LCAP goals, local self-assessment tools, stakeholder input, and any other information, what progress is the LEA most proud of and how does the LEA plan to maintain or build upon that success? This may include identifying specific examples of how past increases or improvements in services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students have led to improved performance for these students.

**Reflections: Identified Need** – Referring to the Dashboard, identify: (a) any state indicator for which overall performance was in the “Red” or “Orange” performance category or any local indicator where the LEA received a “Not Met” or “Not Met for Two or More Years” rating AND (b) any state indicator for which performance for any student group was two or more performance levels below the “all student” performance. What steps is the LEA planning to take to address these areas of low performance and performance gaps? Other needs may be identified using locally collected data including data collected to inform the self-reflection tools and reporting local indicators on the Dashboard.

**LCAP Highlights** – Identify and briefly summarize the key features of this year's LCAP.

**Comprehensive Support and Improvement** – An LEA with a school or schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) under the Every Student Succeeds Act must respond to the following prompts:

- **Schools Identified:** Identify the schools within the LEA that have been identified for CSI.
- **Support for Identified Schools:** Describe how the LEA has or will support the identified schools in developing CSI plans that included a school-level needs assessment, evidence-based interventions, and the identification of any resource inequities to be addressed through the implementation of the CSI plan.

- **Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness:** Describe how the LEA will monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the CSI plan to support student and school improvement.

## Stakeholder Engagement

### Purpose

Significant and purposeful engagement of parents, students, educators, and other stakeholders, including those representing the student groups identified by LCFF, is critical to the development of the LCAP and the budget process. Consistent with statute, such stakeholder engagement should support comprehensive strategic planning, accountability, and improvement across the state priorities and locally identified priorities (*EC 52064(e)(1)*). Stakeholder engagement is an ongoing, annual process.

This section is designed to reflect how stakeholder engagement influenced the decisions reflected in the adopted LCAP. The goal is to allow stakeholders that participated in the LCAP development process and the broader public understand how the LEA engaged stakeholders and the impact of that engagement. LEAs are encouraged to keep this goal in the forefront when completing this section.

Statute and regulations specify the stakeholder groups that school districts and COEs must consult when developing the LCAP: teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units of the LEA, parents, and students. Before adopting the LCAP, school districts and COEs must share it with the Parent Advisory Committee and, if applicable, to its English Learner Parent Advisory Committee. The superintendent is required by statute to respond in writing to the comments received from these committees. School districts and COEs must also consult with the special education local plan area administrator(s) when developing the LCAP. Statute requires charter schools to consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents, and students in developing the LCAP. The LCAP should also be shared with, and LEAs should request input from, schoolsite-level advisory groups, as applicable (e.g., schoolsite councils, English Learner Advisory Councils, student advisory groups, etc.), to facilitate alignment between schoolsite and district-level goals and actions.

Information and resources that support effective stakeholder engagement, define student consultation, and provide the requirements for advisory group composition, can be found under Resources on the following web page of the CDE's website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/>.

### Requirements and Instructions

Below is an excerpt from the 2018–19 *Guide for Annual Audits of K–12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, which is provided to highlight the legal requirements for stakeholder engagement in the LCAP development process:

#### **Local Control and Accountability Plan:**

For county offices of education and school districts only, verify the LEA:

- a) Presented the local control and accountability plan to the parent advisory committee in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(1) or 52068(a)(1), as appropriate.

- b) If applicable, presented the local control and accountability plan to the English learner parent advisory committee, in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(2) or 52068(a)(2), as appropriate.
- c) Notified members of the public of the opportunity to submit comments regarding specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the local control and accountability plan in accordance with Education Code section 52062(a)(3) or 52068(a)(3), as appropriate.
- d) Held at least one public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 52062(b)(1) or 52068(b)(1), as appropriate.
- e) Adopted the local control and accountability plan in a public meeting in accordance with Education Code section 52062(b)(2) or 52068(b)(2), as appropriate.

**Prompt 1:** “A summary of the stakeholder process and how the stakeholder engagement was considered before finalizing the LCAP.”

Describe the stakeholder engagement process used by the LEA to involve stakeholders in the development of the LCAP, including, at a minimum, describing how the LEA met its obligation to consult with all statutorily required stakeholder groups as applicable to the type of LEA. A sufficient response to this prompt must include general information about the timeline of the process and meetings or other engagement strategies with stakeholders. A response may also include information about an LEA’s philosophical approach to stakeholder engagement.

**Prompt 2:** “A summary of the feedback provided by specific stakeholder groups.”

Describe and summarize the stakeholder feedback provided by specific stakeholders. A sufficient response to this prompt will indicate ideas, trends, or inputs that emerged from an analysis of the feedback received from stakeholders.

**Prompt 3:** “A description of the aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by specific stakeholder input.”

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide stakeholders and the public clear, specific information about how the stakeholder engagement process influenced the development of the LCAP. The response must describe aspects of the LCAP that were influenced by or developed in response to the stakeholder feedback described in response to Prompt 2. This may include a description of how the LEA prioritized stakeholder requests within the context of the budgetary resources available or otherwise prioritized areas of focus within the LCAP. For the purposes of this prompt, “aspects” of an LCAP that may have been influenced by stakeholder input can include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Inclusion of a goal or decision to pursue a Focus Goal (as described below)
- Inclusion of metrics other than the statutorily required metrics
- Determination of the desired outcome on one or more metrics
- Inclusion of performance by one or more student groups in the Measuring and Reporting Results subsection
- Inclusion of action(s) or a group of actions
- Elimination of action(s) or group of actions
- Changes to the level of proposed expenditures for one or more actions

- Inclusion of action(s) as contributing to increased or improved services for unduplicated services
- Determination of effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the goal
- Determination of material differences in expenditures
- Determination of changes made to a goal for the ensuing LCAP year based on the annual update process
- Determination of challenges or successes in the implementation of actions

## Goals and Actions

### Purpose

Well-developed goals will clearly communicate to stakeholders what the LEA plans to accomplish, what the LEA plans to do in order to accomplish the goal, and how the LEA will know when it has accomplished the goal. A goal statement, associated metrics and expected outcomes, and the actions included in the goal should be in alignment. The explanation for why the LEA included a goal is an opportunity for LEAs to clearly communicate to stakeholders and the public why, among the various strengths and areas for improvement highlighted by performance data and strategies and actions that could be pursued, the LEA decided to pursue this goal, and the related metrics, expected outcomes, actions, and expenditures.

A well-developed goal can be focused on the performance relative to a metric or metrics for all students, a specific student group(s), narrowing performance gaps, or implementing programs or strategies expected to impact outcomes. LEAs should assess the performance of their student groups when developing goals and the related actions to achieve such goals.

### Requirements and Instructions

LEAs should prioritize the goals, specific actions, and related expenditures included within the LCAP within one or more state priorities. LEAs should consider performance on the state and local indicators, including their locally collected and reported data for the local indicators that are included in the Dashboard in determining whether and how to prioritize its goals within the LCAP.

In order to support prioritization of goals, the LCAP template provides LEAs with the option of developing three different kinds of goals:

- **Focus Goal:** A Focus Goal is relatively more concentrated in scope and may focus on a fewer number of metrics to measure improvement. A Focus Goal statement will be time bound and make clear how the goal is to be measured.
- **Broad Goal:** A Broad Goal is relatively less concentrated in its scope and may focus on improving performance across a wide range of metrics.
- **Maintenance of Progress Goal:** A Maintenance of Progress Goal includes actions that may be ongoing without significant changes and allows an LEA to track performance on any metrics not addressed in the other goals of the LCAP.

At a minimum, the LCAP must address all LCFF priorities and associated metrics.

### ***Focus Goal(s)***

**Goal Description:** The description provided for a Focus Goal must be specific, measurable, and time bound. An LEA develops a Focus Goal to address areas of need that may require or benefit from a more specific and data intensive approach. The Focus Goal can explicitly reference the metric(s) by which achievement of the goal will be measured and the time frame according to which the LEA expects to achieve the goal.

**Explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal:** Explain why the LEA has chosen to prioritize this goal. An explanation must be based on Dashboard data or other locally collected data. LEAs must describe how the LEA identified this goal for focused attention, including relevant consultation with stakeholders. LEAs are encouraged to promote transparency and understanding around the decision to pursue a focus goal.

### ***Broad Goal***

**Goal Description:** Describe what the LEA plans to achieve through the actions included in the goal. The description of a broad goal will be clearly aligned with the expected measurable outcomes included for the goal. The goal description organizes the actions and expected outcomes in a cohesive and consistent manner. A goal description is specific enough to be measurable in either quantitative or qualitative terms. A broad goal is not as specific as a focus goal. While it is specific enough to be measurable, there are many different metrics for measuring progress toward the goal.

**Explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal:** Explain why the LEA developed this goal and how the actions and metrics grouped together will help achieve the goal.

### ***Maintenance of Progress Goal***

**Goal Description:** Describe how the LEA intends to maintain the progress made in the LCFF State Priorities not addressed by the other goals in the LCAP. Use this type of goal to address the state priorities and applicable metrics not addressed within the other goals in the LCAP. The state priorities and metrics to be addressed in this section are those for which the LEA, in consultation with stakeholders, has determined to maintain actions and monitor progress while focusing implementation efforts on the actions covered by other goals in the LCAP.

**Explanation of why the LEA has developed this goal:** Explain how the actions will sustain the progress exemplified by the related metrics.

### ***Measuring and Reporting Results:***

For each LCAP year, identify the metric(s) that the LEA will use to track progress toward the expected outcomes. LEAs are encouraged to identify metrics for specific student groups, as appropriate, including expected outcomes that would reflect narrowing of any existing performance gaps.

Include in the baseline column the most recent data associated with this metric available at the time of adoption of the LCAP for the first year of the three-year plan. LEAs may use data as reported on the 2019 Dashboard for the baseline of a metric only if that data represents the most recent available (e.g. high school graduation rate).

Using the most recent data available may involve reviewing data the LEA is preparing for submission to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) or data that the LEA has recently submitted to CALPADS. Because final 2020–2021 outcomes on some

metrics may not be computable at the time the 2021–24 LCAP is adopted (e.g. graduation rate, suspension rate), the most recent data available may include a point in time calculation taken each year on the same date for comparability purposes.

The baseline data shall remain unchanged throughout the three-year LCAP.

Complete the table as follows:

- **Metric:** Indicate how progress is being measured using a metric.
- **Baseline:** Enter the baseline when completing the LCAP for 2021–22. As described above, the baseline is the most recent data associated with a metric. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 1 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2022–23, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 2 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2023–24, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above.
- **Year 3 Outcome:** When completing the LCAP for 2024–25, enter the most recent data available. Indicate the school year to which the data applies, consistent with the instructions above. The 2024–25 LCAP will be the first year in the next three-year cycle. Completing this column will be part of the Annual Update for that year.
- **Desired Outcome for 2023-24:** When completing the first year of the LCAP, enter the desired outcome for the relevant metric the LEA expects to achieve by the end of the 2023–24 LCAP year.

Timeline for completing the “**Measuring and Reporting Results**” part of the Goal.

Metric	Baseline	Year 1 Outcome	Year 2 Outcome	Year 3 Outcome	Desired Outcome for Year 3 (2023-24)
Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2021–22.</b>	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2021–22.</b>	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2022–23.</b> Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2023–24.</b> Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2024–25.</b> Leave blank until then.	Enter information in this box when completing the LCAP for <b>2021–22.</b>

The metrics may be quantitative or qualitative; but at minimum, an LEA’s LCAP must include goals that are measured using all of the applicable metrics for the related state priorities, in each LCAP year as applicable to the type of LEA. To the extent a state priority does not specify one or more metrics (e.g., implementation of state academic content and performance standards), the LEA must identify a metric to use within the LCAP. For these state priorities, LEAs are encouraged to use metrics based on or reported through the relevant self-reflection tool for local indicators within the Dashboard.

**Actions:** Enter the action number. Provide a short title for the action. This title will also appear in the expenditure tables. Provide a description of the action. Enter the total amount of expenditures associated with this action. Budgeted expenditures from specific fund sources will be provided in the summary expenditure tables. Indicate whether the action contributes to meeting the increase or improved services requirement as described in the Increased or Improved Services section using a “Y” for Yes or an “N” for No. (Note: for each such action offered on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis, the LEA will need to provide additional information in the Increased or Improved Summary Section to address the requirements in *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 [5 CCR] Section 15496(b) in the Increased or Improved Services Section of the LCAP).

**Actions for English Learners:** School districts, COEs, and charter schools that have a numerically significant English learner student subgroup must include specific actions in the LCAP related to, at a minimum, the language acquisition programs, as defined in *EC* Section 306, provided to students and professional development activities specific to English learners.

**Actions for Foster Youth:** School districts, COEs, and charter schools that have a numerically significant Foster Youth student subgroup are encouraged to include specific actions in the LCAP designed to meet needs specific to Foster Youth students.

## **Goal Analysis:**

Enter the LCAP Year

Using actual annual measurable outcome data, including data from the Dashboard, analyze whether the planned actions were effective in achieving the goal. Respond to the prompts as instructed.

- Describe the overall implementation of the actions to achieve the articulated goal. Include a discussion of relevant challenges and successes experienced with the implementation process. This must include any instance where the LEA did not implement a planned action or implemented a planned action in a manner that differs substantively from how it was described in the adopted LCAP.
- Explain material differences between Budgeted Expenditures and Estimated Actual Expenditures. Minor variances in expenditures do not need to be addressed, and a dollar-for-dollar accounting is not required.
- Describe the effectiveness of the specific actions to achieve the articulated goal as measured by the LEA. In some cases, not all actions in a goal will be intended to improve performance on all of the metrics associated with the goal. When responding to this prompt, LEAs may assess the effectiveness of a single action or group of actions within the goal in the context of performance on a single metric or group of specific metrics within the goal that are applicable to the action(s). Grouping actions with metrics will allow for more robust analysis of whether the strategy the LEA is using to impact a specified set of metrics is working and increase transparency for stakeholders. LEAs are encouraged to use such an approach when goals include multiple actions and metrics that are not closely associated.
- Describe any changes made to this goal, expected outcomes, metrics, or actions to achieve this goal as a result of this analysis and analysis of the data provided in the Dashboard or other local data, as applicable.

## **Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students**

### **Purpose**

A well-written Increased or Improved Services section provides stakeholders with a comprehensive description, within a single dedicated section, of how an LEA plans to increase or improved services for its unduplicated students as compared to all students and how LEA-wide or schoolwide actions identified for this purpose meet regulatory requirements. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of stakeholders to facilitate their ability to provide input. An LEA's description in this section must align with the actions included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing.

### **Requirements and Instructions**

This section must be completed for each LCAP year.

When developing the LCAP in year 2 or year 3, copy the “Increased or Improved Services” section and enter the appropriate LCAP year. Using the copy of the section, complete the section as required for the relevant LCAP year. Retain all prior year sections for each of the three years within the LCAP.

**Percentage to Increase or Improve Services:** Identify the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all students in the LCAP year as calculated pursuant to 5 CCR Section 15496(a)(7).

**Increased Apportionment based on the enrollment of Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income Students:** Specify the estimate of the amount of funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated pupils for the LCAP year.

**Required Descriptions:**

**For each action being provided to an entire school, or across the entire school district or county office of education (COE), an explanation of (1) how the needs of foster youth, English learners, and low-income students were considered first, and (2) how these actions are effective in meeting the goals for these students.**

For each action included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement for unduplicated pupils and provided on an LEA-wide or schoolwide basis, the LEA must include an explanation consistent with 5 CCR Section 15496(b). For any such actions continued into the 2021–24 LCAP from the 2017–2020 LCAP, the LEA must determine whether or not the action was effective as expected, and this determination must reflect evidence of outcome data or actual implementation to date.

**Principally Directed and Effective:** An LEA demonstrates how an action is principally directed towards and effective in meeting the LEA’s goals for unduplicated students when the LEA explains how:

- It considers the needs, conditions, or circumstances of its unduplicated pupils;
- The action, or aspect(s) of the action (including, for example, its design, content, methods, or location), is based on these considerations; and
- The action is intended to help achieve an expected measurable outcome of the associated goal.

As such, the response provided in this section may rely on a needs assessment of unduplicated students.

Conclusory statements that a service will help achieve an expected outcome for the goal, without an explicit connection or further explanation as to how, are not sufficient. Further, simply stating that an LEA has a high enrollment percentage of a specific student group or groups does not meet the increase or improve services standard because enrolling students is not the same as serving students.

For example, if an LEA determines that low-income students have a significantly lower attendance rate than the attendance rate for all students, it might justify LEA-wide or schoolwide actions to address this area of need in the following way:

After assessing the needs, conditions, and circumstances of our low-income students, we learned that the attendance rate of our low-income students is 7% lower than the attendance rate for all students. (Needs, Conditions, Circumstances [Principally Directed])

In order to address this condition of our low-income students, we will develop and implement a new attendance program that is designed to address some of the major causes of absenteeism, including lack of reliable transportation and food, as well as a school climate that does not emphasize the importance of attendance. Goal N, Actions X, Y, and Z provide additional transportation and nutritional resources as well as a districtwide educational campaign on the benefits of high attendance rates. (Contributing Action(s))

These actions are being provided on an LEA-wide basis and we expect/hope that all students with less than a 100% attendance rate will benefit. However, because of the significantly lower attendance rate of low-income students, and because the actions meet needs most associated with the chronic stresses and experiences of a socio-economically disadvantaged status, we expect that the attendance rate for our low-income students will increase significantly more than the average attendance rate of all other students. (Measurable Outcomes [Effective In])

**COEs and Charter Schools:** Describe how actions included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services requirement on an LEA-wide basis are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities as described above. In the case of COEs and charter schools, schoolwide and LEA-wide are considered to be synonymous.

### **For School Districts Only:**

#### **Actions Provided on an LEA-Wide Basis:**

***Unduplicated Percentage > 55%:*** For school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of 55% or more, describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities as described above.

***Unduplicated Percentage < 55%:*** For school districts with an unduplicated pupil percentage of less than 55%, describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities. Also describe how the actions **are the most effective use of the funds** to meet these goals for its unduplicated pupils. Provide the basis for this determination, including any alternatives considered, supporting research, experience, or educational theory.

#### **Actions Provided on a Schoolwide Basis:**

School Districts must identify in the description those actions being funded and provided on a schoolwide basis, and include the required description supporting the use of the funds on a schoolwide basis.

**For schools with 40% or more enrollment of unduplicated pupils:** Describe how these actions are principally directed to and effective in meeting its goals for its unduplicated pupils in the state and any local priorities.

**For school districts expending funds on a schoolwide basis at a school with less than 40% enrollment of unduplicated pupils:** Describe how these actions are principally directed to and how the actions are the most effective use of the funds to meet its goals for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students in the state and any local priorities.

**“A description of how services for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.”**

Consistent with the requirements of 5 CCR Section 15496, describe how services provided for unduplicated pupils are increased or improved by at least the percentage calculated as compared to the services provided for all students in the LCAP year. To improve services means to grow services in quality and to increase services means to grow services in quantity. Services are increased or improved by those actions in the LCAP that are included in the Goals and Actions section as contributing to the increased or improved services requirement. This description must address how these action(s) are expected to result in the required proportional increase or improvement in services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services the LEA provides to all students for the relevant LCAP year.

## Expenditure Tables

Complete the Data Entry table for each action in the LCAP. The information entered into this table will automatically populate the other Expenditure Tables. All information is entered into the Data Entry table. Do not enter data into the other tables.

The following expenditure tables are required to be included in the LCAP as adopted by the local governing board or governing body:

- Table 1: Actions
- Table 2: Total Expenditures
- Table 3: Contributing Expenditures
- Table 4: Annual Update Expenditures

The Data Entry table may be included in the LCAP as adopted by the local governing board or governing body, but is not required to be included.

In the Data Entry table, provide the following information for each action in the LCAP for the relevant LCAP year:

- **Goal #:** Enter the LCAP Goal number for the action.
- **Action #:** Enter the action’s number as indicated in the LCAP Goal.
- **Action Title:** Provide a title of the action.

- **Student Group(s):** Indicate the student group or groups who will be the primary beneficiary of the action by entering “All”, or by entering a specific student group or groups.
- **Increased / Improved:** Type “Yes” if the action **is** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services; OR, type “No” if the action is **not** included as contributing to meeting the increased or improved services.
- If “Yes” is entered into the Contributing column, then complete the following columns:
  - **Scope:** The scope of an action may be LEA-wide (i.e. districtwide, countywide, or charterwide), schoolwide, or limited. An action that is LEA-wide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of the LEA. An action that is schoolwide in scope upgrades the entire educational program of a single school. An action that is limited in its scope is an action that serves only one or more unduplicated student groups.
  - **Unduplicated Student Group(s):** Regardless of scope, contributing actions serve one or more unduplicated student groups. Indicate one or more unduplicated student groups for whom services are being increased or improved as compared to what all students receive.
  - **Location:** Identify the location where the action will be provided. If the action is provided to all schools within the LEA, the LEA must indicate “All Schools”. If the action is provided to specific schools within the LEA or specific grade spans only, the LEA must enter “Specific Schools” or “Specific Grade Spans”. Identify the individual school or a subset of schools or grade spans (e.g., all high schools or grades K-5), as appropriate.
- **Time Span:** Enter “ongoing” if the action will be implemented for an indeterminate period of time. Otherwise, indicate the span of time for which the action will be implemented. For example, an LEA might enter “1 Year”, or “2 Years”, or “6 Months”.
- **Personnel Expense:** This column will be automatically calculated based on information provided in the following columns:
  - **Total Personnel:** Enter the total amount of personnel expenditures utilized to implement this action.
  - **Total Non-Personnel:** This amount will be automatically calculated.
- **LCFF Funds:** Enter the total amount of LCFF funds utilized to implement this action, if any. LCFF funds include all funds that make up an LEA’s total LCFF target (i.e. base grant, grade span adjustment, supplemental grant, concentration grant, Targeted Instructional Improvement Block Grant, and Home-To-School Transportation).
- **Other State Funds:** Enter the total amount of Other State Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- **Local Funds:** Enter the total amount of Local Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.

- **Federal Funds:** Enter the total amount of Federal Funds utilized to implement this action, if any.
- **Total Funds:** This amount is automatically calculated based on amounts entered in the previous four columns.