



GOVERNANCE COUNCIL OF SUPERINTENDENTS
MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2026

1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Table listing members present with checkboxes and names: Cambrian (Kristi Schwiebert), Campbell Elem (Shelly Viramontez), Campbell High (Kara Butler for Robert Bravo), Cupertino (Jennifer Willis for Stacy Yao), Fremont Union (Nancy Sullivan for Graham Clark), Lakeside (Steve Burrell), Loma Prieta (Kevin Grier), Los Altos (Sandra McGonagle), Los Gatos (Paul Johnson), Los Gatos-Saratoga (Dustin Carota for Heath Rocha), Luther Burbank (Ladislao Lopez), Moreland (Clover Codd), MVLA (Jennifer Smith for Eric Volta), MVWSD (Jeff Baier), Palo Alto (Yolanda Conaway), San Jose Unified (Seth Reddy for Nancy Albarran), SCCOE (David Toston, Sr.), Santa Clara Unified (Damon Wright), Saratoga (Erin Granger for Kenneth Geisick), Sunnyvale (Gudiel Crosthwaite), Union (Carrie Andrews), SELPA (Leo Mapagu).

TIME CONVENED: 9:43 a.m. TIME ADJOURNED: 10:32 a.m. RECORDER: Marjorie Paeste

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Roll Call and Welcome of Guests

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. by NW SELPA Governance Council of Superintendents Chairperson, Dr. Shelly Viramontez. Roll was taken by NW SELPA Executive Director, Dr. Leo Mapagu.

B. Public Comments of Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Ms. Susan Salop and Ms. Megan Fincher addressed the Council, urging school districts to strengthen parent engagement and establish local parent committees, following the efforts already underway in districts such as Sunnyvale Elementary and Santa Clara Unified.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Setting the Agenda

Dr. Clover Codd moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supt. Sandra McGonagle seconded and the motion carried, 11-0.

B. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Clover Codd moved to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2025 meeting. Supt. Sandra McGonagle seconded and the motion carried, 11-0.

III. ACTION ITEM

A. Approval of Components of the SELPA Budget Allocation Plan (BAP) with No Changes in 2026-27.

- AB 602 State Special Education Apportionments, State – Resource Code 6500
- IDEA Local Assistance Entitlement, Part B, Section 19, Federal - Resource Code 3310
- IDEA Preschool Grants, Part B, Section 19, Federal - Resource Code 3315



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- IDEA Preschool Staff Development, Part B, Section 19, Federal – Resource Code 3345
- Special Education Alternative Dispute Resolution Grant, Federal – Resource Code 3395
- Regionalized Services and Program Specialist Revenue, State – Resource Code 6500
- Low Incidence Equipment and Service Revenue
- Out-of-Home-Care Funding
- Special Education Inter-District Transfer
- NW SELPA Cost Sharing Agreements
  - o Students in Licensed Children’s Institution (LCI) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
  - o California Children’s Services (CCS)/ Medical Therapy Unit (MTU)
  - o Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Budget
  - o Invoice to Districts for SELPA Professional Staff Development (\$600 per LEA)
  - o SELPA II Districts Regional Cost Share
- SELPA Calculation and Reallocation of District Revenues for SCCOE SPED Program Costs

Meetings have been held with special education program and fiscal representatives who have reviewed the above-mentioned items of the NW SELPA Budget Allocation Plan. Dr. David Toston, Sr. moved to approve these components of the BAP with no changes. Dr. Gudiel Crosthwaite seconded, and the motion carried 13-0.

### **B. Approval to Retain Interest Pass-Through Funds from 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 with SELPA**

By law, SELPAs are required to provide space for CA Children’s Services Medical Therapy Units (CCS-MTU). Currently, there are two CCS-MTUs within NW SELPA: Juana Briones in Palo Alto Unified School District, and Chandler Tripp (SCCOE). Palo Alto plans to reclaim the Juana Briones CCS–MTU site by 2027, and SELPA will be responsible for securing an alternative location. Retaining the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 interest pass-through funds (approximately \$250,000) with SELPA will help offset potential CCS-MTU costs, including facilities, relocation/moving, rentals, and renovations. Any unused funds will be returned to LEAs.

Dr. Gudiel Crosthwaite moved to approve retaining these funds with SELPA to support potential CCS-MTU expenses. Dr. David Toston, Sr. seconded and the motion carried, 13–0.

## **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. SELPA Executive Director’s Updates**

Dr. Leo Mapagu provided updates on the following:

1. **SELPA Base Rate Funding Estimates as of 2025-26 First Principal (P-1) Apportionment** - SELPAs must inform member LEAs of the funding they generate within 30 days of receiving the apportionment. With a base rate of \$917.53, NW SELPA received about \$112.9 million in AB 602 funding, of which roughly \$2.8 million is reallocated to districts and SCCOE charter schools based on District of Special Education Accountability (DSEA). The base grant amounts shown are preliminary and do not yet reflect reductions for program placements, interdistrict/IEP adjustments, or cost-sharing. SELPA will provide separate revenue projections to districts that incorporate all special education funding sources and applicable cost adjustments.



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2. **Governor's Budget: Special Education** – the California Governor's proposed 2026-27 budget for special education includes the estimated statutory COLA (2.41%) applied to all components of AB 602, along with an additional \$509 million to equalize base rates - an effort that has remained unfinished since the current funding formula was introduced nearly three decades ago. It will also receive COLA adjustments for related but unrestricted programs, such as State Mental Health Services.
3. **SCCOE Special Education Facilities Rate** - The facilities rate, which was set in 2018–19 at \$27,148 per classroom for an average of 6.92 students, has not been updated since, and no longer reflects actual facility, maintenance, or operational costs for hosting districts. Since November 2025, NW SELPA has been meeting with its member LEAs to address this issue and is proposing to apply an annual COLA or CPI adjustment for each year the rate remained unchanged. NW SELPA has asked SE SELPA to discuss this proposal at the next facilities meeting. If the two SELPA's member LEAs cannot reach an agreement, the issue will be escalated to the county superintendents for resolution.
4. **Interdistrict Transfer (IDT) Estimates (2025-26)** - NW SELPA will continue to transfer funds between member LEAs for students who are on the 2024-2025 IDT list maintained by the SELPA office. There are 37 students served by the District of Service whose IDT billing is carried forward into 2025-26.
5. **SELPA Activities:**
  - NW SELPA meetings - dates for all the scheduled NW SELPA meetings this school year were shared, including private school consultation meetings, collaborative meetings, data chats, budget allocation planning, NPS Master Contract, Community Advisory Committee and subcommittee meetings.
  - Fiscal - quarterly federal IDEA expenditure reports have been submitted to CDE; 2025-26 Special Ed revenue projections to districts, 2025-26 SCCOE Special Ed costs projections, Federal IDEA Part B Grant calculation, distribution and quarterly reporting of expenditure reports, calculation and distribution of State Special Ed Apportionment, CCEIS budget review for districts identified as Significantly Disproportionate, and calculation of SELPA Base Grant Funding are all ongoing.
  - Data - Fall 1 Siras and CALPADS trainings, data submissions, and certification, CALPADS Fall 1 data quality analysis report reviews, Fall 2025 DRDP data collection and certification, Degree of Support data collection for Fall 2 data submissions, Data Chat session for Private School Service Plan forms have all been completed; CDE IEP implementation data collection and certification, CDE Personnel Data Report (PDR) data collection and certification, timeline compliance data submission and review for Prong I for 2025-2026, spring 2026 DRDP data collection and certification, are all ongoing.
  - Professional Development - SELPA has hosted 39 workshops to date, with more than 1,900 duplicated registrants.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. David Toston, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Dr. Gudiel Crosthwaite seconded and the motion carried, 13-0.

*Approved by GCS on 5/27/26.*