From: COE
Subject: School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grant
To: LEA contacts in the county

Dear LEAs,

I am writing to share some initial information about a new grant program within the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), the **School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grant**. The purpose of this grant is to enhance school-linked behavioral health services and support operational readiness for the statewide multi-payer fee schedule. It is distinct from the fee schedule implementation cohort process that the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is facilitating, but related in that the funding is intended to support COEs and LEAs prepare to implement the fee schedule. We understand that for many partners this is new information and there are likely many questions. This is the first of many conversations to come and we are excited to partner alongside you in this exciting opportunity.

You can find more information about the grant program [here](https://www.sccoe.org/yhw/cybhi/Pages/default.aspx).

The majority of the funding for this grant program is intended to go to Local Education Agencies (LEAs). County Offices of Education (COEs) will work in collaboration with their LEAs as LEAs determine their priority funding activities. Under the grant program, each County Office of Education will receive an [allocation](https://www.sccoe.org/yhw/cybhi/Documents/Capacity_Grants_COE_Allocations.pdf) to be used as is outlined in the [Funding](https://www.sccoe.org/yhw/cybhi/Documents/DHCS_CYBHI_SLP_Grants_Funding_Guidance_Overview_Mar_2024.pdf) Guidance.

Initial steps to secure grant funding will include completing baseline surveys and implementation plans at the COE level and at the LEA level. The LEA baseline survey is open and available for submission. The deadline is May 10th, you can find the link here and attached is a word version of the document. Additional details about the surveys and implementation plans are forthcoming, and I will keep you posted as new information is made available. In the meantime, there are some existing resources on the [Capacity Grant webpage](https://www.sccoe.org/yhw/cybhi/Pages/default.aspx) we encourage you to review.

In the meantime, I encourage you to review the [Funding Guidance](https://www.sccoe.org/yhw/cybhi/Documents/DHCS_CYBHI_SLP_Grants_Funding_Guidance_Overview_Mar_2024.pdf) and begin thinking about how grant funding might be used to address your LEA’s needs and opportunities to increase readiness to implement the fee schedule. The capacity grant starts March 1, 2024, and LEAs can use these allocations through June 30, 2026.

Best,