September 15, 2023

Linda Row
Loleta Union School District
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## SUBJECT: 2023-2024 BUDGET REVIEW

Dear Linda Row:
In accordance with Education Code sections 52070 and 42127, the Humboldt County Office of Education has reviewed your 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and adopted budget of the Loleta Union School District for fiscal year 2023-24. By statute, the adopted budget review must be completed by September 15 of each year, and the LCAP review must be completed by October 8. Based on our review, the 2023-24 LCAP and adopted budget of the Loleta Union School District have been approved.

With regard to our review of the district's LCAP, Education Code 52070 requires the county superintendent to approve the plan for each school district after determining all of the following:

- Adherence to State Board of Education Template - The LCAP adheres to the template adopted by the state board pursuant to Section 52064 and follows any instructions or directions for completing the template that are adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE).
- Sufficient Expenditures in Budget to Implement LCAP - The budget for the applicable fiscal year adopted by the governing board of the school district includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions and strategies included in the LCAP adopted by the governing board of the school district.
- Adherence to State Board of Education (SBE) Expenditure Regulations The LCAP adheres to the expenditure requirements adopted pursuant to Section 42238.07 for funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated pupils pursuant to Sections 42238.02 and 42238.03.
- Calculation and Implementation of Carryover - The LCAP includes the required calculations to determine whether there is a carryover requirement pursuant to Education Code Sections 42238.07 and 52064 and, if applicable, includes a description of the planned uses of the specified funds and a description of how the planned uses of those funds satisfy the requirements for specific funds and a description of how the planned uses of those funds satisfy the requirements for specific actions to be considered as contributing toward meeting the increased or improved services requirement (Education Code Section 52070(d)(4)).

Based on our review of your district's LCAP for 2023-24 we have determined that the district is in compliance with the above criteria.

With regard to the district's adopted budget, Education Code 42127 requires the county superintendent to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the adopted budget for each school district after a review that includes the following:

- Determine whether the adopted budget includes the expenditures necessary to implement the LCAP or annual update to the LCAP.
- Examine the adopted budget to determine whether it complies with the standards and criteria established pursuant to Section 33127, and identify any technical corrections needed to bring the budget into compliance with those standards and criteria.
- Determine whether the adopted budget will allow the district to meet its financial obligations during the current fiscal year and is consistent with a financial plan that will enable the district to satisfy its multiyear financial commitments.

Based on our review of your district's 2023-24 adopted budget and multiyear projection we have determined that the district is in compliance with the above criteria.

The attached review and approval form document communicates our observations and/or concerns with regard to your district's budget. The last page provides detailed information under the Description of Recommendations and Technical Corrections section.

We want to acknowledge and express our appreciation to your district's staff, the governing board, and the community for their continued diligence and hard work. We recognize the challenges around developing a budget and financial plan that provides for ongoing fiscal stability and advancing the goals and activities contained within your district's LCAP.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our review process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


County Superintendent
Humboldt County Office of Education

cc: Board of Education, Loleta Union SD<br>Corey Weber, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, HCOE

## REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET

## TO THE GOVERNING BOARD:

FROM:

Loleta Union Elementary School District
Michael Davies-Hughes., Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

In accordance with the provisions of Education Code (E.C.) Section 42127, we have completed our review of the final adopted budget for your district. A report on that review follows.

## AN ITEM MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) REQUIRES THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND GOVERNING BOARD TO DO THE FOLLOWING BY OCTOBER 8:

- Review the comments, recommendations and/or technical corrections at a public meeting of the board, and
- Provide a written response communicating any actions taken and, if required, submit a revised budget.

1. TYPE OF APPROVAL
$\boxtimes \quad$ The adopted budget has been approved.
$\square *$
The adopted budget has been conditionally approved. Board action and response to HCOE is required before OCTOBER 8. (See Section 8 for details).
$\square *$
The adopted budget has not been approved. (See Section 8 for details).
2. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA (E.C. 33127 and 33129)
$\boxtimes \quad$ We accept your school district Criteria and Standards Review as complete and narrative(s) as reasonable.We have made recalculations based upon updated information for the prior fiscal year. (See Section 8 for details).

## 3. OTHER INFORMATION (E.C. 42127(c)(2))

We are required to review and consider studies, reports, evaluations or audits that may contain information relative to the fiscal stability or distress of a school district. You have provided all such information to us and based upon our review:

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The information does not indicate other evidence of fiscal distress.
$\square *$
The information does indicate some evidence of fiscal distress. (See Section 8 for details).

## 4. RECOMMENDATIONS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

A. Revenue and Expenditures
$\square$ * The revenue appears to be overstated (see Section 8 for details).
$\square$ * The total expenditures appear to be understated. (See Section 8 for details).
$\square \quad$ There appears to be a structural deficit in the general fund.
$\square \quad$ Total available reserves appear adequate to offset this condition.
$\square$ * Total available reserves do not appear adequate to offset this condition. (See Section 8 for details).
B. Average Daily Attendance (ADA): We recommend budgeting funding guaranteed by the state based on prior year ADA. The district ADA upon which this budget is based is 92.67.
$\boxtimes \quad$ This represents the state guaranteed level of ADA funding.
$\square \quad$ With our prior concurrence, this level of ADA is above the state guaranteed level of funding by $\qquad$ ADA should be monitored closely).
$\square$ * This exceeds the state guaranteed level of ADA funding by $\qquad$ ADA (See Section 8 for details).
C. Other Recommendations
$\boxtimes \quad$ See Section 8 for details.
$\square$ * See Section 8 for details.

## D. Technical Corrections

$\square$ * Other technical corrections have been made to your final adopted budget (See Section 8 for details).

## 5. SPECIAL RESERVES

We have completed a preliminary review of the ending unrestricted reserves for the prior year based on information available at this time as well as the unrestricted reserves for the budget year and two subsequent years. They:
$\boxtimes \quad$ Appear to meet the state required reserves.Are projected or recalculated to be below the state recommended minimum reserves as of June 30, $\qquad$ .
(See Section 8 for details).
6. CASH BALANCE

Appears adequate.


Cash shortage appears possible in one or more months of the budget year.

## 7. MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN (E.C. 42127(c)(2))

We have reviewed your board adopted multi-year budgets and found that they were based upon the following assumptions:
$1^{\text {st }}$ Subsequent Fiscal Year
2nd Subsequent Fiscal Year

| Staffing Changes: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Certificated | No FTE Change | No FTE Change |
| Classified | No FTE Change | No FTE Change |
| Enrollment | 97 | 97 |
| ADA | 87.27 | 87.27 |
| Unduplicated $\%$ | $92.95 \%$ | $92.78 \%$ |
| COLA $\%$ | $3.94 \%$ | $3.29 \%$ |
| GAP $\%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

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## 8. DESCRIPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

| SECTION <br> NUMBER | DESCRIPTION |
| :--- | :--- |
| *ITEM REQUIRES SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION |  |
| $4 C$ | Cafeteria <br> We also noted that the Cafeteria Fund projects a deficit of $\$ 43,855$ representing $55.72 \%$ of <br> the total annual revenue generated by the fund. Every effort should be made to mitigate the <br> deficit as quickly as possible so that the impact on the unrestricted resources will be <br> minimized. |
|  | Enrollment <br> First week enrollment data is coming in 20 students less than what was projected at budget <br> adoption. Since the district was projected to be funded on three-year prior average in 2023- <br> 24 this should not affect the LCFF funding in the budget year. However, this will result in <br> lower revenue guarantees for 2024-25 and 2025-26. |

## EXAMINED BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

BY: $\frac{\text { Michael Davies-Hughes (Sep 18, } 2023 \text { 15:55 PDT) }}{\text { PI }}$
Michael Davies-Hughes
Superintendent

MDH:cm
c: Board President
District Superintendent and Business Office
County Business Office

Date: Sep 18, 2023


MULTI-YEAR BUDGET PROJECTION



## LOLETA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## CASH FLOW WORKSHEET -- GENERAL FUND (INCLUDES RESERVE)

# 28 Loleta - 23-24 Adopted Budget Approval LCAP 

Final Audit Report

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