

BUDGET

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the location, dates, and times at which the proposed budget may be inspected, as well as the location, date, and time of the public hearing, in sufficient time for the County Superintendent to publish such information in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days but not more than 45 days before the hearing.

During the hearing, any district resident may speak to the proposed budget or to any item in the budget. The hearing may conclude when all residents who have requested to be heard have had the opportunity to speak. (Education Code 42103)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

The district's budget shall be presented in the format prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 42126)

The Superintendent or designee shall file the adopted budget with the County Superintendent no later than five days after adoption or by July 1, whichever occurs first. The budget and supporting data shall be maintained and made available for public review. (Education Code 42127)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Budget Adoption and Submission Process

Before adopting the district budget for the subsequent fiscal year, the Governing Board shall hold a public hearing. An agenda for this hearing shall be posted at least 72 hours before the hearing and shall indicate the location where the budget may be inspected. The proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at least three working days before this hearing. (Education Code 42103, 42127)

OPTION 1: (Single Budget Adoption Process)

No later than 45 days after the Governor signs the annual Budget Act, the Superintendent or designee shall make available for public review any revisions in budgeted revenues and expenditures which are consequently necessary. (Education Code 42127)

If the County Superintendent disapproves the district's budget, the Board shall review and respond to his/her recommendations at a public meeting on or before September 8. The response shall include any revisions to the adopted budget and any other proposed actions to be taken as a result of those recommendations. (Education Code 42127)

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OPTION 2: (Dual Budget Adoption Process)

On or before September 8, the Board shall adopt and file a revised budget with the County Superintendent which reflects: (Education Code 42127)

1. Changes in projected income or expenditures subsequent to July 1
2. Any response to the County Superintendent's recommendations on the initial budget

Before revising the budget, the Board shall hold a second public hearing regarding the proposed revisions in accordance with Education Code 42103. In addition, if the initial budget was disapproved by the County Superintendent, the public hearing shall include a review by the Board and the County Superintendent of the disapproval and the County Superintendent's recommendations. (Education Code 42127)

The revised budget and supporting data shall be maintained and made available for public review. (Education Code 42127)

Budget Advisory Committee

Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that have established a budget advisory committee and have selected either Option 1 or 2 in the "Budget Advisory Committee" section of the accompanying Board policy.

Membership of the district's budget advisory committee may include representatives of each of the following groups:

1. Governing Board members, provided that less than a majority of the Board serves on the committee

(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

2. District and school site administrators
3. Representatives of bargaining units
4. Certificated and/or classified staff
5. Parents/guardians
6. Representatives of the business community and/or other community members
7. Students

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(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)
(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

Note: The remainder of this section details the duties of the budget advisory committee and is for use by districts that selected either Option 1, 2, or 3 in the "Budget Advisory Committee" section of the accompanying Board policy.

The committee's duties may include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Making recommendations regarding budget priorities
2. Recommending cost reduction strategies, such as identifying services that may be reduced, made more efficient, or discontinued
3. Reviewing the clarity and effectiveness of budget documents and communications
4. Presenting progress reports on the committee's work and a final report of recommendations to the Superintendent or designee and to the Board

The specific duties of the committee shall be clearly defined and presented to each member in writing, along with any background information necessary for the successful completion of the committee's charges, the timelines for reporting the committee's progress, and timelines for completion of each task.

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

Public Hearing

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 52062, the public hearing on the budget must be at the same meeting as the public hearing on the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) as described below; see the accompanying Board policy and BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The agenda for the public hearing on the district budget shall be posted at least 72 hours before the hearing and shall indicate the location where the budget may be inspected. The proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at least three working days before this hearing. (Education Code 42103, 42127, 52062)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

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Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42103, the County Superintendent of Schools must publish the location, dates, and times at which the district's proposed budget may be inspected, as well as the location, date, and time of the public hearing described above. This notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation 10-45 days before the hearing.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the location, dates, and times at which the proposed budget may be inspected, as well as the location, date, and time of the public hearing, in sufficient time for the County Superintendent to publish such information in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days but not more than 45 days before the hearing as required by Education Code 42103.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127, as amended by AB 2585 (Ch. 309, Statutes of 2014), if the proposed budget for 2015-16 or a subsequent year includes a combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balance in excess of the minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties adopted by the State Board of Education and contained in 5 CCR 15450, the public hearing must provide the information specified below for public review and discussion.

Whenever the proposed district budget includes a combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balance that exceeds the minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties adopted by the State Board of Education, the district shall provide, for each fiscal year included in the budget, the following information for public review and discussion at the public hearing: (Education Code 42127; 5 CCR 15450)

1. The minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties
2. The combined assigned and unassigned ending fund balances that are in excess of the minimum recommended reserve
3. A statement of reasons substantiating the need for the combined assigned and unassigned ending balances that are in excess of the minimum recommended reserve

During the hearing, any district resident may speak to the proposed budget or to any item in the budget. The hearing may conclude when all residents who have requested to be heard have had the opportunity to speak. (Education Code 42103)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

BUDGET (continued)**Budget Review Committee for Disapproved Budgets**

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127, if the County Superintendent conditionally approves or disapproves the district's initial budget, the district must respond to the County Superintendent's recommendations by September 8; see the accompanying Board policy. If the County Superintendent then disapproves that revised budget, Education Code 42127 and 42127.1 require him/her to call for the formation of a budget review committee unless the Board and the County Superintendent agree to waive the committee requirement and the California Department of Education agrees to the waiver. See BP 1431- Waivers. The formation, convening procedures, and timelines of the budget review committee are set forth in Education Code 42127.1-42127.3.

Note: Education Code 42127 provides that, beginning in the 2014-15 fiscal year, the County Superintendent cannot call for the formation of a budget review committee if his/her sole reason for disapproving the district's budget is that he/she has not approved the district's LCAP or the annual update to the LCAP.

If the district's budget is disapproved by the County Superintendent for any reason other than his/her disapproval of the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) or annual update to the LCAP, the budget shall be reviewed by a budget review committee, unless the Board and County Superintendent agree to waive the requirement and the California Department of Education accepts the waiver. (Education Code 42127)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127.2, if the Governing Board fails to select the budget review committee from a list of candidates provided by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) within five working days of receiving the list, as provided in item #1 below, the SPI will select and convene the committee no later than 10 working days after the district's receipt of the candidate list.

This committee shall consist of either: (Education Code 42127.1, 42127.2)

1. Three persons selected by the Board from a list of candidates provided by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), who shall be selected within five working days after receiving the list of candidates
2. A regional review committee convened by the County Superintendent with the approval of the Board

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 42127.2, the budget review committee is required to submit, by October 31, its recommendation as to whether the district's budget should be approved or disapproved and, if the recommendation is for disapproval, its recommended revisions to the budget.

If the budget review committee recommends disapproval of the district budget, the Board may submit a response to the SPI no later than five working days after receipt of the committee's report. The response may include any revisions to the adopted final budget and any other proposed actions to be taken as a result of the committee's recommendations. (Education Code 42127.3)

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If the SPI disapproves the district budget after reviewing the committee's report and the district's response, the Board shall consult with the County Superintendent as he/she develops and adopts, by November 30, a fiscal plan and budget that will allow the district to meet its financial obligations. For the current fiscal year, the district shall operate in accordance with the budget adopted by the County Superintendent. (Education Code 42127.3)

Until the district receives approval of its budget, it shall continue to operate either on the basis of the prior year's budget or on the basis of the current year's unapproved budget as adopted and revised by the Board, whichever budget contains a lower total spending authority. (Education Code 42127.4)

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