

The logo features a blue rectangular box with the text "CALIFORNIA" in small white capital letters at the top, "ROARS BACK" in large white capital letters in the center, and "Governor Newsom's \$100 Billion California Comeback Plan" in small white capital letters at the bottom. The box is flanked by two orange horizontal bars.

## CALIFORNIA ROARS BACK

Governor Newsom's \$100 Billion California Comeback Plan

# NEWSOM'S PLAN TO TRANSFORM PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTO GATEWAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

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- **Universal Pre-K by 2024 and Savings Accounts for 3.7 Million Kids**
  - **Highest Level of State School Funding in California History**
  - **\$20 Billion to Reimagine Public Schools and Reduce Class Sizes**
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California's recovery is underway. But we can't be satisfied with just going back to the way things were. The Comeback Plan outlines comprehensive strategies and major investments to address the state's most stubborn challenges. Under Governor Newsom's \$100 billion plan, California will roar back from the pandemic.

It's time to reimagine our public schools. The California Comeback Plan proposes the highest level of state school funding in California history. It includes \$15 billion for targeted investments to reimagine our K-12 public schools, \$2 billion for savings accounts for 3.7 million kids and \$3.4 billion for universal pre-k.

COVID-19 presented a crisis without precedent this century, especially for school communities throughout California and the nation. Against the backdrop of emerging and evolving science, school leaders, teachers and staff worked tirelessly to implement both high-quality distance learning and safe reopenings for in-person instruction. For students and families, the crisis placed incredible strain on working parents and harmed the social-emotional and academic well-being of students—especially those historically mistreated or neglected by public institutions. Now, it's time to reopen our schools, full time in the fall.

As we reopen, we must center our education, health and social systems on meeting the needs of children holistically. We must invest early and pave a path from cradle to career. And we must build robust supports, particularly for our neediest students, so every child can thrive, regardless of their race or zip code.

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## KEY ACTIONS TO RE-IMAGINE CA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

### TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTO GATEWAYS OF EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY

- **\$3 billion to convert thousands of school sites into full-service community schools**, with wraparound mental health, social and family services — the kind of complete campus every parent would want for their child.
- **\$4 billion over five years to transform the youth behavioral health system (ages 0-25)** to identify and treat behavioral health needs early, including trauma, depression, anxiety, psychological disorders and substance use.
- **\$2.6 billion to accelerate learning** through research-tested interventions, such as high-dose tutoring, building on the \$4.6 billion made available in March.
- **\$1 billion for summer and after-school programs** at all schools serving the highest concentrations of vulnerable students, growing to \$5 billion by 2025.
- **\$3.3 billion to match well-prepared teachers with the most vulnerable students**, including \$500 million in grants for teachers who commit to high-need schools and \$250 million to attract more teachers to high-poverty schools.
- **\$1.1 billion to improve staff-to-student ratios** at all schools serving the highest concentrations of vulnerable students, including up to five additional counselors, nurses, teachers or paraeducators at each school.

### FINALLY ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRE-K

- **Universal transitional kindergarten by 2024**, phasing in access for four-year-olds growing to \$2.7 billion in 2024-25.
- **Reducing class sizes**, cutting adult-to-child ratios in half with an investment growing to \$740 million by 2024-25.
- **Expanding subsidized child care slots by 100,000** to address immediate needs.

### SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR 3.7 MILLION KIDS

- **\$2 billion to create savings accounts for students enrolled in K-12 public schools**, including a \$500 base deposit for students from low-income families, English learners and foster youth, and a \$500 supplemental deposit for foster and homeless youth.
- **\$170 million ongoing annual funding for incoming first-graders** who fit the same criteria.