TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTO GATEWAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

- Highest level of school and per-pupil funding in California’s history – $123.9B
- Universal Pre-K by 2025, $3 billion to create full-service community schools
- New $20 billion to reimagine public schools and reduce class sizes

California’s recovery is underway, with the state reopened after achieving some of the lowest case rates and highest vaccination numbers in the country, and now we’re leading the nation’s economic recovery and creating more jobs than any other state for four consecutive months. But we still have a long way to go and can’t be satisfied with just returning to the way things were. **Governor Newsom’s $100 billion California Comeback Plan is the comprehensive strategy needed to address the state's most persistent challenges and have California come roaring back from this pandemic.**

The California Comeback Plan is reimagining our public schools with the highest level of state school funding in California history. With the **new $20 billion investment, the total $123.9 billion school and per-pupil state funding that will transform our K-12 public schools includes $3 billion to convert thousands of school sites into full-service community schools and $3.4 billion for universal pre-k.** Under this plan, California public schools will be transformed with wraparound services — from mental health, to social and family services, to tutoring and after-school programs — the kind of complete campus every parent would want for their child.

88 percent of all school districts are already providing enriching summer opportunities, drawing on funding from Governor Newsom’s Safe Schools for All early action plan. As schools fully reopen in the fall, we are using the Comeback Plan to center our education, health, and social systems to meet the needs of California’s children holistically.

In addition to these targeted intervention strategies, the California Comeback Plan has one overarching goal – hit fast forward on our state’s recovery by directly confronting California’s most pressing challenges:

- Providing Immediate Relief for Those Hardest Hit by COVID-19
- Confronting the Homelessness & Housing Affordability Crisis
- Transforming Public Schools as Gateways for Opportunity
- Building Infrastructure for the Next Century
- Combating Wildfires & Tackling Climate Change
KEY ACTIONS TO RE-IMAGINE CALIFORNIA’S PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

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- **$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.
- **$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 2025**, phasing in access for four-year-olds growing to $2.7 billion in 2025-26.
- **Reducing class sizes**, cutting adult-to-child ratios in half with at least an average of 1 adult for every 10 children by 2023-24
- **Expanding access and supporting Pre-K educators**, providing $300 million to increase number of state preschool or transitional kindergarten programs and provide additional pre-k teacher training
- **Increasing Pre-K facilities**, providing $490 million to support the building and renovating of state preschool, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten facilities.