

# THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

## A CALIFORNIA FOR ALL KIDS

### Highest Level of School Funding in History

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- Investing more in students than ever before, with the highest per-pupil state spending levels in California's history
  - Doubling down on investments to create an entirely new grade, supporting students and their families through universal transitional kindergarten, universal school meals, before- and after-school programs, early literacy initiatives, and more
  - Developing pathways that connect students to college and careers of the future
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COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges for schools, teachers, families, and children. Governor Newsom is committed to addressing these challenges, supporting our schools as they return to safe in-person instruction, and building a California For All Kids, now and into the future.

Governor Newsom's Blueprint builds on last year's historic investments in California schools with new investments in schools, early childhood education, early literacy, before- and after-school programs, and special education. It also supports schools' fiscal stability and prepares students for the careers of the future – including careers in education, healthcare, technology, and climate resilience. In total, Governor Newsom's Blueprint will provide schools with the highest level of per-pupil state funding in California history.

### MORE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS THAN EVER BEFORE, FIRST YEAR OF UNIVERSAL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

- **The highest level of K-12 state funding in history.** With Governor Newsom's Blueprint, the state will invest \$102 billion in the education system, the highest level of Prop 98 funding in state history and over double the per pupil spending just ten years ago.
- **Universal Pre-K and more educators.** California is creating an entirely new grade and reimagining how we approach K-12. To achieve the full implementation of Governor Newsom's Universal Pre-K, the Blueprint includes \$639 million for 56,000 more children and \$383 million for additional staff to meet the demand.

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## UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS, INVESTING IN AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Universal school meals.** The Blueprint provides two meals a day to any student who wants them, regardless of income, and resources for facilities to build out kitchen infrastructure to enable fresh meals and support healthy eating in schools, while also expanding the Farm to School program
- **More access to afterschool and summer school programs.** Governor Newsom's Blueprint invests \$3.4 billion to provide before, after and summer school programs for transitional kindergarten through sixth grade, furthering his goal of achieving universal access to these programs.

## LITERACY PACKAGE TO IMPROVE READING SKILLS, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA AND OTHER LEARNING DISABILITIES

- **Implement a comprehensive literacy package to expand access and improve outcomes.** Since 2019, the Administration has invested \$92.7 million in research, direct services, and professional development to improve literacy instruction and supports for children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities. The Blueprint provides \$500 million for grants to high-poverty, low-performing schools to train and hire literacy coaches and reading specialists, in addition to hundreds of millions for grants and other support services for schools and local communities to build up the infrastructure to get our kids reading. And, the plan invests \$200 million for grants to support local education agencies create or expand bilingual school or classroom libraries.

## CREATING NEW COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS

- **\$1.5 billion to develop college and career pathways focused on education, technology, climate, and health care.** Develop local partnerships that bring school systems, higher education institutions, employers, and community stakeholders together to develop programs that integrate pathways to career and college opportunities. On top of that, a proposed \$20 million for public-private partnerships that prepare California students for high-skill jobs of the future in areas of technology, education, STEM, and more.
- **Expand student participation in dual enrollment opportunities** coupled with advising and support services, with a \$500 million proposed investment.
- **Teacher credentialing and prep programs.** On top of last year's \$2.9 billion multi-year teacher workforce investment, additional funds to support teacher credentialing programs remotely by California Community Colleges, competitive grants to private/public institutions to develop and implement 4-year teacher prep programs, and test and credentialing fee waivers for prospective teachers.

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## BILLIONS FOR CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES, EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SCHOOL STAFF

- **More resources for schools across the board, addressing the funding concerns associated with enrollment.** The Blueprint proposes a \$3.3 billion investment to fund a cost-of-living adjustment increase of 5.33% for schools throughout the state, and \$1.2 billion to address declining enrollment.
- **Investing in schools' infrastructure needs.** Investing \$1.25 billion in 2022-23 and \$925 million in 2023-24 for K-12 new construction and modernization projects.
- **Transitioning school bus fleets to electric vehicles.** The Blueprint proposes \$1.5 billion to support school bus programs, including diesel bus conversion to clean electric vehicles.