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TO: Adult Education Consortium Directors, Leads, Co-Chairs, Members, and Fiscal Representatives

FROM: California Adult Education Program (CAEP) State Leadership

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RE: CAEP FY 2026-27 Final Consortium Allocations

This memorandum is to advise local recipients and fiscal agents of adult education program funds on the release of the FY 2026-27 final CAEP allocations. Visit the [2026-27 CAEP Final Allocation Schedule](#) to view.

Final allocation amounts from the Governor's Budget are now available in NOVA as an allocation amendment. Consortium members will have until September 1, 2026, to submit and certify their amended allocation amounts in NOVA. The CAEP State Leadership and the Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) will offer a CAEP Allocation Amendment webinar on **Wednesday, July 29, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** to review the final allocation amounts, provide members with an overview of the NOVA process, and answer questions. To register, visit the [CAEP Allocation Amendment webinar registration page](#).

State Budget Bill

The State Legislature passed the 2026-27 budget bill that provides a \$19.176 million Proposition 98 increase to support a 2.87% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the California Adult Education Program. The CAEP baseline apportionment total for FY 2026-27 is now

\$687,335,000. The signed budget reflects a COLA increase of \$3,073,000 from the proposed January preliminary budget of \$684,262,000.

NOVA Instructions

Each consortium will process the May Revise allocation increase as an allocation amendment in NOVA, which requires a new allocation amount for each member, and certification in NOVA by all consortium members. Please note that due to State Budget Bill requirements, the State CAEP Office has already calculated allocation amounts for direct-funded member districts and fiscal agents. Please see the 2026-27 allocation schedule linked earlier in this memo. These allocation amounts are the dollar amounts given to the State Controller's Office for disbursement within 45 days of the enactment of the 2026-27 State Budget. **Therefore, any deviation from these amounts would not align with the amounts being disbursed.** CAEP allocation amendment certification by the consortium and its members must be completed by September 1, 2026.

CAEP Funds Are Restricted Funds

CAEP funds were issued under AB104 legislation and are in ARTICLE 9. Adult Education Program [84900 - 84920] of the education code. CAEP funds are apportionment, they are not a grant, and at this time are not subject to flexibility. CAEP funds are restricted to adults 18 years and older, can only be used in the seven CAEP approved program areas, and must have an approved regional consortium plan specific to K12 adult education and community college noncredit programs.

Technical Assistance Contact Information

For questions or technical assistance, please contact the CAEP Technical Assistance Project (TAP) by phone at 1- 888-827-2324 or by e-mail at tap@caladulthood.org.