



## YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS

May 24, 2021

**TO:** YPI Charter Schools  
Board of Directors

**FROM:** Yvette King-Berg  
Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Expanded Learning Opportunities Grants for BCCS, BCCHS, and MORCS**

### BACKGROUND

The California Legislature provided \$6.6 billion in the Assembly Bill COVID-19 relief package, including \$2 billion for In-Person Instruction (IPI) Grants and \$4.6 billion for Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grants. Governor Newsom signed AB 86 on March 5, 2021.

There is no application required to receive AB 86 funding. In May 2021, eligible entities will receive an apportionment that represents 50 percent of their allocation for both the IPI and ELO Grants. In August 2021, eligible entities will receive the remaining 50 percent of their allocation, less any reduction or forfeiture of IPI Grants from those schools that did not open by May 15th .

### ANALYSIS

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO) was authorized by Assembly Bill 86 in conjunction with In-Person Instruction funding to expand in-person instructional time and provide academic interventions and pupil supports to address barriers to learning and accelerate progress to close learning gaps. These one-time funds are available to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) through August 31, 2022. Grant funds are apportioned based on the LEA's local control funding formula plus \$1,000 per homeless student enrolled in the 2020-2021 school year. On or before June 1, 2021, the governing board of the LEA receiving funds must adopt, at a public meeting, a plan describing the LEA's process for assessing the needs of pupils, the LEA's plan for informing parents of opportunities for supplemental supports, its plan for providing supplemental instruction and support, and how the LEA has involved parents and school staff in the development of the plan. To be eligible for funding, LEAs must implement a learning recovery program, that at a minimum, provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, and, to the maximum extent permissible under the guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture, meals and snacks to specified student groups, as defined in Education Code Section 43522, who have faced adverse learning and social-emotional circumstances.

ELO Grants shall be expended only for any of the following purposes:

- Extending instructional learning time by increasing the number of instructional days or minutes or providing summer school or intersessional instructional programs or other actions that increase instructional time or services;
- Accelerating progress to close learning gaps;
- Integrated pupil supports, to address barriers to learning;
- Community learning hubs;
- Supports for credit deficient pupils;
- Additional academic services, for pupils; and
- Training for school staff on strategies including trauma-informed practices to engage pupils and families.

LEAs are encouraged to engage, plan, and collaborate on program operation with community partners and expanded learning programs, and leverage existing behavioral health partnerships and Medi-Cal billing options, in the design and implementation of services.

### **LEA Template for the Plan**

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan must be completed by LEAs as a condition for receiving an ELO Grant. The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before June 1, 2021, and must be submitted to the county office of education, the California Department of Education, or the chartering authority within five days of adoption, as applicable. At least 85 percent of the funds must be spent for providing in-person services for the allowable expenditures above. At least 10 percent must be spent to hire paraprofessionals with a priority on full-time paraprofessionals to provide supplemental instruction through the duration of the program. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used to increase or improve services for pupils participating in distance learning or to prepare the EA for in-person instruction.

The ELO Grants for Bert Corona Charter School, Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School, and Bert Corona Charter School are attached for review and approval by the Board prior to submittal to the CDE, LACOE and LAUSD

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of YPI Charter Schools approve