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East Side Union High School District Initiates Bold initiative to Go
after Millions in the Governor's New LCFF Funding Formula

San Jose, CA. The East Side Union High School District is actively pursuing an estimated \$5 million in additional funding under the Governor's new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) over the next three years. The Governor's funding formula includes a funding trigger for district's that have greater than 55% of unduplicated free and reduced meals for students, English Language Learners (ELL) and foster youth in their district. Currently, East Side has 43% of its students on free and reduced meals and 47% for all categories. The elementary districts that feed into East Side have an average free and reduced meal percentage of approximately 67%. We believe the opportunity to realize the additional revenue is very realistic.

The entire District is getting behind this initiative. The key to success includes assistance from students, teachers, staff and, most of all, our parents. The numbers show that the students can qualify; we just need to get parents and students to submit in their meal application.

The additional funding for schools is not the only benefit for the students of East Side. The residual benefits to our students and families include fee waivers for SAT, PSAT, AP testing, and college application fees. In addition, students that qualify for the meal program also qualify to purchase a new computer and internet connection at a reduced rate from Comcast. Also, the higher the percentage of free and reduced qualifying students will allow us to apply for additional grant opportunities, including the Federal E-Rate Program, which reduces the District's communication and internet costs.

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