

2019-21 Biennial Budget Decision Package

Agency: 350 – Supt of Public Instruction

DP code/title: Community Eligibility Program Participation

Budget period: 19-21 Regular Session

Budget level: ML

Agency RecSum text:

Partial funding for House Bill 2610 (2018) was provided in FY 2019, but funding to support the program was not included in the base for FY 2020–21. House Bill 2610 (2018) requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to increase the number of schools participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The bill also requires OSPI to collect, analyze, and promote best practices in local meal charge policies to school districts and community-based organizations. Federal funds cannot be used to implement state programs or requirements, therefore, state funding is needed to implement the bill.

Fiscal detail: To be completed by budget staff

Operating Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
General Fund – State 001-01	119,000	119,000	119,000	119,000
Total Expenditures	119,000	119,000	119,000	119,000
Biennial Totals	\$238,000		\$238,000	
Staffing	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
FTEs	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Average Annual	1.0		1.0	
Object of Expenditure	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Obj. A	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
Obj. B	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
Obj. E	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Obj. G	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000

Package description

House Bill 2610 (2018) requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to increase the number of K–12 schools participating in the United States Department of Agriculture’s Community Eligibility Program (CEP). This will require extensive outreach and technical support, as well as the sharing of best practices. Since the direction to increase participation came from the state

and federal funds cannot be used to implement state programs or requirements, state funding is needed to implement the provisions in the bill.

This request will support the staffing needed to implement the provisions of House Bill 2610 (2018). Specifically, funds will allow OSPI to:

- Collect, analyze, and promote best practices for local meal charge policies to school districts and applicable community-based organizations.
- Identify and recruit eligible schools, provide outreach and technical assistance to school districts, and track participation in CEP.

What is the problem, opportunity or priority you are addressing with the request?

Provisions requiring OSPI to increase school participation in the CEP were incorporated into House Bill 2610 late in the budget process and as a result, funds were not included in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget.

What is your proposed solution?

This request is for funding to support the implementation of House Bill 2610 (2018). The bill, which is intended to ensure all students have access to nutritious meals regardless of their ability to pay, tasks the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) with implementing a plan to increase the number of schools participating in the United States Department of Agriculture’s Community Eligibility Program (CEP). This will involve comprehensive outreach and technical assistance to school districts and schools.

This funding is necessary to implement the provisions of the bill related to CEP. Federal funds cannot be used to support state-mandated programs and requirements. Schools and school districts may benefit from participation in the CEP and from the implementation of best practices in local meal charge policies.

What are you purchasing and how does it solve the problem?

This funding will support the staff resources necessary to implement the provisions of House Bill 2610 (2018). The funding will support activities related to promoting best practices in local meal charge policies and increased participation in the CEP.

What alternatives did you explore and why was this option chosen?

Without state funding, OSPI will not be able to implement the provisions of the bill. Federal funds cannot be used to support state-mandated programs or requirements.

Assumptions and calculations

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service

The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget (Senate Bill 6032) appropriated \$60,000 to support implementation of House Bill 2610 (2018). Ongoing costs were not included in the base budget.

The provisions of House Bill 2610 (2018) are intended to expand the participation of schools and school districts in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). When the CEP started in 2014, 25 school districts, including 77 schools, participated in the program. In 2018–19, 74 school districts are operating 274 sites. Fifty-five school districts in the state have 100 percent of their schools in the district participating in CEP.

Detailed assumptions and calculations

The goal of the program is to increase participation in the CEP by encouraging all eligible school districts to participate. This will require OSPI to conduct outreach and provide technical support.

Funding is required to support 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) administrative program specialist to collect, analyze, and promote best practices in local meal charge policies to school districts and applicable community-based organizations. The administrative program specialist will also develop and implement a plan to increase the number of schools participating in the CEP by providing extensive outreach and technical support and by promoting Breakfast after the Bell programs. Funding for this position is estimated at \$119,000 per year.

Workforce assumptions

This request includes funding for 1.0 FTE Administrative Program Specialist 2 at an estimated cost of \$119,000 per year. This includes \$103,000 annually for salary and benefits and \$16,000 for goods and services and travel. These costs would be incurred all four years of the next two biennia.

Strategic and performance outcomes

Strategic framework

This funding will support the Results Washington K–12 goals related to student success by promoting healthy meals for all students.

Performance outcomes

The program is intended to promote school participation in the CEP, which will support healthy meals for all students.

Other collateral connections

Intergovernmental

Schools, school districts, and community-based organizations may benefit from participation in the CEP. School districts who must provide meals free of charge may also face significant uncollectible debt if they are unwilling or ineligible to participate in the CEP.

Stakeholder response

Nutrition advocates include, but are not limited to, the Food Research and Action Center, Washington School Nutrition Association, Children’s Alliance, Food Lifeline, United Way King

County, the Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition, and Washington Food Coalition. OSPI anticipates nutrition advocates will be supportive of this request.

Legal or administrative mandates

This request is in response to House Bill 2610 (2018), which was not funded in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget.

Changes from current law

Not applicable.

State workforce impacts

Not applicable.

State facilities impacts

Not applicable.

Puget Sound recovery

Not applicable to OSPI.

Other supporting materials

Letter of intent from legislators (see attached)

Information technology (IT)

Information Technology

Does this DP include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Yes

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