



ACE Newsletter: Nov 3, 2022

Dollars & Common Sense

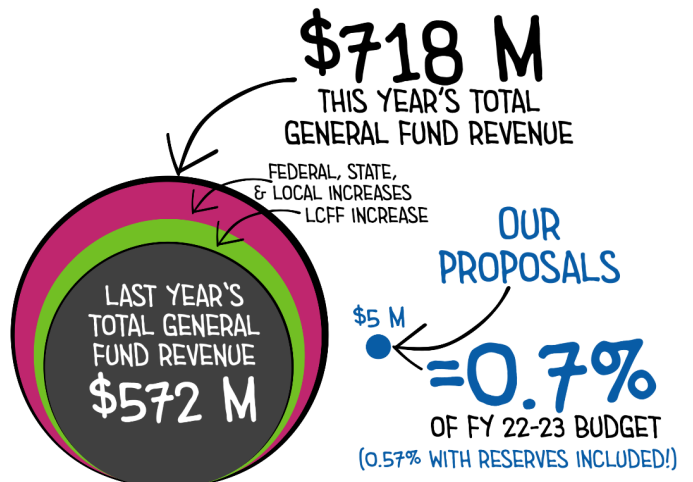
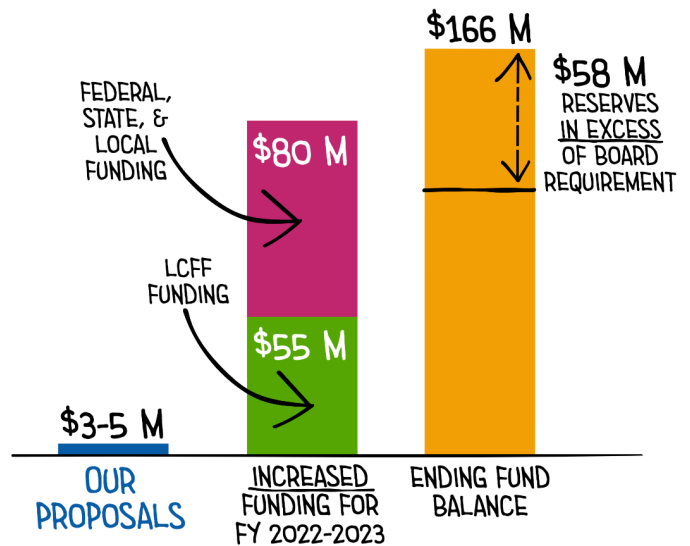
Can CUSD afford to address the need for more school psychologists and MHSPs for our students? **In short: yes.**

The **proposals** presented by the ACE School Psychologist Bargaining Team would substantially increase Psychologist and MHSP staffing – by creating more attractive and sustainable positions via a competitive salary schedule.

Our estimates of the increased costs are between **\$3-5 million**, depending how it's calculated. What do the District's [own documents](#) say about the resources available this year? The [CUSD 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget](#) (including the [45 day revision](#) reflecting the finalized state budget) showed a **\$55 million increase from last year in unrestricted LCFF funding** from the state, **plus more than \$80 million in net increases to other federal, state, and local sources** – some unrestricted, some restricted, and some specifically targeting mental health and special ed – all of which contribute to the District's General Fund revenue. **And that's on top of the already substantial Ending Fund Balance** – now totalling more than **\$166 million**; which is far in excess of the Board's policy for maintaining reserves (i.e. **\$58 million beyond the requirement** of 10% reserves even after removing all non-spendable, restricted, and committed dollars).

In summary, with the largest increase we've ever seen in our budget, how can we say it isn't enough to prioritize support for mental health and Special Education?

ACE'S PROPOSALS IN CONTEXT: CUSD'S ROBUST REVENUE



School Psychologist Appreciation Week, November 7-12

The National Association of School Psychologists ([NASP](#)) celebrates National School Psychology Week starting on Monday. This is an opportunity to learn what school psychologists actually do to support the many needs of our students.

The CUSD School Psychologists and MHSPs are united in bargaining a contract that will support Clovis students, educators, and the community. Right now we're experiencing a staffing crisis as students' mental health, behavior, and academic achievement need more support than ever.

What does it look like to truly recognize and appreciate our School Psychs?

1. Learn about what School Psychologists do
2. Talk to your school psychologists or MHSP, listen to their experience, and let them know you support them
3. Wear your ACE shirts or stickers on bargaining days in solidarity (see calendar below)
4. Put a [Mental Health Matters poster](#) up in your room!
5. Post your support on social media using the hashtags #SchoolPsychWeek and #ACEisTheAnswer



READ THIS:

[Who Are School Psychologists?](#)

[School Psychologists in Clovis: Who We Are](#)

WATCH THIS: [Presentation to the CUSD School Board](#)

Go Vote Next Tuesday

It's important to teach our kids that voting is a core value of good citizenship. Regardless of your party affiliation, return your ballot by mail or go in person. Added bonus: the iconic "I voted!" sticker. **Here are some helpful resources to assist you in voting successfully:**

VOTING BY MAIL: must be postmarked on or before Election Day, OR you can drop your ballot off at any polling location. www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail

FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATIONS: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

What You Will Need to Register Online:

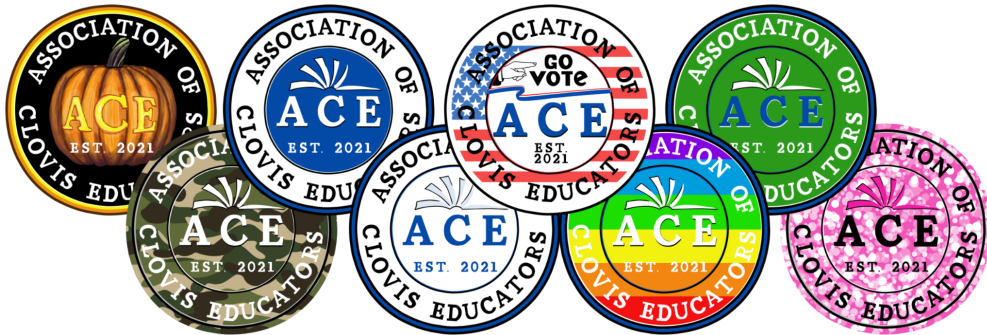
- Your California driver license or California identification card number,
- The last four digits of your social security number and
- Your date of birth.

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION: available at polling locations, [more info here.](#)

NON-PARTISAN INFO ON YOUR VOTING RIGHTS: www.lwv.org/voting-rights

Shiny ACE Logos

[Get your ACE logos, zoom backgrounds, phone wallpapers, and other printables here!](#)



What's On Your Mind About...

A core value of ACE is to empower the voices of educators, parents, students, and the community. Only by building consensus around the issues can we work towards solutions. If you have any questions or ideas, reach out to us at ace@cloviseducators.org. You can also take our surveys on specific topics:

[CLASS SIZE SURVEY](#)

[SPED SURVEY](#)

[FACILITIES SURVEY](#)

[COMMUNITY SUPPORT SURVEY](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

NOV 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
		PERB Hearing		
7	8	9	10	11
ACE Psychs MHSPs Bargaining	ELECTION DAY: GO VOTE!!!	CUSD Board Meeting		VETERAN'S DAY
14	15	16	17	18
	PERB Hearing			
21	22	23	24	25
Thanksgiving Break			THANKSGIVING	
28	29	30		
PERB Hearing				

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