

Additionally adopt the following:

Legislative Priorities to Adopt	Background
<p><i>Readopt language from your January 23, 2019 meeting as follows: That the state of California should:</i></p> <p>Require charter schools to share in the costs of the education of Oakland students with IEPs with a range of options tailored to the city, which would include but not be limited to participation in the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) in which it is geographically located.</p>	<p>The ratio of students with IEPs within district schools (TK-12 at 16% per current SEIS data) continues to exceed the ratio of students with IEPs within charter schools (for example, average of 8% in the most recent group of renewal petitions).</p> <p>This language was previously agreed to by the Board of Education with input from educators across settings. Three independently researched studies concluded that the lower percentage of Students with IEPs served by charter schools resulted in OUSD district schools serving a higher number of Students with IEPs.</p>
<p><i>Adopt language as follows:</i></p> <p>The State of California shall require that applications for new or renewing charter schools include an explicit plan for employing or contracting staff with Moderate/Severe Teaching Credentials.</p>	<p>Without staff prepared to educate students with Moderate/Severe disabilities, a school or group of schools cannot provide a full spectrum of services to students with disabilities.</p>
<p><i>Adopt language as follows:</i></p> <p>The State of California shall add to Education Code Section 56030.5 a definition of “intensive” services, indicating that this requires a specialized setting over at least 51% of the school day, and also that named disabilities not requiring such services do not render a student “severely disabled.”</p>	<p>California Education Code Section 56030.5 refers to both categories of disability and level of need, and also refers to another section (56800 et seq) which has been removed from current law.</p> <p>Discussions of service and responsibility across school settings need to reference a common understanding of intensive services and severe disability.</p>
<p><i>Adopt language as follows:</i></p> <p>In all budgets going forward, the Federal Government shall fully fund 40% of the cost of IDEA.</p>	<p>While Congress has approved 40% as the Federal funding standard for IDEA, the actual funding has come in at 18% or less annually.</p>