

July 29, 2026

Dear Superintendent Laird,

Thank you for submitting the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Helendale School District. We appreciate your dedication to work collaboratively with your community and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) on this process.

The county superintendent of schools is required to review and approve the district's LCAP in accordance with Education Code sections 52070 and 42127 prior to the approval of the district's budget. The approval process incorporates a comprehensive review of fiscal and programmatic elements of the plan. Our office has completed its review of the district's LCAP and 4 of the 4 required areas of the review have been met:

- The LCAP adheres to the template and instructions adopted by the State Board of Education.
- The budget includes expenditures sufficient to implement the specific actions and services in the LCAP.
- The plan adheres to the expenditure requirements for funds apportioned based on the number and concentration of unduplicated students pursuant to California Education Code sections 42238.02 and 42238.03.
- The LCAP includes the required calculations to determine whether there is a carryover requirement as outlined in Education Code Sections 42238.07 and 52064 and, if applicable, also includes a description of the planned uses of the funds and a description of how the planned uses of those funds satisfy the requirements for specific actions to be considered as contributing toward meeting the increased or improved services requirement in Education Code Section 52070.

Based on the above criteria, the **Helendale School District 2026-27 LCAP is approved**. As shared with Viviana Bravo, Director of Educational Services Curriculum & Instruction Student Support on July 20, 2026, we asked your district to make edits to the adopted LCAP to meet the four criteria listed. The LCAP attached to the approval email includes the required edits. Please be sure the LCAP attached to the approval email is posted to the homepage of your district website.

On behalf of the state, the county, and your local community, we would like to extend our appreciation for your **collaborative, thoughtful and responsive working relationship** and for embracing the spirit and the requirements of local control and accountability through educational partner engagement, transparency, data monitoring, and strategic planning.

Sincerely,



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