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On April 22, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-56-20, extending Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) deadlines for the 2020-2021 school year. The executive order extends the deadline for local educational agencies (LEAs) to adopt their LCAP and budget overview for parents, from July 1, 2020 until December 15, 2020, provided the LEA meets the following conditions:

- During the same board meeting in which the LEA's governing board adopts its annual budget prior to July 1, 2020, the governing board must also adopt a written report to its community that explains the program changes that the LEA has made in response to the school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the major impact of such closures on students and families. At a minimum, the report should include a description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of unduplicated students, delivering distance learning, providing school meals, and arranging for supervision during school hours.
- Each LEA must submit its adopted written report for review. School districts and county offices of education must submit their adopted report, along with their adopted budget, to the county superintendent of schools or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, respectively. Charter schools must submit the report to their authorizer.
- Each LEA must post the written report on its website.

County superintendents and the Superintendent of Public Instruction will have until January 14, 2021 to approve LCAPs.

The executive order does not extend the deadline for an LEA to adopt an annual budget, which remains July 1, 2020. However, certain requirements impacted by the new LCAP deadline are waived. For example, the requirement that a governing board of a school district adopt a LCAP prior to adopting a budget and that the budget include expenditures identified in the LCAP is waived. Similarly, the requirement that a budget be disapproved by September 15, 2020 (for school districts) and November 8, 2020 (for county boards of education), if it does not include expenditures necessary to implement the LCAP, is also waived.

Lastly, the executive order also waives requirements regarding minimum instructional minutes in physical education for grades 1-12, adequate facilities for physical education, and administration and data collection of physical fitness tests to students in grades 5, 7, and 9.

A copy of the Executive Order N-56-20 can be found at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/EO-N-56-20.pdf>.

The California Department of Education (CDE) will be preparing templates for LEAs to use in preparing the written report. In the meantime, CDE has also issued guidance regarding Executive Order N-56-20, in the form of a FAQ which can be found here <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/lcapfaq.asp>. The May 2020 Information Memorandum page can be found by going to <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/pn/im/infomemomay2020.asp>.

For more information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on your district's operations, please visit our COVID-19 Resources page at <https://www.dwkesq.com/covid-19-resources-page/>.

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