Calculating LAUSD’s S&C Funds

There is a **right** way and a **wrong** way to calculate “supplemental and concentration” (S&C) funds. LAUSD’s way is wrong.

At full LCFF implementation in 2020-21, LAUSD must reach a target of spending $1.2 billion in S&C funds to serve low-income, English Learner and foster youth students.

By counting $450M of special education services in 2013-14 as spending for those students, LAUSD **overstates** how far it has progressed towards its target S&C funding ($700M instead of $250M).

As a result, by the time LCFF is fully funded in 2020-21, LAUSD will be adding only $511M of new LCFF funding to increase or improve services for high-need students to its current $250M instead of the $961M that is required.

The cumulative effect is that LAUSD will deprive high-need students of **over $2 billion** by 2020-21, and inappropriately continue to deprive them of $450M every year after that!

**LAUSD must do the right thing.** Fund special education services from “base” funds for all students and recalculate S&C funds to spend an additional $133 million in the next year for high-need students and $961 million at full funding.

Source: 2014-15 LAUSD LCAP

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