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# Unraveling the Mystery of School Finance

For Superintendents and Top Administrators

**An Interactive Two-Part Webinar Series** 



Presented By:
School Services of California Inc. and FCMAT



# **ABOUT THE WEBINAR**

Educational leaders in California have an opportunity to leverage our state funding for the programs and services that we value most at the local level. The supplemental and concentration grant funds can have broad application to support our children with the greatest needs. And, after several years of significant funding increases, today's decisions are even more critical as revenues have flattened and resources for ongoing programs have become scarce, not to mention the reintroduction of cash deferrals. One-time federal funds are a temporary respite, but must be used with care. Combining all of that with school closure and re-opening as a result of COVID-19, local agency finances are more challenging than ever.

The leaders who have the greatest success with this current funding model are the ones who best understand its challenges and opportunities. The purpose of this webinar is to take the complexities of school finance and distill them so that superintendents and other top administrators of local educational agencies (LEAs) can use financial information to make improved policy decisions. With many decades of experience in school agency finance and governance, top experts from the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) and School Services of California Inc. (SSC) have teamed up to bring this must-attend event to school agency nonfinancial administrators.

# **WEBINAR TOPICS:**

The format of this two-part webinar series is specifically designed for superintendents and top administrators to focus on the critical aspects of understanding your LEA's finances in order to improve policy decision making. Topics include:

- A planning and budget development cycle that fosters the connection from educational goals and strategies in the Local Control and Accountability Plan to budget items
- Determining a healthy reserve and communicating about reserves to stakeholders
- Understanding multiyear financial projections and evaluating your financial status
- How to plan for staffing needs and the budget impact of staffing decisions
- The latest in collective bargaining and strategies for managing the financial impact
- Monitoring and controlling the budget to avoid surprises
- Understanding the impact of cash deferrals
- Making appropriate use of one-time funds
- Best observed practices in school financial management and how to stay out of trouble

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# **DATES AND TIMES:**

**Part 1: December 8, 2020** 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

**Part 2: December 15, 2020** 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

# WEBINAR FEE:

#### **Client Fee:**

\$245 per attendee

#### **Nonclient Fee:**

\$490 per attendee

Fee includes both webinars

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