The County Board and County Superintendent are committed to ensuring the fiscal health of the county office of education and providing public accountability. The County Board and County Superintendent shall adopt sound fiscal policies, oversee the county office of education’s financial condition, and continually evaluate whether the county office of education budget and financial operations support the County Superintendent’s and County Board’s goals for student achievement.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide the County Board with financial reports throughout the year in accordance with applicable laws, policies, regulations and accounting standards and shall establish a system of ongoing internal controls to ensure the reliability of financial reporting.

Based on financial reports provided by the County Superintendent or designee and in accordance with law and administrative regulation, the County Board shall:

1. Approve and file an annual statement of the county office receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. (Education Code 42100.)

2. Adopt a resolution identifying the county office estimated appropriations limit for the current fiscal year and the actual appropriations limit for the preceding fiscal year. (Education Code 42132; Government Code 7910.)

3. Receive interim fiscal reports and certify whether the county office will be able to meet its fiscal obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years. (Education Code 42130, 42131.)

4. Provide for an annual audit, select an independent auditor, and review the audit report. (Education Code 41020, 41020.3.)

The independent auditor shall present the audit report to the County Board at a public meeting and the County Board shall have an opportunity to ask questions of the auditor and request further information about the audit findings.

The County Board and County Superintendent shall regularly communicate the county office financial position to the public and shall use financial reports to determine what actions and budget amendments, if any, are needed to ensure the county office financial stability.

If county office conditions predict fiscal distress or indicate that the county office might not be able to meet its fiscal obligations, the County Board and County Superintendent or designee shall act quickly to identify and resolve these conditions. The County Board and County Superintendent shall work cooperatively with the Superintendent of Public Instruction to improve the county office’s fiscal health and may contract with an external individual or organization to advise the county office on fiscal matters.
Legal Reference

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