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To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Education (CDE) appreciates the opportunity to provide public comment regarding the American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) addressed in the ARP-HCY State Coordinators Survey provided by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) on September 30, 2022, in Docket (ED-2022-SCC-0095).

The document states:

*The Department is seeking to learn about the distribution of ARP-HCY funds by state educational agencies (SEAs), the characteristics of local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving funds, and the characteristics of LEAs who chose not to participate in the distribution of funds in each state. Additionally, the Department would like to gather information on how SEAs are using the funds that were set aside at the State level under this program. Information obtained in this survey will be used to inform technical assistance and support provided by the Department and the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE), resources developed by NCHE, and further studies.*

California can provide data and information on most of the above requirements, including the use of ARP-HCY set aside funds for State level activities. There is one requirement that the CDE would not be able to respond to at this time. California has little to no data as it relates to the data collection of the characteristics of the LEAs who chose not to participate in the distribution of ARP-HCY funds. However, there are approximately 1,985 LEAs in California, and 1,181 LEAs are currently receiving ARP-HCY funds directly or as a part of a consortium. Approximately, 796 LEAs either were not eligible for ARP-HCY funds, due to the funding formula in statute, or chose not to participate.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Leanne Wheeler, Education Programs Consultant, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, by email at [LWheeler@cde.ca.gov](mailto:LWheeler@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,