South Carolina Department of Education Update

SCASBO 2024 Spring Conference

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SC K-12 Budget Data

Traditional Districts: 1,176,712 Weighted Pupil Units

- Federal $911M
- State $5.8B
- Local $5.8B

$12.6 Billion

Statewide Charter Districts: 120,371 Weighted Pupil Units

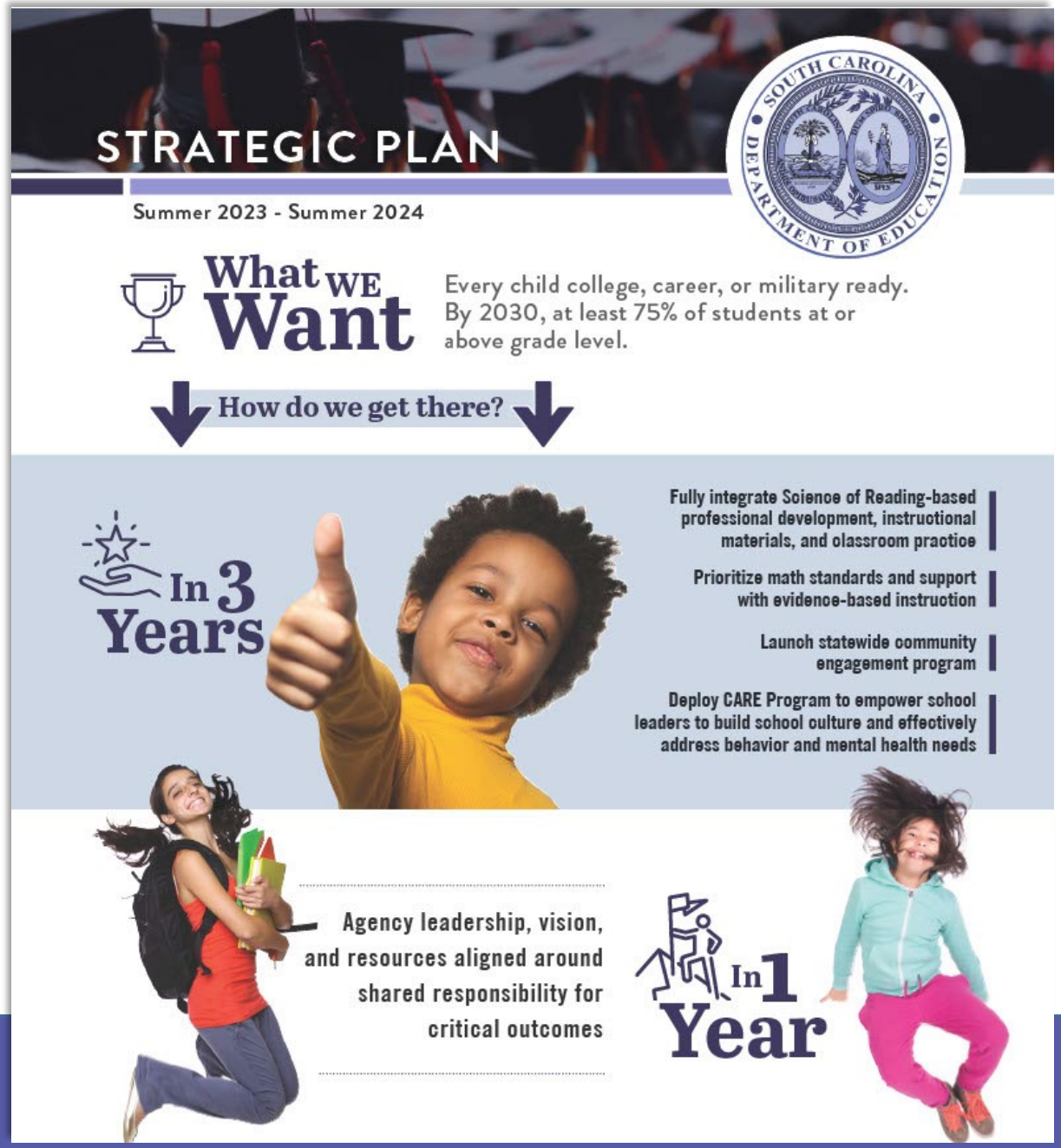
- Federal $33M
- State $463M
- Local $26M

$521.4 Million

Statewide Average Revenue Per Pupil: **$17,435 Traditional** & **$12,354 Charter**

Average Southeastern teacher salary: **$59,866**

Sources: Revenue & Fiscal Affairs FY 2023-24 Revenue Per Pupil Estimates (figures do not include bond revenue) and SCDE 45-Day Active Student Headcount for SY 2023-24



SCDE's Strategic Plan

SC Education Budget Highlights

Current Year 2023-2024 Key Funding Highlights:

Teacher Raises	$324M	Career & Tech Education	$9M
Instructional Materials	$30M	High Intensity Tutoring	$15M
Early Childhood	$16.7M	Capital Funding	$120M
Teacher Supplies	$3M	School Bus Lease/Purchase	$29M
Innovation Grants	$17.5M	Literacy Instruction	$39M

SC Education FY 2025 Budget Highlights

$654M in new spending requested:

$423.5M recurring and $231.3M non-recurring

2024-2025 Initiatives:

Student Success **Teacher Support** **Workforce Readiness** **Safety**

SC Education Budget Requests (Ways & Means)

Student Success	
Palmetto Math Project	$10,000,000
CARE & Civics Initiatives	$3,250,000
High Quality ELA & Math	$186,000,000
CERDEP – Full Day 4k	$14,184,000
Innovation Grants Committee	$16,000,000

SC Education Budget Requests (Ways & Means) Part 1

Teacher Support	
Teacher Strategic Compensation	
Pilot Program	$5,000,000
Critical Needs Retention Bonus	$15,000,000
Teacher Salary Increase	$272,922,909
District Instructional Support	$10,280,000
Teacher Recruitment: TeachSC	$14,184,000

SC Education Budget Requests (Ways & Means) Part 2

Workforce Readiness

Mobile CTE Labs	$10,000,000
Cutting-edge Pathway Development	$3,750,000
Work-Based Learning Regional Career Specialists	$1,250,000

SC Education Budget Requests (Ways & Means) Part 3

School Safety and Facilities

School Mapping Project	$5,000,000
School Facilities Safety Upgrades	$20,000,000
School Bus Lease & Purchases	$35,000,000

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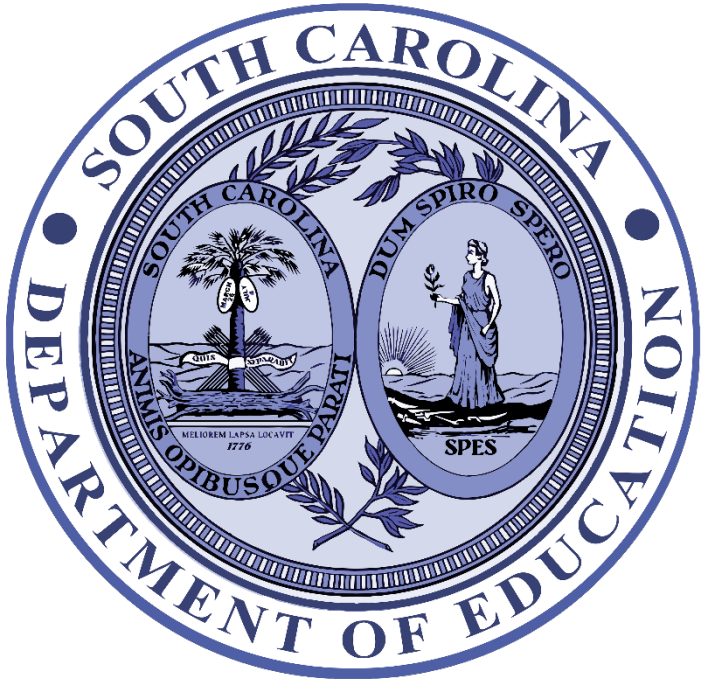

Financial Services
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Finance Director

135th Day Pupil Accounting

- Pupil Accounting
  - Membership and attendance data
    - 135th Day
      - 3/25/2024 – 4/16/2024

National Board Certification (Proviso 1A.64)

- <u>NBC Newly Certified/ MOC</u>

  Memo and list typically emailed in Nov/Dec

  Requires verification of employment, cert ID, FTE status, and PC

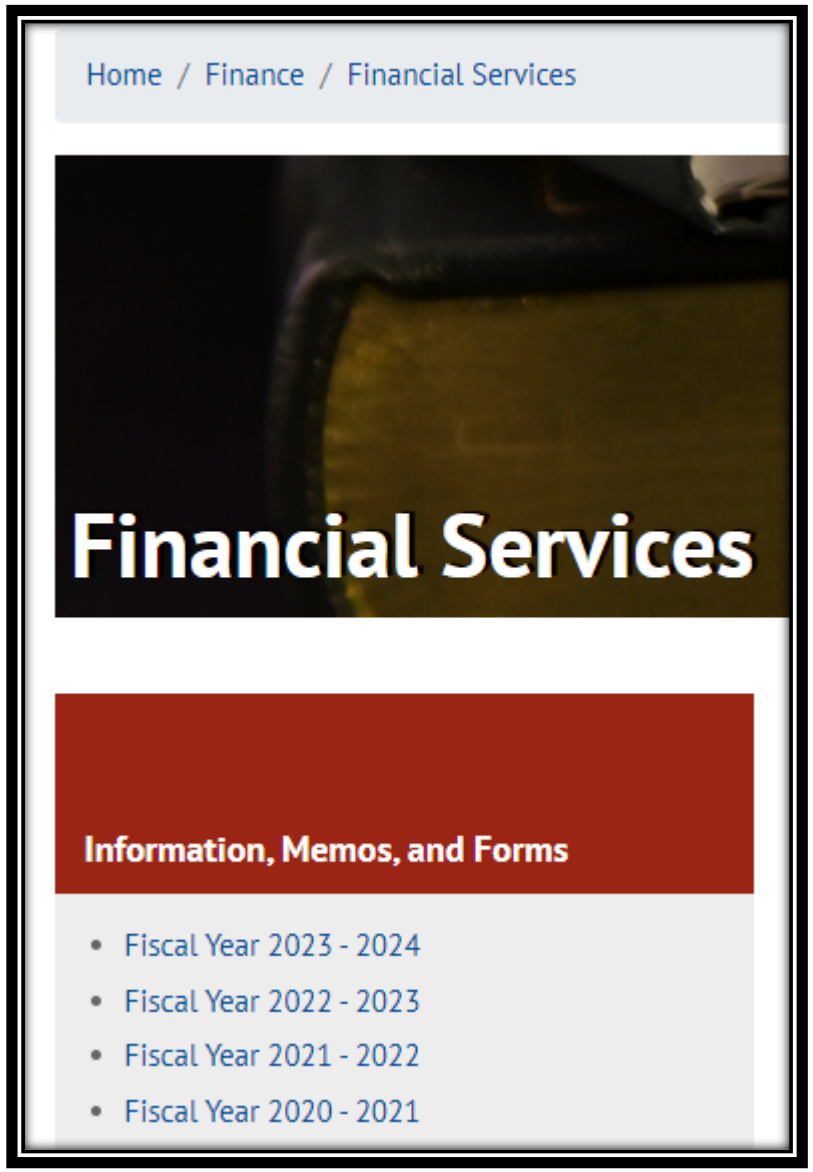
  Email verification from district is required to release funding

- <u>Mid-Year Hires</u>
  - Email employee name, cert ID, PC, FTE Status, and number of days employed for the year (mcooper@ed.sc.gov)
  - Verify employee is entered in SC Educator

Funding Flexibility

- All transfers must be completed and submitted to SCDE by June 30, 2024. Email mscheele@ed.sc.gov.

- Flexibility Provisions:
  - At least seventy-five percent of school district's expenditures must be utilized within the In$ite categories of instruction, instructional support and non-instructional pupil services
  - Must maintain the integrity of the program guidelines as outlined in the Funding Manual



Reminder: In$ite/ESSA

- The Office of Financial Services sent detail instructions on how to submit your FY23 In$ite/ESSA data to the SCDE. Submit to Michael Scheele mscheele@ed.sc.gov.

- Proviso Reference: 1.21 & 1A.13 School Districts and Special Schools Flexibility, and 1A.17 Report Card Information

FY2023 Administrative Cost Reporting

- Districts are to post the Administrative Cost Report to the district website no later than 60 days after the December 1 audit submission deadline

- Reference In$ite Crosswalk on SCDE website

- Provide Daniel Haven (dbhaven@ed.sc.gov) with a copy of the report or a link to the report on your website

SC Educator- Dates

- Deadline Dates for FY 23-24
  - **June 30th** – Final Staff updates SC Educator will close for the 2023-2024 school year at 5pm.

Financial Services Contacts

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Fiscal Analyst III

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Fiscal Practices Summary

As of March 4, 2024 - 6 Districts on Declaration

4 - Watch Status

2 - Caution Status

- 3 districts are currently on due to audit findings and/or other conditions that the department believes could have a significant effect of the district
- 3 district is on due to submitting their annual audit more than 60 days after the December 1st audit deadline

All fiscal practice information can be found on the Department's website

Fiscal Practices Committee – Items for Consideration

- "Repeat" Material Weakness and/or Significant Deficiency findings in the District's annual audit
- Audit submitted more than 60 days after the December 1st Deadline
- An investigation by the SC Inspector General's office and/or any other Investigative agency
- **This is not an all encompassing list!**

Fiscal Practices Information

- Before a declaration or a continued declaration is issued to a district
  - You will receive communication via phone or email that a declaration or continued declaration is being discussed
  - The district will have a chance to give the Fiscal Practices Committee any documentation that would give the committee clarification into a concerned finding or situation that lead to the communication about a potential/continued declaration

Proviso 1.3 Reminder

- According to Proviso 1.3 – each school board of trustees must make available by September first each school year its annual budget
- budget shall include an itemized list of the average salaries
- The budget must be available on the district's website

Proviso 1.3 (Continued)

- Use the template provided by SCDE to record approved General Fund Budget in the categories provided and post the information to your website by September 1st
- Once posted, send the link to the posting to Daniel Haven at dbhaven@ed.sc.gov

All Amendments and/or New Budgets - Deadline

- For all grant expenditures that will be incurred on or before June 30, 2024
- Should be *entered* into GAPS by June 30th 2024
  - Unless an earlier deadline is referenced on GAN
- No amendments will be allowed entry into GAPS from July 1, 2024 through August 15, 2024

Amendments for Expenditures in FY25

- Amendment requests/ new budgets for expenditures occurring on July 1, 2024 or after can be entered into GAPS beginning August 16, 2024

Final Claims Deadline

- Expenditure claims submitted to SCDE Finance after **August 15, 2024** for expenditures from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 will not be paid
- ***Deadline will be strictly enforced***

1st Quarter Claims for FY25

- 1st Quarter claims for FY25 will not be allowed entry until after August 15th, 2024

Reports for Subrecipients

- To monitor Budget, Amendments, Claims
  - Budget Summary and Detail Reports
  - Expenditure Summary and Detail Reports

Budget Detail Report

Sub Grant Name	Function Code	Object Code	Amendment	Amount	Approval Status	Expenditure Amount	Net Budget Balance
20 Title II Supporting Effective Instruction (267)	224	400	No	$0.00	Approved	$0.00	$0.00
20 Title II Supporting Effective Instruction (267)	264	100	No	$4,000.00	Approved	$0.00	$4,000.00
20 Title II Supporting Effective Instruction (267)	264	100	No	$4,000.00	Approved	$0.00	$4,000.00
20 Title IV SSAE (210)	100	400	No	$10,800.00	Approved	$0.00	$10,800.00
21 Title I Regular (201)	100	400	Yes	$4,000.00	Submitted to Sub Recipient Finance	$0.00	$0.00
21 Title I Regular (201)	100	400	Yes	$5,000.00	Submitted to Sub Recipient Finance	$0.00	$0.00
21 Title I Regular (201)	188	400	No	$6,043.32	Approved	$0.00	$6,043.32

Budget Summary Report

Allocation	Budgeted Amount	Unbudgeted Amount	Expenditure Amount	Net Budget Balance	Budget Pending	Expenditure Pending
$14,708.07	$13,181.00	$1,527.07	$13,181.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
$612,068.24	$612,068.24	$0.00	$556,337.34	$55,730.90	$0.00	$8,768.82
$59,472.34	$59,472.34	$0.00	$33,816.69	$25,655.65	$10,790.78	$0.00
$4,341,063.00	$4,341,063.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,341,063.00	$4,341,063.00	$0.00
$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00
$89,746.50	$89,746.50	$0.00	$0.00	$89,746.50	$89,746.50	$0.00
$127,725.95	$0.00	$127,725.95	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
$11,406.14	$0.00	$11,406.14	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

Expenditure Detail Report

Sub Grant Name	Function Code	Object Code	Fiscal Quarter	Expenditure Amount	Expenditure Approval Status	Date Submitted To SCDE
22 Adult Education - Institutionalized	182	200	2021 - 22 - [Q4]	$1,989.04	SCEIS Document Number	8/15/2022 2:19:01 PM
22 Adult Education (243)	182	100	2021 - 22 - [Q4]	$60,773.60	Submitted to Finance Approver	Has Not Submitted To SCDE
22 Adult Education (243)	182	200	2021 - 22 - [Q4]	$22,026.82	Submitted to Finance Approver	Has Not Submitted To SCDE
22 ARP - IDEA	100	100	2021 - 22 - [Q4]	$14,351.25	SCEIS Document Number	8/15/2022 2:14:03 PM

ESSER Reporting – Quarterly Reports - Part 1

- Only report funds claimed in GAPS during quarter
- Do not report quarter expense *occurred* in
- Only Quarter in which claim was *submitted* in GAPS
- Example - claim *submitted* between January 1, 2024 and March 31
  - Reported by the April 5 report due date

ESSER Reporting – Quarterly Reports - Part 2

- Required to submit quarterly report for each ESSER grant still open
  - even if no claims for that grant were submitted during the quarter
- If there are no expenditures to report for ESSER II or III during the quarter, simply indicate on the report “0”

ESSER Reporting Requirements

- Online ESSER quarterly report forms on the ESSER webpages
- ESSER II: ESSER II Funding Information
- ARP ESSER: ARP ESSER Funding Information

SAM.gov Reminder

- All school districts must maintain an active registration in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) to receive federal funds
- Must be renewed annually *before it expires* so that the registration does not lapse

Fiscal Practices
Contact Information

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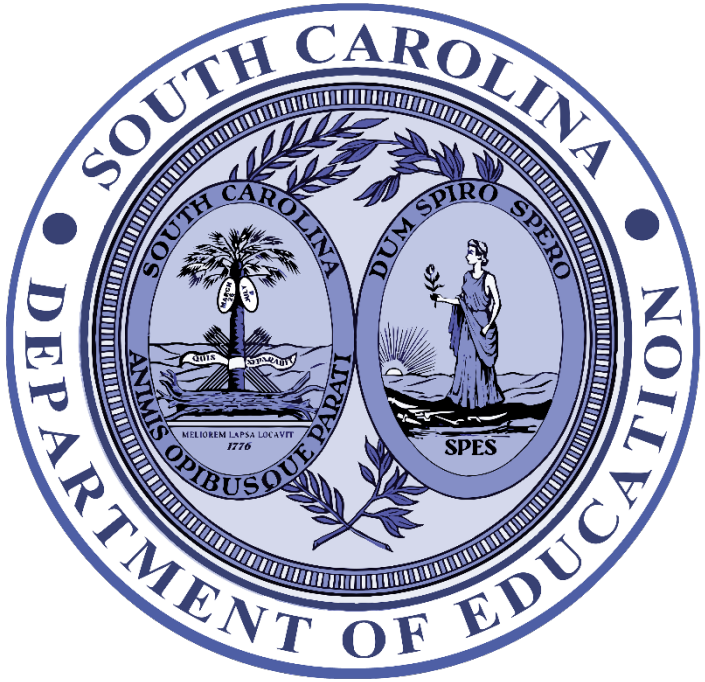

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Office of Auditing Services Update

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Topics

- Status of LEA Annual Audit Submissions
- Subrecipient Risk Assessment
- Due Tos
- Indirect Costs

Status of LEA Audit Submissions

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- Audits for FY 2022-23 were due on December 1, 2023
- 7 districts did not submit by December 1
- 3 districts still have not submitted an audit report
- 5 charter schools have not submitted

Audit Submission Approval Process is Underway

- Review of annual audit submissions has begun
  - Missing Audit Reports, Supplemental Schedules templates, Data Collection Forms, and Supportive Information
  - Supplemental Schedules templates with errors
- Annual Audit Submission will not be approved if submission is incomplete
  - Missing charter school audit and template equals unapproved district annual audit submission

Unapproved Audit Submissions

- Unapproved audit submissions affect federal and state reporting used for funding determinations which directly affects the funding provided to our schools and used to support our schools
  - Title I Allocations
  - Indirect costs recoupment
  - Medicaid reimbursement for Transportation
  - State revenue and expenditure analysis

Update - Annual Audits Submissions

- Draft audit reports will no longer be accepted as meeting the December 1 deadline
- This will be shared in the monthly Finance Newsletter going forward
- Notify your external auditors

Subrecipient Risk Assessment

It's Currently Being Worked On

- We are currently rating subrecipients for FY 2022-23
- School business officials will be notified if the score is medium risk or high risk prior to receiving the official letter
- Risk scores will be shared with district no later than April 2024

Due Tos

Due Tos –

- Billings should be emailed by the end of March, beginning of April
- Payments due 2 weeks from receipt of letter
- Documentation needed for proof of payment
  - Copy of front and back check
- Letters and invoices will be emailed to Superintendent and school business official copied

Due Tos - Reminder

Even if your district has no Due To, the Due To schedule is still required to be included in the annual audit report

Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect Cost Rates -

- Rates will be issued in April
- 2 week timeframe given to verify rates
- Rate caps will be adjusted to consider district average rates
- District capitalization thresholds will be included on the rate agreement and posted with rates on SCDE's website
- Signature page will be updated with clarity regarding signature
  - Superintendent signature and Superintendent printed name or
  - Signature of person with signature authority and printed name of person with signature authority

Indirect Cost Rates - Reminders

Ensure the indirect cost rate is only applied to direct costs and not excluded costs

- Construction costs are excluded costs
- Repayment of indirect costs recouped on excluded costs will be required

Questions?

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