




- 8. While there is typically time at the end of the presentations to ask questions of the DOE representative giving the presentation, often the representative cannot answer our questions and there is no follow-up provided. Beyond this, there is no further engagement between the DOE and CEC 16 members regarding the budget.
- 9. CEC 16 has tried to obtain clarification on these presentations, but has not received responses from the DOE. For instance, after a Contracts for Excellence presentation given by the DOE in February of 2021, CEC 16 sent an email to DOE representatives requesting a complete breakdown of the allocations made to each school in District 16. *See Exhibit 2.* We never received a response to our request.
- 10. The way that the DOE informs the CECs of impending budget presentations is a wholly one-way process in which the DOE simply tells the CECs what the budget is and does not seek the members' collaboration or input.
- 11. The engagement that the DOE currently has with CEC 16 is therefore not sufficient and is an entirely one-way process that does not allow for CEC 16 members to contribute to the budget discussions.

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Sworn to before me this 26th day  
of July 2022.



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