

# LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Name: Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District)

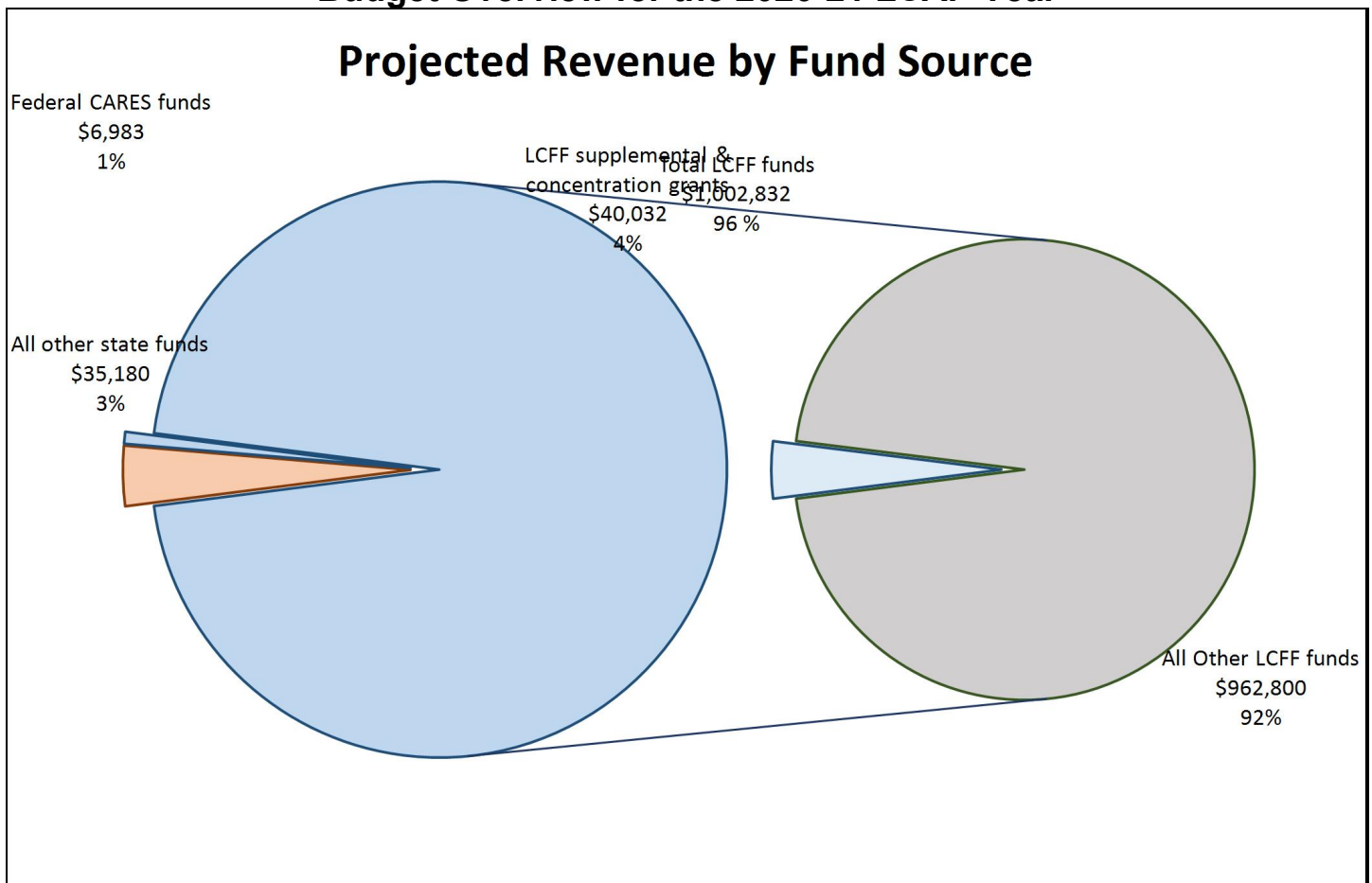
CDS Code: 29663730136424

School Year: 2020-2021

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School districts receive funding from different sources: state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding - called "supplemental and concentration" grants - to LEAs based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learners, and low-income students).

## Budget Overview for the 2020-21 LCAP Year

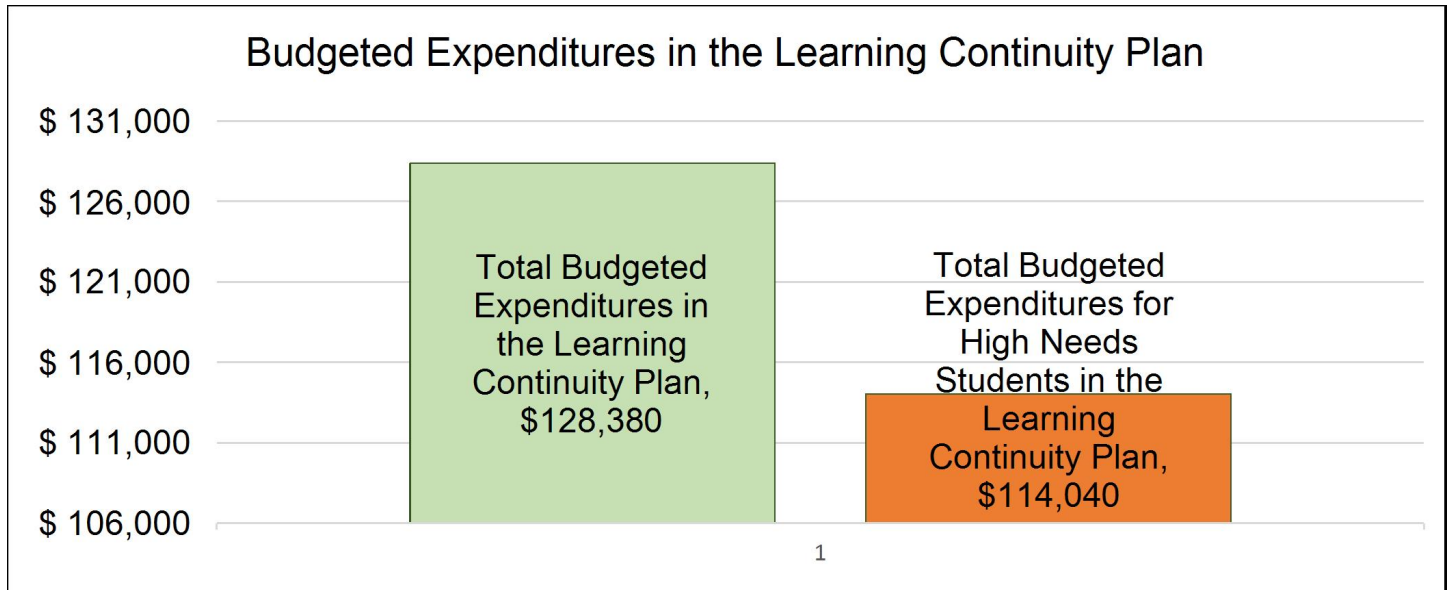


This chart shows the total general purpose revenue Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) expects to receive in the coming year from all sources.

The total revenue projected for Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) is \$1,044,995, of which \$1,002,832 is Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$35,180 is other state funds, \$0 is local funds, and \$6,983 is federal funds. Of the \$6,983 in federal funds, \$6,983 are federal CARES Act funds. Of the \$1,002,832 in LCFF Funds, \$40,032 is generated based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learner, and low-income students).

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For the 2020-21 school year school districts must work with parents, educators, students, and the community to develop a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan). The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020–21 school year and provides school districts with the opportunity to describe how they are planning to provide a high-quality education, social-emotional supports, and nutrition to their students during the COVID-19 pandemic.



This chart provides a quick summary of how much Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) plans to spend for planned actions and services in the Learning Continuity Plan for 2020-2021 and how much of the total is tied to increasing or improving services for high needs students.

Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) plans to spend \$1,345,145.97 for the 2020-21 school year. Of that amount, \$128,380 is tied to actions/services in the Learning Continuity Plan and \$1,216,765.97 is not included in the Learning Continuity Plan. The budgeted expenditures that are not included in the Learning Continuity Plan will be used for the following:

Arete Charter Academy's largest increase to this year's budget was the unforeseen cost of opening schools to in-person and distant instructional models due to the COVID-19 Virus. CARES funding was able to offset some of these expenses but did impact the general budget where the district had to shift to make sure all students had access to curriculum based on the instructional model. The district also had to increase funding to support the loss of learning of students through curriculum, electronic applications, and increased employees. Due to schools being shut down during the Spring of the 2019-2020 school year, additional special education staff was hired to assess and update IEPs to reflect the new educational models.

Arete also realized concentrated areas of growth and change to meet the social-emotional needs of students to provide a better environment for the student to learn and achieve at school, amidst the challenges students face at home. This was intensified with distance learning continuing for the 20-21 school year. A district counselor was hired that was not initially in the plans for the 20-21 school year. Also, additional staff was hired to keep the classes smaller and in single cohorts spread across more classrooms to achieve the recommended safety protocols suggested by the Center for Disease Control, California Public Health, and Nevada County Public Health safety requirements for students. Areas of increased employment included teachers, an office clerk, a library clerk, a technology clerk, and a custodian.

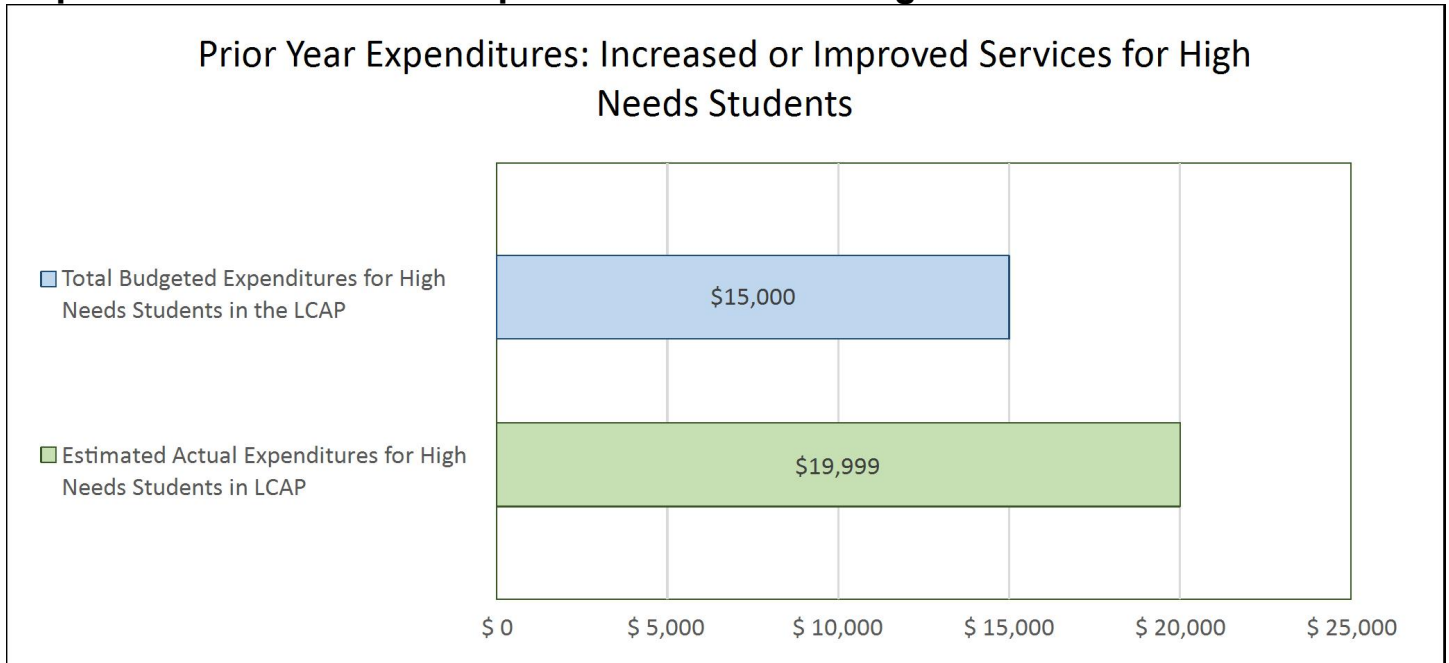
Arete has expended increased costs due to allowing enrollment of an average of 34 students (many high need) over the funding cap that was passed by the California Legislature and Governor. Many of these students are new to a blended learning program and require additional supports.

### Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in in the Learning Continuity Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

In 2020-21, Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) is projecting it will receive \$40,032 based on the enrollment of foster youth, English learner, and low-income students. Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) must describe how it intends to increase or improve services for high needs students in the Learning Continuity Plan. Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) plans to spend \$114,040 towards meeting this requirement, as described in the Learning Continuity Plan.

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## Update on Increased or Improved Services for High Needs Students in 2019-20



This chart compares what Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) budgeted in the 2019-20 LCAP for actions and services that contributed to increasing or improving services for high needs students with what Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) actually spent on actions and services that contributed to increasing or improving services for high needs students in the 2019-20 school year.

In 2019-20, Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District)'s LCAP budgeted \$15,000 for planned actions to increase or improve services for high needs students. Arete Charter Academy (Pleasant Ridge Union School District) actually spent \$19,999 for actions to increase or improve services for high needs students in 2019-20.