



Dear Bayshore Parent/Guardian:

As you know, Bayshore Preparatory is completely tuition-free to all of our students. We operate all of our programs on federal, state and local funding, including specialized funding and grants that are based on the income of our student's families.

Beginning this year, the way that all California public schools are funded is changing significantly and permanently. This new funding method is called the "Local Control Funding Formula", and will provide both more money and more flexibility to our school. In addition, it will provide additional opportunities for parental input into our program. This new funding method provides more funding in general to all schools, but MUCH more funding for schools that serve students from lower-income families, to ensure that these students have the maximum possible opportunity to succeed. Under this new LCFF method, Bayshore Preparatory receives about \$5,000-\$7,500/student in "base grant" funding for all students. In addition, Bayshore Preparatory will receive an extra 20% for students from families at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (this is also the income level that qualifies a student for reduced-cost school meals). This extra 20% is called the "supplemental grant". On top of this 20% "supplemental grant", if the total school wide percentage of lower-income and English Learner students exceeds 55%, Bayshore gets an extra 50% "concentration grant", in addition to the base grant and supplemental grant.

While it's not required that you memorize the details of this, the key point is that household income is now the most important determinant in how much Bayshore Preparatory receives to educate your child and all other Bayshore Preparatory students.

You are not legally required to return the form or to divulge information you are not comfortable with. We also certainly understand it can be uncomfortable discussing personal matters such as family income. However, if your family is eligible, returning the form can mean over \$5,000 more per year for Bayshore Preparatory Charter School, all of which goes straight towards benefiting your child and other Bayshore students. In addition, this new LCFF method gives you and other parents much more opportunity to be actively involved in determining the best use of these funds to help your students learn.

This personal information is kept completely confidential and is NEVER provided to any agency outside of the California Department of Education, public or private, for any reason. In addition, only specific school personnel directly responsible for data collection are authorized to view this data and are required by law not to divulge such information. We take your privacy very seriously and your family income will never be discussed except for purposes of tracking this funding. Thank you for taking the time to fill out and return the form – it really means a lot to our school and we are very excited about the potential benefits of LCFF to our students. **Even if you have a very high family income, please return the form just so we can be sure we are accurately tracking all data. Getting every form filled out and returned is critical to being able to receive the maximum funding available. So please make sure to fill out and return the form to the school – even an extra 10 qualifying students can mean \$20-50,000 per year in extra funding for an additional teacher, instructional materials, technology, field trips, and other exciting new educational ventures.**

If there are any questions about the form, please call the Bayshore Preparatory Charter School Office at 760-471-0847.

See form titled "2014-2015 NSLP Worksheet".