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Weighting of FRPM in future program

Temecula Valley Unified School District has a 30% free and reduced lunch rate, and received about \$2700 fewer dollars per student than the highest per student funded school in our county under the LCFF program. That additional \$2700 per student is to be used for offering additional targeted educational programs.

While looking to provide extra funding to districts with low-income families sounds admirable, the use of electricity is not an optional item, and the financial burden is the same for all districts, regardless of the student income level. Energy conservation should not be targeted only to communities with the neediest families in the state.

Since the bill requires that Free and Reduced Price Meal percentage be included in the criteria, we would like to request that the percentage weighting be kept to a minimum, and certainly no more than the 15% that has been proposed for the ECAA loan portion of the program.

The cost of utilities is an issue that all districts struggle with, and we would like an opportunity to make a difference for our district and the environment.