



MLO Match Survey Results

Legislative Council Staff

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Responses from 22 districts:

- Adams 12 Five Star Schools
- Burlington School District RE-6J
- Branson School District RE-82
- Cherry Creek School District
- Delta County Joint School District 50J
- Greeley-Evans District 6
- Haxtun School District RE-2J
- Hinsdale County School District
- Kim School District
- Manzanola School District 3J
- Mapleton Public Schools
- Mesa County Valley School District 51
- Ouray School District R-1
- Pueblo County School District 70
- Primero Re-2 School District
- Strasburg School District 31J
- Stratton School District
- Thompson School District R2-J
- Weld County School District RE-1
- Weld RE-9
- Widefield 3
- One unnamed district



How much would the match need to be to increase the likelihood of asking for an MLO?

- **\$0.50 per dollar of MLO revenue** – 9 responses
- **\$1 per dollar of MLO revenue** – 10 responses
- **\$2 per dollar of MLO revenue** – 3 responses
- **\$5 per dollar of MLO revenue** – 3 responses
- **More than \$5 per dollar of MLO revenue** – 3 responses

- **Why?**
 - Needs to be a meaningful amount
 - Needs to be easily communicated
 - Any funding helps
 - It's really hard to get an MLO passed in many districts
 - The money needs to be guaranteed and reliable.



How has the MLO match money been used?

- **Same purposes for which voters approved an MLO** – 6 responses
- **General operating expenses** – 4 responses
- **No response** – 10 responses
- **Other** –
 - We have not received funds from the MLO match program
 - Split between General and Capital reserve program



Do you have any feedback on the distribution mechanism?

- Guaranteed funding is needed
- Timing is problematic
- Not enough money to make a difference
- Don't want to sacrifice recent progress made on school finance
- Not predictable; current formula is too volatile
- Best spent on districts with low/nonexistent history of passing MLOs



What factors should the working group consider?

- How can funding be more reliable and predictable?
- Needs guaranteed, ongoing funding
- Needs to be easy to communicate
- What is the purpose of the program? Who should receive the funds?
- Consider program within systemic school funding issues

Any other comments?

- Important program and good idea, but it doesn't work without a guarantee of sufficient funding.



Questions?

