



INSPIRE

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES



Videography | Engineering | Music | Global Studies | Photography | Theatre

THIS IS LEARNING, INSPIRED. ENROLL TODAY!

Tuition-Free Public Charter High School | Connected, Innovative Learning | College & Career Prep Curriculum | Award Winning Faculty & Staff | Smaller Learning Environment



(530) 891-3090 | 335 WEST SACRAMENTO AVE. | CHICO, CA

INSPIRECHICO.ORG

IT'S TIME TO BUILD A SCHOOL THEY DESERVE

Leave a Lasting Legacy



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Moving Innovation and Imagination Forward



MURAL WALLS

QUADS | CLASSROOMS

AMPHITHEATER



calendly.com/inspirefoundation



(530) 999-2882



celeste@supportinspire.org



SupportInspire.org





Back on Memorial Day, drought-stricken Lake Oroville was already down to 38 percent capacity.
PHOTO BY WIKIPHOTOGRAPHER (VIA FLICKR)

economy pushed back, placing a carve out for ride-hailing company on the 2020 ballot. Newsom didn't take a side, and it passed overwhelmingly.

- Extend rent and utility debt relief: With the end of California's eviction moratorium rapidly approaching, the governor and other state lawmakers set aside a \$5.2 billion pot of federal cash to help Californians pay their back rent. Another \$2 billion has been set aside to help people pay their delinquent utility bills. But both initiatives, mired in delays and confusing or complex applications, have struggled to get money out the door.

What he hasn't:

- Reform the state tax system: Another one of Newsom's ambitious policy plans was to overhaul California's top-heavy tax system. On the table: a sales tax on services, an oil severance tax, an adjusted income tax structure and reform of state property taxes. All of this would stabilize the state's oscillating revenues that spike during boom years, but leave the state scrambling for cash and cutting services during recessions. Though he did back a ballot measure in 2020 to raise property taxes on many large commercial properties, it failed. None of the other ideas have gone anywhere.

- Cut interest payments on child support debt: California is particularly tough on those who don't pay their child support on time, charging 10 percent interest on outstanding payments. A bill scrapping that highest-in-the-nation levy made it to the governor's desk, but Newsom vetoed it, citing cost concerns. While this year's state budget included partial forgiveness for some debtors, the 10 percent interest rate remains in place over the objections of anti-poverty advocates.

Education: K-12

What he's done:

- Expand early childhood education:

Courtesy of the unprecedented amount of money sloshing around the state budget, the governor and Legislature hammered out a new plan that would allow every 4-year-old in California to attend transitional kindergarten by 2025.

- Provide free school meals for all: During the pandemic, the federal government gave schools permission to offer free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to all students, suspending proof of income eligibility requirements. Universal school lunch is a policy long sought by anti-poverty and child welfare advocates. This year, Newsom signed off on a legislative proposal to keep the pandemic-era program going at a cost of \$650 million a year starting in 2022-23.

- Overhaul charter school law: In 2019, the Legislature passed and Newsom signed a package of new bills subjecting charter schools—publicly funded but independently operated—to new rules. One makes it easier for local school districts to block the creation of new charters, while another requires that charter teachers hold California teaching credentials.

What he hasn't:

- Mandate ethnic studies in high school: In the fall of 2020, Newsom vetoed a bill to make ethnic studies a required course for California's high school students, citing "uncertainty about the appropriate K-12 model curriculum." His decision came after months of public debate over what the class would actually teach. A model curriculum from the state Board of Education was denounced for including "anti-Jewish bias" and the Los Angeles Times editorial board labeled it "jargon filled and all too PC." This year, a new model curriculum was approved