With the November 2012 passage of Proposition 30, which temporarily increases the personal income tax rates for upper-income taxpayers and the sales tax rate for all taxpayers, the state established the Education Protection Account (EPA).

Revenue generated from the increased taxes is deposited into the EPA and distributed to districts and charter schools on a quarterly basis. While funds from the EPA are part of a district’s or charter school’s general purpose funding, Proposition 30 specifies that EPA funds may not be used for administrative salaries or benefits or any other administrative costs.

From an accounting perspective, EPA revenue and expenditures must be coded separately (under resource code 1400, created specifically for EPA funds) and from an operational perspective, governing boards must determine the use of EPA funds at an open public meeting. This determination must occur annually.

**FY2018-2019 Education Protection Account Spending – Actual**

**Roberto Cruz Leadership Academy (RCLA) Allocation: $49,926.00**

**EXPENSES:**
- TEACHER SALARIES: $36,945.00
- BENEFITS: $12,981.00
- TOTAL: $49,926.00

**FY2019-2020 Education Protection Account Spending - Plan**

In FY 2019-2020, based on the state formula, EPA funds for Roberto Cruz Leadership Academy (RCLA) are estimated to be **$49,672.00**. The spending plan allocates these funds to support teacher salaries and benefits.