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FRAUD,
ABUSE?**

**June 2026 Election
Alameda County**

Board of Education Trustee

Dr Joseph “Doc” Grcar



**ALAMEDA COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION**
Alysse Castro, Superintendent

1. Bloated budget
2. Staff without clear responsibilities
3. Bloated payroll



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County Office of Ed (COE) Funding Formula

Part 1. Funding for “County Services” (Oversight of School Districts)

- Base funding of \$655,920 per county office of education.
- Additional \$109,320 per school district in the county.
- Additional \$40 to \$70 per average daily attendance (ADA) in the county (less populous counties receive higher per ADA rates).

Part 2. Funding for “Alternative Education” (Troubled Children)

Eligible student population	• Students who are (1) under the authority of the juvenile justice system, (2) probation referred, (3) on probation, or (4) mandatorily expelled.
Target base rate	• \$11,045 per average daily attendance. ^a
Supplemental funding for EL/LI and foster youth students	• Additional 35 percent of base rate. ^b
Concentration funding	• Additional 35 percent of base rate for EL/LI and foster youth students above 50 percent of enrollment. ^b

Schools Operated Directly by AC0oE



SPaS Average Daily Attendance

ADA Funding

		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Three Year Average 2025-26	Projected Fund ADA 2025-26
Juvenile Court Schools ADA	Butler	58.93	56.60	73.54	67.44	73.54
	Sweeney	3.84	11	9.40		9.40
	Total	62.77	56.60	82.94		82.94
County Funded Non-Juvenile Court ADA	Burke	10.20	11.40	11.13	51.18	11.13
	Hobbs	12.97	7.27	13.81		13.81
	Quest	22.97	29.17	34.60		34.60
	Total	46.14	47.85	59.54		59.54

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Part 2. “Alternative Education” (Children in Court schools)

\$2,868,053

Part 1. “Regional Services” (Oversight of School Districts)

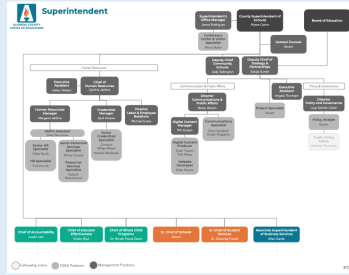
\$17,323,680

BLOAT, discretionary expenditures not required by law

\$68,144,267

Total Alameda COE expenditures for 2025-2026

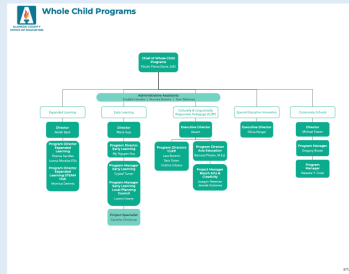
\$88,336,000



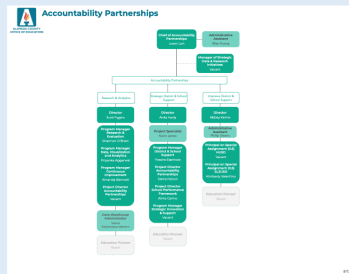
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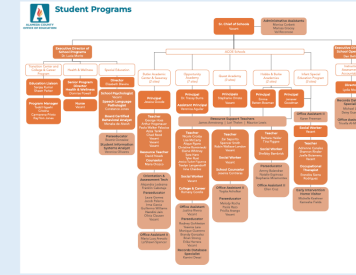
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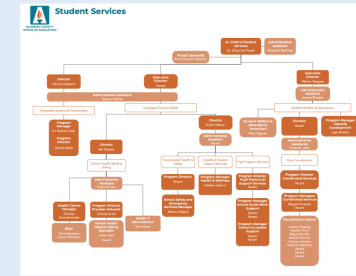
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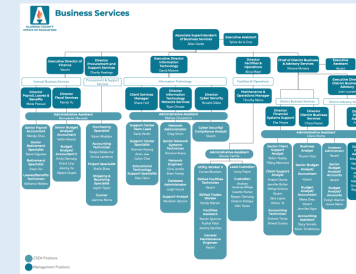
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Student Programs

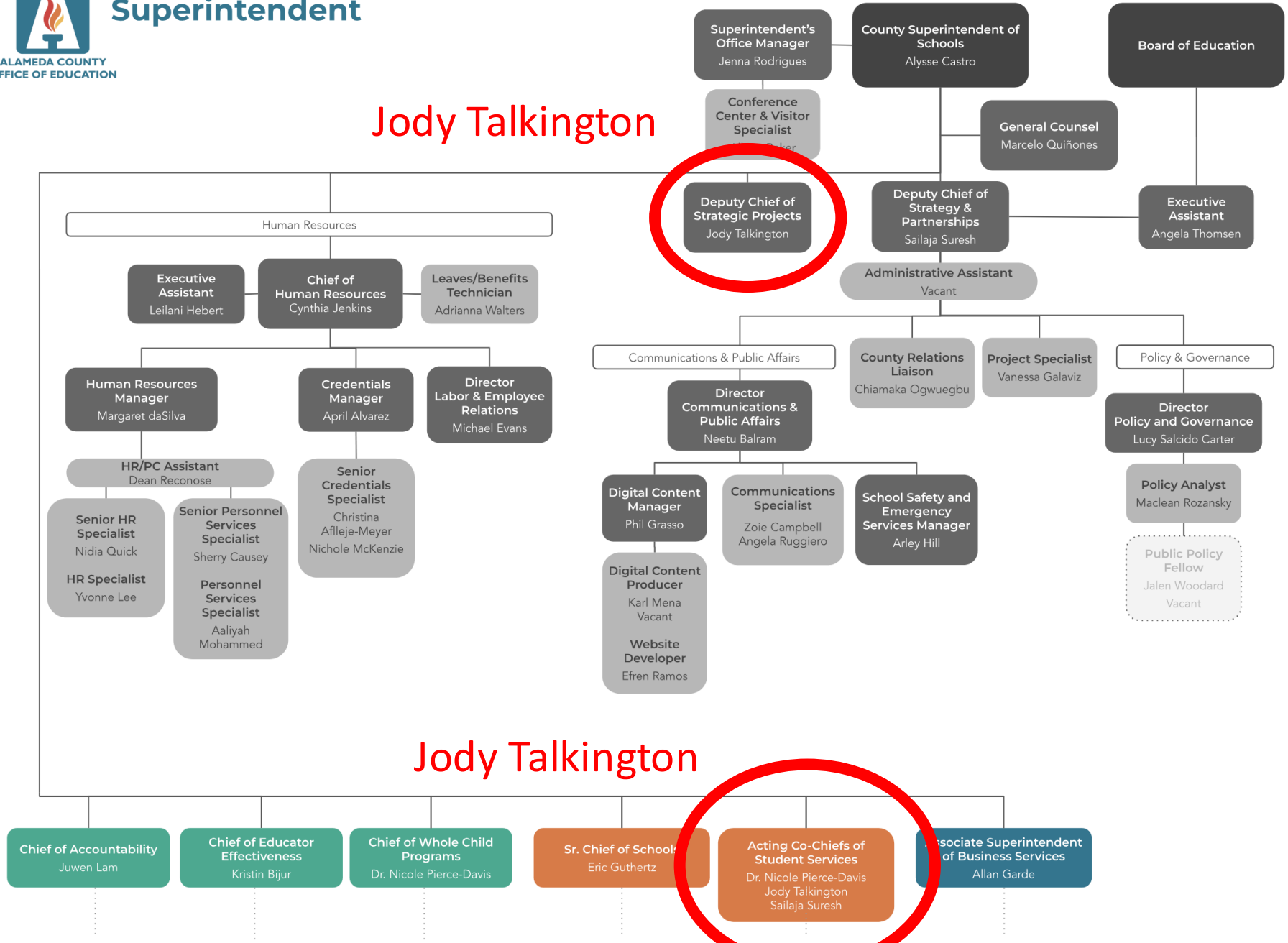


Student Services



Business Services

Jody Talkington



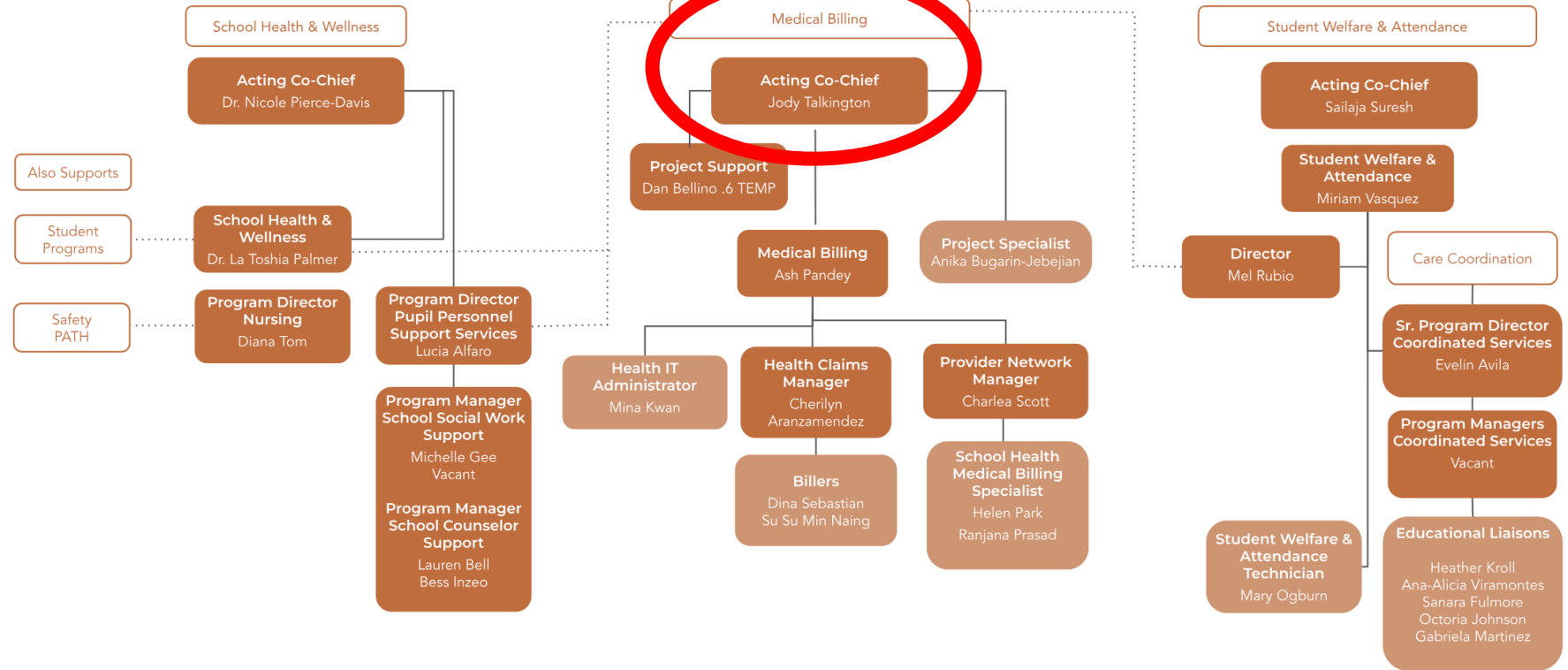
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Acting Co-Chiefs of Student Services
Dr. Nicole Pierce-Davis | Jody Talkington | Sailaja Suresh

Administrative Assistants
Susana Casillas | Amanda Lewis | Jessica Morales

Note: Admins support cross teams

Jody Talkington



What does Jody Talkington do?

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2022 Transparent California:

- Oakland Unified School District
Senior Director of Strategic Projects
2022 total compensation \$238,476

2026-02-20 organization chart:

- ACOOE Deputy Chief of Strategic Projects

2026-02-20 organization chart:

- Acting Co-Chief of Student Services

2026-04-12 staff directory:

- Deputy Chief of Community Schools

Did Dan Bellino really report to Jody?



OUSD Welcomes New Chief of Staff With Previous Experience Working with County Superintendent



“Dan Bellino fully took over the roll as of July 1, 2025.”

Dr. Denise Saddler taking over as Interim Superintendent as Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell exits the Superintendent’s office is not the only major change in District Leadership underway now. The District also now has a new Chief of Staff, one of the highest ranking positions in leadership. As current Chief of Staff, Dr. Dexter Moore, Jr. transitions to a new leadership role on the other side of the country, OUSD has brought in a new Chief of Staff with decades of education experience, including as a former Chief of Staff to an Alameda County Superintendent of Schools. Dan Bellino fully took over the role as of July 1.

Bellino is an accomplished education leader with more than 21 years of experience from the classroom to the board room. He most recently served as Deputy Chief of Student Programs at the Alameda County Office of Education

2024 Transparent California:

- ACOOE Deputy Chief, SPaS
2024 total compensation \$259,926

2025-07-01 newsletter:

- Oakland USD Chief of Staff

2026-02-20 organization chart:

- **ACOOE Project Support for Jody**

2026-04-12 staff directory:

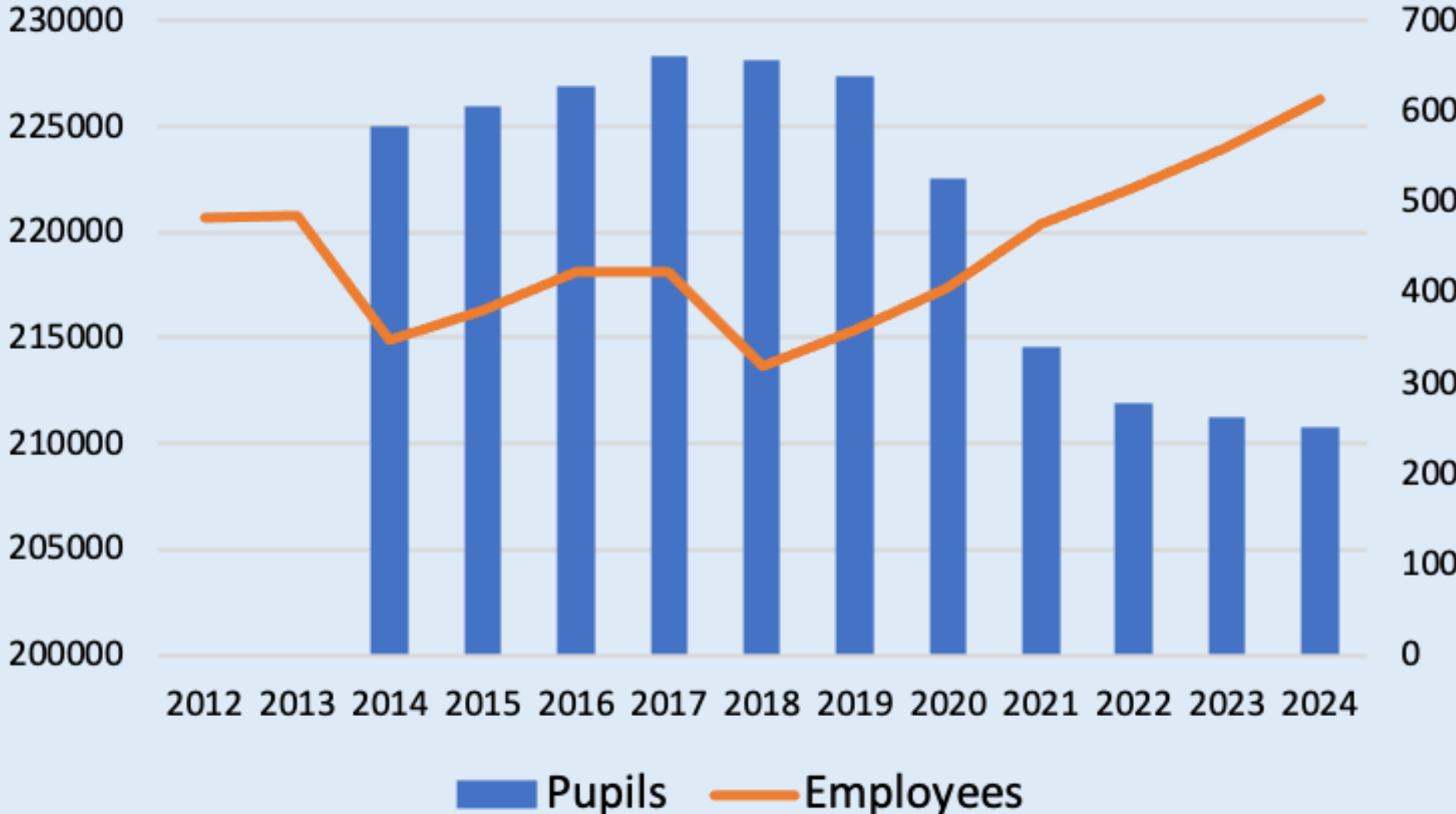
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(SPaS is Student Programs and Services)

If Dan started work for Oakland in July 2025, then why is Dan on the ACOOE org chart in 2026?

3. Bloated payroll

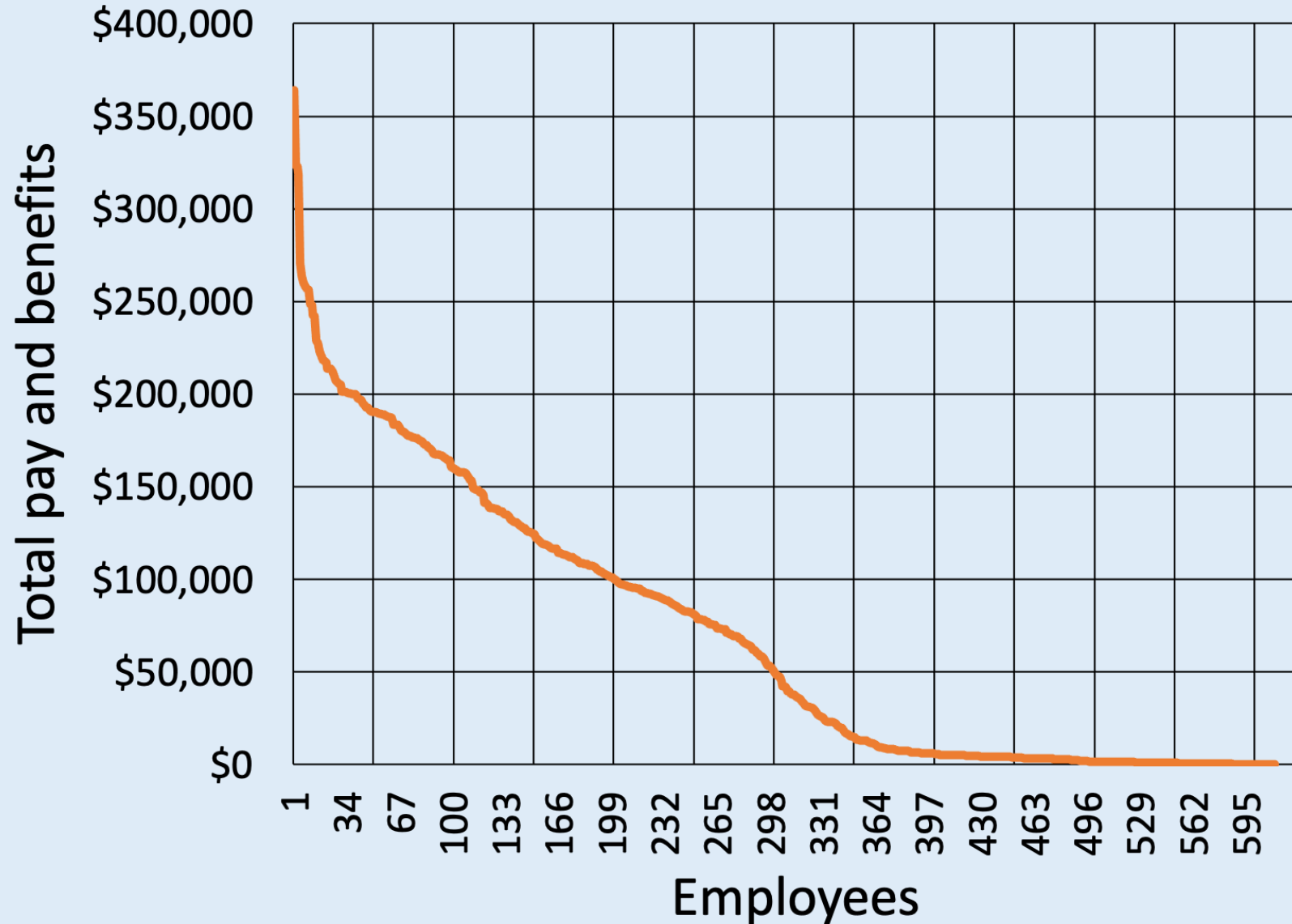
All County Pupils vs Board Employees



Source: <https://transparentcalifornia.com/>

Most employees don't earn a living wage

Do all these employees pay union dues?



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