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Funding under the Hogg Funding Formula 2 would offset some of the additional staff that would be required to provide program options for high school students in each school.

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