Key Findings

- Bellflower has not always complied with key transparency laws, limiting the public’s ability to oversee its operations.
  » The district has not always responded to requests for public records and has not consistently complied with open meeting laws.

Key Recommendations

To improve transparency and service provision, we recommend that Bellflower and the board do the following:

- Bellflower should improve its budgeting practices and revise its process for presenting its budget to the board for approval.
- The board should adopt a general fund reserve policy that establishes a healthy but reasonable target reserve for the district.
- Bellflower should review all its current Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) before December 2022 to ensure that student IEPs comply with legal requirements and that it is providing the services listed on the IEPs.
- The district should adopt policies and practices that ensure thorough and timely compliance with the public records act and open meeting laws.