

Governor's Education Budget Recommendations

(Dollars in thousands)

Ref #		FY2020	FY2021	Total for Biennium
	Total	\$267,473	\$456,238	\$723,711
1	Increases the general education basic formula by 3% next year and 2% the following year.	\$186,238	\$336,364	\$522,602
2	Increases special education funding & reforms the funding formula to hold the cross subsidy steady. Reduces a district's cross subsidy by 2.16 percent in FY20 and 5.5 percent in FY21. Adjusts the growth cap/maximum aid and the hold harmless/minimum aid calculations. Reduces the amount of unfunded special education costs that a resident district must pay for a special education student open enrolled in another district, charter schools or private school from 90% to 85% in FY20 and 80% thereafter. Provides state aid for charter schools to offset the impact.	\$22,886	\$53,889	\$76,775
3	Increases the safe school levy from \$36 per pupil to \$45 per pupil with a minimum increase of \$18,750 per district. The safe school levy will become equalized and indexed to inflation at 123% of the state average ANTC. The levy excludes 50% of agricultural land. The increase in funding will be aid in FY20 and levy beginning in FY21. Equalizes the levy Increases safe school aid for charters, cooperatives and intermediate districts.	\$10,092	\$16,168	\$26,260
4	Maintains 4000 existing voluntary prekindergarten slots. The funding will cease at the end of this school year without legislative action.	\$27,550	\$30,974	\$58,524
5	Provides funding to recruit and retain quality teachers, particularly teachers of color, through student teacher grants; mentoring, induction and retention incentive program grants for teachers of color and American Indian teachers; and expanded concurrent enrollment grants to provide "Introduction to Teaching" courses.	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$8,000
6	Expands MDE's regional centers of excellence to support districts not meeting ESSA and World's Best Work Force (WBWR) requirements.	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$8,000
7	Increases funding for the full-service community schools grant program for schools with high concentration of students living in poverty to provide non-educational services to support students and their families at the school site.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
8	Establishes a new grant program for districts to support students experiencing homelessness.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
9	Expansion of high speed internet in rural MN. (\$70 million that is funded outside of the education budget.)			
10	Establishes funding for a Second Chance Agency Director at MDE to design innovative pathways for successful outcomes for at-risk and incarcerated youth.	\$171	\$174	\$345
11	Provides the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) funding to double the number of National Board-Certified teachers (NBCTs).	\$140	\$140	\$280
12	Provides MDE aninflationary increase for operations.	\$1,665	\$2,149	\$3,814
13	Provides funding to improve IT programs and data integration at MDE to support data-driven decision making.	\$822	\$822	\$1,644
14	Provides funding for MDE to investigate maltreatment allegations of students.	\$406	\$288	\$694
15	Provides funding for MDE to support turnaround arts schools previously supported by the Perpich Center of the Arts.	\$140	\$140	\$280
16	Increased funding to support for data analytics activities at MDE.	\$222	\$226	\$448
17	Funds MDE's estimated legal costs to defend itself against two lawsuits.	\$4,700		\$4,700
18	Increases the funding to districts for special education kindergarten students to match the funding provided for general education kindergarten students.	\$96	\$106	\$202
19	Eliminates off-grade testing questions on Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) and the reporting of career and college readiness trajectory for grades 3-8 as recommended by the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA).		-\$15	-\$15
20	Equalizes achievement and integration levy revenue	\$172	\$191	\$363

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21	Provides American Indian Tribal Contract aid to maintain FY19 funding levels and add annual inflationary increases.	\$1,621	\$2,125	\$3,746
22	Provides additional funding for the Tribal Nations Education Committee to meet the requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).	\$150	\$150	\$300
23	Provides funding for the Board of School Administrators (BOSA) to maintain its funding structure.	\$232	\$232	\$464
24	Increases BOSA operating revenue.	\$170	\$115	\$285
25	Grants school boards the authority to renew existing referendums for referendums approved by voters after July 1, 2019, provided the ballot question notifies voters that the board will have this authority. The board authority to renew could be revoked through a reverse referendum. If 25% of the voters sign a petition, an election will be held asking voters if they want to revoke the board authority to renew.			
26	Converts the \$300 per pupil board-approved operating referendum to local optional revenue (LOR) for clarity, making all operating referendum voter-approved and all LOR board-approved.			
27	Clarifications to the Minnesota Indian Teacher Training Program (MITTP) to promote a more culturally responsive and effective program.			
28	Allows the use of up to 5% of each new grant appropriations to cover administration costs at MDE.			
29	Establishes an early learning scholarship special revenue fund with existing scholarship appropriations.			
30	Expands allowable uses of Regional Library Telecom Aid (RLTA) to increase access to the internet and technology in public libraries.			
31	Increase predictability in funding by basing the 0.3% transfer of achievement and integration revenue transferred to MDE to administer the program on second prior-year expenditures rather than estimated amounts.			
32	Clarifies the statute language for adult basic education (ABE) to prevent decreases in funding.			
33	Allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to include Head Start programs that are license-exempt and not receiving CCAP funds and Tribal Head Start programs in DHS's early childhood programs background study.			
	Eliminates duplicative growth model in statute.			