

Governor's Budget Recommendations - Change Items Only

Revised for the February Forecast

All Numbers in Thousands

	2020	2021	2020-21
General Education			
Increases the general education basic formula by 3% next year and 2% the following year.	\$185,441	\$335,095	\$520,536
Make the funding permanent for 4000 existing voluntary prekindergarten slots.	\$19,210	\$27,885	\$47,095
Increases the funding to districts for special education kindergarten students to match the funding provided for general education kindergarten students.	\$96	\$106	\$202
Education Excellence			
Equalizes achievement and integration levy.	\$172	\$191	\$363
Establishes a concurrent enrollment grant program for school districts to provide an "Intro to Teaching" course for high school students.	\$183	\$183	\$366
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 at the school site, such as dental care, job training, mental health services etc., to support students and their families.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Creates a teacher mentoring and retention incentive grant program to recruit and retain quality teachers, particularly teachers of color and of Native American heritage.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
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
Establishes a student teacher grants program to provide financial support for teacher candidates during student teaching, particularly for candidates of color and of Native American heritage.	\$1,817	\$1,817	\$3,634
Establishes a new grant program for districts to support students experiencing homelessness.	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Provides American Indian tribal contract aid to maintain FY19 funding levels and indexes the funding to inflation.	\$1,496	\$2,040	\$3,536
Provides additional funding for the Tribal Nations Education Committee to meet the requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).	\$150	\$150	\$300
Special Education			
Increases special education funding & reforms the funding formula to hold the cross subsidy steady. Reduces a district's cross subsidy by 2.6% in FY20 and 6.43% 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.	\$25,440	\$65,251	\$90,691
Facilities & Technology			

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For FY20, increases the safe school levy for school districts from \$36 per pupil to \$41, a \$5 increase, with a minimum increase of \$17,083 per district, provides \$5 per pupil for charter schools, a \$2 per pupil increase for intermediates and provides \$2 per pupil for all other intermediates, all in state aid. For FY21, increases the safe school levy to \$50 per pupil, for a total increase of \$14, through local property taxes, Equalizes the levy at 110% of the ANTC. Provides a 50% tax credit on agricultural lands. Provides \$14 per pupil for charter schools, an increase of \$5.8 for intermediates and provides \$5.83 for all other cooperatives in state aid.	\$5,769	\$11,531	\$17,300
Department of Education			
Provides funding for the Board of School Administrators (BOSA) to maintain its funding structure, this is a transfer and not new spending money.	\$232	\$232	\$464
Increases BOSA operating revenue.	\$170	\$115	\$285
Increases funding to support data analytics activities at MDE.	\$222	\$226	\$448
Provides funding to improve IT programs and data integration on subgroups at MDE to support data-driven decision making.	\$822	\$822	\$1,644
Funds MDE's estimated legal costs to defend itself against two lawsuits.	\$4,700		\$4,700
Provides funding for MDE to investigate maltreatment allegations of students. Expands MDE's authority to investigate maltreatment of allegations of students between 18 to 21 year old students	\$406	\$288	\$694
Provides funding for MDE to double the number of National Board-Certified teachers (NBCTs).	\$140	\$140	\$280
Provides MDE an inflationary increase for operations.	\$1,665	\$2,149	\$3,814
Expands eligibility for districts to access the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE's) regional centers of excellence to support districts not meeting ESSA and World's Best Work Force (WBWF) requirements.	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
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
Provides funding for MDE to support turnaround arts schools previously supported by the Perpich Center of the Arts.	\$140	\$140	\$280
Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board			
Moves fees from the special revenue fund to general fund*	\$1,927	\$1,847	\$3,774
Minnesota State Academies			
Increase for the Minnesota State Academies for inflation, enhancing services and technology initiatives.	\$1,735	\$1,635	\$3,370
Perpich Center for Arts Education			
Increase for the Perpich Center for the Arts for inflation and technology initiatives.	\$1,170	\$655	\$1,825
Totals	\$258,774	\$459,157	\$717,931

*Please note, these are transfers and not new spending items.