DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2025 Legislative Session Update

Association of Metropolitan School Districts, May 23, 2025

Agenda

- Legislative Overview and Status Update
- Bills That Have Passed
- Work Unfinished
- Questions?

Education Spending Targets

E-12 Spending				
	Governor	**House**	**Senate**	**Joint Agreement**
FY 2026-27 Biennium	($259,222)	$40,000	$0	$0
FY 2028-29 Biennium	($467,562)	$0	($687,400)	($420,000)

*In Thousands

FY = Fiscal Year

Education-Related Bills Passed into Law

- Chapter 33 (HF 1143) appropriates $100M into the school unemployment insurance aid account, extends by one year the expiration date for the school unemployment aid account in the special revenue fund, and cancels a 2023 appropriation of $77.232M for the Minneapolis-Duluth Northern Lights Express rail project.
- Chapter 25 (HF 1090) renames the Library Construction Grants in Minnesota Statutes 134.45 to “The Mary C. Murphy Library Construction Grants Program” to honor the late former Representative Mary Murphy.

Policy Proposals Still Under Negotiation (House Highlights)

- Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Office of Inspector General (OIG) statute updates and data protection clarifications;
- Education innovation statutory reorganization;
- Extend the emergency short-call substitute pilot program;
- Permit schools to start their school year after September 1 but before Labor Day for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years only;
- Updates statutory references to epinephrine delivery systems;
- Codify IDEA state complaint process into state statute;
- Kindergarten entry assessment one-year implementation delay

Policy Proposals Still Under Negotiation (Senate Highlights)

- The READ Act;
- Charter school accountability and oversight;
- Attendance reporting
- School Cell Phone Ban starting in 2026-27 school year
- Health subject-matter directions to statewide standards process;
- Allowing certain students to carry, and administer if necessary, opiate antagonists;
- Amend the exemption process for the prohibition on Native American mascots in public schools;
- Extend the emergency short-call substitute pilot program

Budget Proposals Still Under Negotiation (House Highlights)

House Targets: $40M in FY26/27; $0 in FY28/29

Spending Item	2026-2027 Biennial Total	2028-2029 Biennial Total
Basic Supplemental Revenue	$70,975	$80,513
Consolidation Transition Aid	$487	$504
Read Act Training	$40,000	$0
Special Education Apprenticeship Program	$6,000	$0
Student Support Personnel Aid	($13,678)	($11,304)
Special Education Transportation Reduction	($29,083)	($24,068)
Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Roof Repair	$0	$9,600
School Library Aid	($44,966)	($47,073)

*in thousands

Budget Proposals Still Under Negotiation (Senate Highlights)

- Senate Targets: $0 in FY26/27; ($687.4M) in FY28/29

Spending Item	2026-2027 Biennial Total	2028-2029 Biennial Total
Basic Formula Allowance	$0	($616,298)
Compensatory Revenue Modification	$46,073	$3,292
Consolidation Transition Aid	$487	$584
English Learner Cross-Subsidy Aid	$0	$21,969
Nonpublic Pupil Education Aid	($50,154)	($57,665)
Nonpublic Pupil Transportation Aid	($55,416)	($62,670)
Grow Your Own Grants	($18,000)	($18,000)
Teacher Residency Program	($6,000)	($6,000)
Special Education Cross-Subsidy Reduction Aid	$0	$96,718
Equity in Telecommunications Access Aid	(7,500)	(7,500)
Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Roof Repair	$2,970	$9,930

Questions?

Thank you!

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