

Governor Dayton’s FY 2018-19 Education Budget Recommendations

*Governor Dayton’s budget proposal continues his commitment to creating better opportunities for Minnesota’s children and families with **\$604 million in education investments.***

\$371 million general fund increase

- Increase in per-pupil formula by **\$121 in FY 2018** and an **additional \$124 in FY 2019** to keep Minnesota schools running and serving students.
- This is **2 percent and 2 percent** on the formula.

\$40 million special education

- In FY 2016, **133,678 children and youth** from birth to age 21 received special education services from our schools.
- The governor’s bill includes an additional **\$40 million** in special education funding over the biennium.
- This lowers the cross-subsidy by **3 percent**. The cross-subsidy has grown from \$600 million in FY 2014 to \$683 million in FY 2017.

\$74.8 million voluntary pre-kindergarten

- State-funded voluntary pre-K is currently serving **3,300 children** in 74 districts and charters at no cost to families. 183 districts applied for funding and **60 percent were turned down due to lack of funding**.
- The governor’s bill expands voluntary pre-K to serve **8,300 children** in FY 2018 and **9,300** in FY 2019.



“The opportunity to succeed in life and create jobs in our economy is built on a world-class education. This budget would deliver excellent educations for all our students, starting with our youngest learners.”

-Governor Mark Dayton

\$4.4 million supporting American Indian students

- Current state aid entitlement is projected to **decrease by 45 percent** between FY 2017 and FY 2018.
- Governor Dayton's bill includes \$4.4 million over the biennium to **maintain** American Indian Tribal contract equalization aid per pupil at the FY 2017 level of **\$3,230**.

\$4 million student support staff

- Minnesota has had one of the **worst school counselor-to-student ratios in the nation**. Data show that students benefit and have better outcomes when they have access to support services.
- The governor's bill includes \$4 million to fund up to **30 new student support positions**.



\$68.5 million pension relief

- The Teacher's Retirement Association and St. Paul Teacher's Retirement Fund Association serve **over 188,000 active and retired** pre-K through grade 12 teachers, administrators and college and university faculty.
- The governor's bill helps school districts and charter schools honor their commitment to retirees with **\$22.8 million** in FY 2018 and **\$45.7 million** in FY 2019.

\$41.1 million additional supports

- **\$1 million** to support seven partnerships serving **24,000 kids and families**.
- **\$2 million** to expand **full-service community schools**.
- **\$20 million** to increase the number of school districts receiving **debt service aid** to lower property taxes in **61 districts**.
- **\$1.5 million** for creation of an **online Individualized Education Plan (IEP) system**, reducing paperwork by up to **25 percent**, allowing teachers to spend more time in the classroom.
- **\$3.2 million** to update the department of education's mainframe, which was built in 1974 and processes **\$8.7 billion** in state and federal school aid per year and **stores student data**.
- **\$10.4 million** to strengthen the department of education's ability to help school districts meet their World's Best Workforce Goals.
- **\$3 million** to expand Help Me Grow, which reaches some of the highest risk children prenatal to age 8. The governor's bill would help reach **630,000 children and families**.