

## **Governor's Budget Proposal FY 2008-09**

The Governor's **Expansion Budget** Items Include:

- \$90 million for ABCs Incentive
- \$45,018,950 to fund the More at Four Program. Increases slot rate by \$550.
- \$3,229,005 to expand Learn and Earn into 13 more high schools.
- \$3,429,888 recommends adding a Learn and Earn Program Director to each LEA.
- \$1,000,000 to expand the School Technology Pilot, if matching funds are available.
- \$6,000,000 added to support state required match to fund School Connectivity
- \$1,949,262 for DPI to continue the newly designed Comprehensive Support System.
- \$2,000,000 for the state match for the CEDARS longitudinal data system.
- \$750,000 to support the implementation of the Graduation Project.
- \$150,000 for the Teacher Academy.
- Pass-Through-Funds
  - \$287,500 to fund Teacher Cadet Program
  - \$750,000 to fund Teach for America
  - \$500,000 to fund Communities in Schools

The Governor's **Reductions** to the Continuation Budget Items Include:

- (\$3,000,000) Reserve for average daily membership (ADM) reserve.
- (\$3,632,352) adjusting out inflationary increase for Instructional Supplies a reduction of \$2.46 per ADM to your planning allotments.
- (\$1,039,128) adjusting out inflationary increase for Textbooks a reduction of \$0.70 cents per ADM to your planning allotments.
- (\$4,500,000) reduces number of replacement School Buses by 160.
- (\$2,000,000) reduces Exceptional Children Head-Count Adjustment usually reduced after April 1 headcount is finalized.
- (\$3,343,412) eliminates funding for writing tests in grades 4, 7 and 10 as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing.
- (\$1,500,000) reduces Group Homes and Community Residential Center funding based on historical use of funds.
- (\$250,000) reduced from the Math and Science Supplement Salary Pilot.

Other items of Interest:

- \$11,000,000 added appropriation for Class-Size Reduction to recognize Lottery Proceeds may not reach expectation in FY 2008-09.
- Teachers and instructional support would receive a step increase plus \$2,000 per step for an average increase of 6.96% (teachers at the top of the salary schedule would get a one-time bonus). Steps 0-2 are collapsed at a monthly rate of \$3,175 per month and 3 and 4 are collapsed at a monthly rate of \$

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- Principals and assistant principals would receive a step increase plus 5.97% (those at the top of the scale would receive a one-time bonus)
- All other employees would receive a 1.5% salary increase, \$1,000 one time bonus and 40 hours of bonus vacation leave.
- The employer retirement rate contribution remains at 7.83%.
- The employer contribution for hospitalization is as recommended last year \$4,157.

Link to Governor's Budget: K-12 Education, Pages 57-66

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