



# Governor Mark Dayton's 2018 Supplemental Budget

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*“(W)e have made substantial increases in our state investments in education — in our people — starting from early childhood; to universal, all-day kindergarten; all the way through elementary, secondary, and postsecondary.”*

-Governor Mark Dayton, State of the State Address, March 14, 2018



# Governor's Supplemental Budget Overview

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- Special Education Funding Increase
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- American Indian Education Initiatives
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# Student Safety: Safe Schools Levy

- Increase and equalize the safe schools levy to improve student and school security
- In FY19, \$15.9 million in one-time state aid for districts and charters
  - \$18 per pupil or a \$22,500 minimum
- In FY20 and thereafter, double and equalize levy allowance and give aid to charters
  - Double levy allowance from \$36 per pupil to \$72 per pupil with a minimum of \$30,000
  - Equalize the levy
  - Give charters \$36 per pupil in safe schools aid
  - \$5.6 million in FY20 and \$4.4 million in FY21

# Special Education Funding

- Increase special education aid to reduce the special education cross subsidy
  - Improving the formula calculation
  - Lifting the per pupil cap
- \$16.9 million in FY19; \$21.4 million in FY20; and \$22.1 million in FY21

# Sustainable Prekindergarten

## Ongoing funding for voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus

- Increase by 5 percent beginning in FY20
  - 7,160 students in FY19; 7,518 in FY20; and 7,894 in FY21
- Split out Minneapolis and St. Paul into separate groups
- \$204,000 in FY19; \$26 million in FY20; and \$31 million in FY21



# Other Early Education

- Early Learning Scholarships
  - Expand to 0-3 year olds
  - Extend time Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has to spend funds from 24 months to 27 months
- Help Me Grow: \$1.5 million per year
  - Could cover 630,000 children, ages 0-8, and 68,000 pregnant women
- Background checks for all Head Start locations by Department of Human Services
- Align kindergarten hours for those with a disability with all other kindergarten students

# American Indian Education Initiatives

- Continue American Indian tribal contract aid at FY19 level of \$3,320 per pupil
  - Covers the four Bureau of Indian Education schools
  - Prevents an \$1,820 per pupil cut to the program
  - \$1.7 million in FY20 and \$2 million in FY21
- Minnesota Indian Teacher Training Program changes
  - This change would provide clear direction to current grantees about the institutions they can partner with
  - Clarifies scholarship eligibility
  - Eliminates loan portion of the program and focuses all funding on scholarships, recruitment and administration



# Assessments Access and Efficiency

- Fully fund the cost of taking the GED with an added \$403,000 per year
  - Would cover roughly 5,000 testers
- Extend time for districts to seek reimbursement for college entrance exam
  - Would allow MDE to finalize reimbursements within 28 months rather than 24 months
- Eliminate off-grade test questions and career- and college-readiness scores



# Long Term Facilities Maintenance and Referendum/Local Optional Revenue

- Long Term Facilities Maintenance Levy
  - Allows certain cooperating districts to equitably spread the levy for safety projects
  - Agreements for secondary education or inter-district cooperation agreement
  - Covers revenue generated by indoor air quality, fire safety or asbestos projects
- Referendum/Local Optional Revenue Clarification
  - Converts \$300/pupil of referendum revenue to local optional revenue
  - Simplifies referendum revenue into all voter approved

# Q Comp and Regional Library Telecommunications Aid

- Full coverage for current Q Comp participants
  - Removes funding cap for current program participants only to cover enrollment growth
  - \$847,000 in FY19; \$1.4 million in FY20; and \$1.7 million in FY21
- Transfer of Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA) to Telecom Equity Aid (TEA)
  - Allow unexpended RLTA aid to be used to fund additional TEA projects, like upgraded technology systems
  - Would convert up to an otherwise unspent \$350,000 each biennium

# Other Governor Proposals

## Pension stability

- Funding covers increases in employer contributions
- \$10.8 million in FY19; \$23.8 million in FY20; and \$35.3 million in FY21

## School-linked mental health grants

- \$5 million per year

## Homework Starts at Home

- \$4 million in FY19 to help provide stable housing for an additional 500 families and 1,000 kids

Thank you!