

## 2017 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

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Governor Dayton's E-12 education budget recommendations for the FY18-19 biennium include a \$609 million increase over current level spending. His proposal includes a 2% per year formula increase of 2% per year, \$74 million to expand voluntary pre-kindergarten, \$40 million for special education aid and \$68 million to cover employer contribution increases as part of a proposal to fund the state teacher's pension.

Click [here](#) to read the budget documents provided by Minnesota Management and Budget. School districts runs are not yet available. More details will be available once his recommendations are introduced as legislation.

**Formula Increase:** Recommends an increase to the basic general education formula of two percent in FY2018 and an additional two percent in FY2019, a \$370 million increase. This will increase the per pupil formula by \$121, from \$6067 to \$6,188 in FY2018 and by an additional \$124 to \$6,312 in FY2019.

**Special Education:** Recommends an increase in state special education aid by \$40 million in the FY2018-2019 biennium.

**Debt Service Equalization:** Recommends a \$20 million for FY2018-2019 increase to the state share of school debt service revenue.

**Pensions:** Recommends appropriating \$68 million in aid to school districts and charter schools to offset a proposed increase in employer contribution rates for TRA.

**Student Support Staff:** Recommends \$4 million in grants to schools to hire more student support services personnel.

**Voluntary Prekindergarten:** Recommends a \$74 million increase in funding for voluntary prekindergarten program. Proposes a policy change to require schools with approved voluntary pre-kindergarten to hire licensed teachers by school year 2020.

**Early Learning Scholarships:** Recommends extending access to scholarships to children ages zero to five. Currently scholarships are limited to children ages three to five.

**Full Service Community Schools:** Recommends a \$2 million increase over the biennium.

**Help Me Grow:** Recommends \$3 million over the biennium to expand the current Help Me Grow system to develop a comprehensive statewide, coordinated system of early identification, referral and follow-up for children prenatal to age 8 and their families.

**Online IEP Funding:** Recommends \$1.4 million over the biennium to create a state online special education documentation system.

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**MDE:** Recommends \$3.2 million over the biennium to update MDE mainframe applications. These applications are used to calculate and distribute state and federal aid to school districts.