



JUNE LEGISLATIVE SESSION DEBRIEF TOUR

MREA ADVOCACY

DFL Trifecta Session

- Education
 - Highlights & Challenges
- Other Bills of Education Impact

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DFL TRIFECTA SESSION

Aggressive pace of activity = 75 Chapters of Law Presented to the Governor, 74 signed into law

Walz 'State of the State' confirmed 'blue state' agenda

Record Surplus: \$19B, \$8.5B

Trifecta Budget Targets on March 21st

- 15 Budget bills
- 2 Capital Investment bills = \$2.6B
- Taxes: what makes a good tax bill?!
 - New taxes include: metro sales tax up 1%, gas tax inflator, delivery fee

2024 Session begins February 12, must end by May 20

- \$828 Cash, \$880 GO for next Capital Investment bill

Final Education Bill Highlights

- 4&2, then CPI indexing, bookended between 2-3%
- Special Education CrossX = 44%, 50% as of FY '27 and later
- Shore up School Readiness+ VPK slots
- Cooperative Facilities
- Setting 4 Program Aid
- Student Support Personnel Aid (school counselor, psychologist, social worker, nurse, or chemical dependency counselor)
- Article 3 "The Read Act" and Literacy Aid
- Article 4 Teacher Development: GYO, Sped Pipeline, Student Teacher, etc.
- Board authority to renew expiring operating levy
- Transportation Sparsity
- CTE Consortia
- School Social Workers MA Billing

Final Other Education Categoricals

- **English Learner Aid**
- **School Library Support Aid**
- **American Indian Aid**
- **Full Service Community Schools Aid**
- **Multi-tiered Systems of Support Aid**
- **Paraprofessional Training Aid**
- **Cyber Security Grants**

New Education Challenges

- **Unemployment Insurance (Para Bill of Rights)**
- **New Terms & Conditions to be bargained**
- **Paid Family & Medical Leave**
- **Earned Safe & Sick Time**
- **Restrictions on suspension and seclusion rooms**
- **Government & Citizenship, Personal Finance (others proposed!)**

Other Bills of Impact

Jobs & Labor (HF 3035)

- **New Terms & Conditions to be bargained, including e-learning days**
- **Earned Safe & Sick Time**
- **\$10 million for the Drive for Five Initiative, to prepare workers to enter five of the most critical occupational categories in the state with high-growth jobs and family-sustaining wages: technology, caring professions, education, manufacturing, and trades.**
- **\$3 million for competitive grants to support high school robotics teams and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields with a carve-out for internships for high school students to work at private companies in STEM fields**

Other Bills of Impact

Paid Family & Medical Leave (HF 2)

- **20 weeks**
- **Floating .7% payroll tax; could rise to 1.2%**
 - **can split 50/50 between ER/EE**
 - **Benefits and payroll tax effective 1.1.26**

Taxes (HF 1938)

- **Pensions adjustment to age 65: ER up .75, EE up .25**
- **Several districts received construction sales tax exemptions**
- **LGA, CPA, Tribal Gov Aid, SCORE**
- **Ag2School remains intact at 70% credit**

Other Bills of Impact

Health & Human Services (SF 2995)

- Lead in drinking water 15ppb down to 5 ppb
- School Linked mental health grants
- School based clinics
- Child Care stabilization grants and CCAP
- Creation of the Children, Youth & Families Department

Environment & Climate (HF 2310)

- Solar on Schools
- HVAC Grants (\$50k each)
- Electric School Bus deployment program and funding

Other Bills of Impact

Transportation (HF 2887)

- **Type III vehicle continued use**
- **Safe Routes to School funding**
- **Active Transportation Safety Training**
- **\$50k for education and awareness campaign on motor vehicles passing school busses**
- **\$2,000,000 for grants to school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and companies that provide school bus services for the purchase and installation of school bus stop-signal arm camera systems.**

Other Bills of Impact

Housing (HF2335)

- **Challenge Grant funding a school district,**

State Government (HF1830)

- **Repeal of Local Gov Salary Caps**
- **Hmong special guerrilla units Remembrance Day (May14): Schools are encouraged to offer instruction about Hmong history**
- **Juneteenth begins this June 19**

Agriculture (HF 1955)

- **Farm2School grants**