

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Rob Sauer
Date: 1/8/2020
Re: Superintendents Board Report

Education Updates

- Governor Brad Little continued to identify education as one of his top priorities in the State of the State Address. A few of the main points from his address.
 - Grocery tax relief. He proposed \$35 million in relief that could be used to increase the income tax credit for groceries or phase in a repeal of the sales tax on groceries.
 - Add \$102 million to the state savings account. This is in preparation for a possible future economic slowdown.
 - Complete the raising of minimum teacher pay to \$40,000.
 - Funding to keep the literacy initiative funding ongoing.
 - \$1 million for professional development and additional resources to serve students facing social-emotional issues, including trauma and mental illness.
 - Boost pay for veteran teachers. (This may come into conflict with key legislators)