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School Equity Members,

After more than three months of lobbying and waiting, we are finally waking up this morning to a new School Aid Budget. In the end, it is very similar to the original proposals of the Exec and Senate proposals from last spring, with a few compromises sprinkled in. Here are some highlights:

- **\$10,050 dollars per student, a 4.6% increase**
- **Increased At-Risk funding**
- **Protects transportation categorical**
- **Includes school meals**
- **Mental health and school safety money included, but designated as one-year funding**
- **\$100M pulled from MPSERS reimbursements to cover help with per pupil increase**
- **Increases to higher ed from SAF**

It will take some time to unpack the pages of detail in the bill and respective conference reports, but we're working on that and will share more in the days ahead. You will find the budget reports for both Senate and House attached.

We are also aware that this delay has created significant hardship for many as they have borrowed money to ensure smooth operations, laid off employees, withheld funds in negotiations, and so on. With that in mind, we have joined with other state associations to voice our disgust with the way this budget process was executed - with no urgency, no transparency, and no acknowledgement of the harm that has been done to public schools. We will continue to voice the need for change and advocate for meaningful penalties for future legislatures who violate budgeting deadlines. If you

have concrete examples of the extra costs this delay has created for your district, please drop me a note or call with your story.

Keep up the good work you are doing for kids, and stay tuned for more information.

Best regards,
Brian

Brian Keim
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2 attachments



Senate Budget.pdf
631K



House Budget.pdf
888K