



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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- ❖ **HF602 School Activity Accounts** allows schools to transfer money into the school activities fund to offset the difference between costs and money raised for events through concession sales, ticket prices, and other means. The bill is repealed as of July 2023 and is effective immediately giving schools some relief in activity fund shortages due to the pandemic.
- ❖ The Governor signed the broadband grants bill with an initial appropriation of \$100 million. The goal is to bring high-speed internet capability to all of rural Iowa.

Still in the Works

- Passed by the Senate, and returned to the House, **HF 802** prohibits teaching that Iowa is fundamentally racist or sexist. It prohibits teaching divisive concepts and race or sex scapegoating and requires schools to include these provisions in its publication code.
- **SF 587**, the tax omnibus bill, would transfer funding of mental health from the counties to the state, and do away with the PERL levy available to school districts. It has passed the Senate, but the House has not yet taken it up.
- On Tuesday the Senate Appropriations Committee voted out SF 619, a tax omnibus bill, that includes many of the items contained in HF 868. We are hopeful they will soften some of the accreditation language, as well as the language around petitioning school boards to have items added to board agendas.

The Legislative Priorities for the Belmond-Klemme Board

Funding and support for mental health services in Iowa schools and across the state.	Nothing.
Fund all schools on the same per-pupil amount.	No movement.
Defeat vouchers	Remains alive.
Remove the arbitrary cap on Dropout/At-risk funds.	Passed the House. Killed by the Senate.
Raise the maximum salary under IPERS from \$30,000 to \$50,000.	Nothing.

