



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Providing quality education while preparing our children and community for the future

School Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: February 2, 2015

Place on Agenda: Reports, Superintendent

Topic: Legislative Update

Presenter: Rich Dahman

Background:

The 2015 Minnesota Legislative session has begun, and Governor Dayton has released his preliminary budget. The items in Governor Dayton's Budget proposal that would have the most impact on Medford Schools include:

- State providing funding for students who attend pre-kindergarten
- State providing funding for breakfast for all students in grades PK-3
- Additional 1% on the basic formula for each of the next two years

Other educational topics that have been discussed that are not included in Governor Dayton's budget, but are likely to be part of the legislative discussion include:

- Funding to districts for additional school counselors
- Funding for Teacher Development and Evaluation (TDE)
- Recommendations from the Facilities Task Force, to equalize debt service payments
- Changes to mandatory testing requirements
- Easing of mandates on the starting the school year after Labor Day

As we move through the legislative session, I will keep you updated on these and other potential bills which impact education. Some of you are attending the Legislative Breakfast on February 7, which will give you a chance to learn more and to share your thoughts on these topics.