THIS WEEK @ THE CAPITOL

This week at the Capitol, the Governor, the House DFL Leadership, and the Senate Republican Leadership laid out their priorities for the 2022 Session that begins this Monday. The Governor laid out a supplementary budget of $787 million for Early Childhood – K-12 education. The DFL and Republican leadership indicated that the cost of their proposals would be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

Earlier this week, the Governor announced his proposed supplementary budget for Early Childhood and K-12 Education. Highlights of newly proposed spending for FY23:

- An additional 2% ($137 per pupil) on the general education basic formula ($135 million)
- Universal Free Meals with Community Eligibility Provision ($186 million)
- Public Pre-K for Eligible 4-year old children ($155 million)
- Early Learning Scholarships for 0-3 year old children ($75 million)
- Special Education Cross Subsidy Reduction ($45 million)
- Student Support Personnel ($21 million)
- Grow Your Own Programs ($21 million)
- Recruit and Retain Education Support Personnel ($15 million)
- English Language (EL) Aid ($11+ million)
- Expand Rigorous Coursework ($10 million)
- School-Based Mental Health Screening ($9+ million)
- Out of School Time/Community Partnership Grants ($7 million)
- Expand Competency-Based Education Programs ($6+ million)
- School-linked Behaviors Health Grants ($6 million)
- Statewide Teacher Mentoring Program ($5+ million)
- Educator Career Pathway Programs ($5 million)
- Full-Service Community Schools ($5 million)
- BOLD: A Birth-Grade 12 Action Plan for Literacy Achievement ($5 million)
- Culturally Specific Learning Opportunities ($5 million)
- Special Education Separate Site and Programs ($5 million)
- After School Grant Programs ($5 million)
- Provision of Special Instruction – Students with disability until age 22 ($3+ million)

The Governor’s plan would provide additional funding for a number of programs beyond those highlighted.

**SENATE REPUBLICANS ANNOUNCE EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

On Wednesday, the Senate Republican Caucus outlined their education priorities for 2022:

- Literacy – 90% of students being literate
- Parent Empowerment
- Mental Health of students

**HOUSE DFL ANNOUNCE EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

On Tuesday, the House DFL Caucus outlined their education priorities for 2022:

- Affordable Childcare
- Early Learning Programs
- Increasing funding to reduce the English Language (EL) Cross Subsidy
- Increase funding to reduce the Special Education Cross Subsidy
- Funding for support staff
- Declining enrollment aid
- Grow Your Own Programs
- Student and staff mental health
- Reduce the opportunity gap (discipline policies, graduation rates)

**MORE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENTS ANNOUNCED**

**HOUSE** – To date, 14 of 134 not running for re-election (10 DFLers & 4 Republicans)

- Rep. Carlos Marini – (DFL- 65B) – 10 charter schools in district
- Rep. Shelly Christiansen – (DFL- 39B) – 2 charter schools in district
- Rep. Rena Moran – (DFL- 65A) – 5 charter schools in district – running for county Commissioner

**SENATE** – To date, 10 of 67 not running for re-election (6 DFLer’s & 4 Republicans)

- Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen – (R- 8) – 1 charter school in district
- Senator Mike Goggin – (R -21) – no charter schools in district

**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON DATA PRACTICES RECOMMENDATIONS**
On Monday, January 24th the Legislative Commission on Data Practices held a public meeting to discuss four (4) bills dealing with student data privacy (the Commission is composed of House and Senate members). Motions to recommend three (3) of the bills to the full House and Senate for approval in the 2022 session were adopted.

**HF 431/SF 2307** - the bill would create a Student Data Privacy Act within the Data Practices Law (MN Statute 13). Much of the bill deals with school issued technological devices, what technology providers must do around educational data, and what those providers can and cannot do in terms of electronic access or monitoring of school-issued devices.

**HF 1407/SF XXXX** - the bill would allow the sharing of student information with tribal nations about tribally enrolled or descendant students to the extent necessary for the tribal nation and school district or charter school to support the educational attainment of the student.

**HF XXXX/SF XXXX** - the bill to be introduced would define a student’s home address, telephone number, email address, or other personal contact information as directory information that is private educational data under the Data Practices Law.

**MACS POSITION** – MACS supports legislation that protects the privacy of student information.

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**NEXT WEEK @ THE CAPITOL - JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4**

- **Monday, Jan. 31** – House & Senate Convene at Noon for 2022 Session
- **Wednesday – Feb. 2** – House Education Policy Committee to hear Report on Trading Sex and Sexual Exploitation Among High School Students

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**U.S. SUPREME COURT AGREES TO HEAR CHALLENGES TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

On January 24th, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear two cases that challenge affirmative action in public and private universities. **The question before the Court: Do race-conscious admission policies violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and/or the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment?** The Court is not expected to hear the case until next term – but the court’s ruling could have implications for K-12 education.

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