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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Budget Highlights – prepared 1/28/2020

The Senate Education Subcommittee rolled out the Education budget proposal for FY 2020-2021 today.

- To access the Meeting Packet, click [HERE](#).
- To watch the archived video (roughly 6 minutes) click [HERE](#).

Note: *The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee is expected to meet tomorrow and roll-out the Chair's 2020-2021 budget.*

Some highlights of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Chair Kelli Stargel) proposal include:

- \$23.2 billion total for Education (*excluding local funds*)
- \$16.8 billion PreK-12 Education (*excluding non-recurring funds*)
- \$22.6 billion for public schools (*\$762.8 million increase over the current year*)
- FEFP increases total funds per FTE **\$181 or 2.37%**
- \$40 increase BSA
- \$500 million for new teacher salary increase
- \$25 million (increase) for youth mental health

With regard to the new salary increase allocation in the the FEFP:

- Allocated funds are based on each districts share of total base funds
- Requires districts to use 80% of total allocation to increase minimum teacher salaries to the Governor's goal of \$47,500.00. *The intent would be to meet this goal over the next several years.*
- Allows districts, if the \$47,500.00 goal is met, within the 80% and minimum salary is increased by 5%, to spend the remaining funds on other teachers, instructional personnel and salary increases
- Allows districts to spend 20% of total allocations on other teachers/instructional personnel, such as veteran teachers, to give them a salary increase pursuant to the local discretion