2018 SHORT SESSION UPDATE

NCSBA Legislative Webinar Series

May 21, 2018
Overview of the Webinar

- Opening Day
- Introduced bills
- The Week Ahead
- Highlights of Governor’s Budget
May 16 – First Day of Session
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Respect NC STUDENTS:
Invest in their health, wellbeing, and safety:
- Increase per student spending to the national average within four years.
- At least 500 more school counselors, psychologists, social workers, & nurses.
- Improve health options for vulnerable students by expanding Medicaid

Respect NC EDUCATORS:
Implement a Multi-Year Professional Compensation & Benefits Plan:
- End experienced educator pay discrimination;
- Raise average teacher pay to the national average within four years
- Guaranteeing annual cost of living adjustments to the pay scale
- Significant and livable raises for ALL public school employees
- Restoring extra pay for advanced degrees, longevity pay, and career status
- Ending pay for performance based on test scores, including for Administrators
- Enhanced and protected health insurance and pension plans
- Real dedicated planning and lunch time for all educators

Respect NC Parents and Communities:
- No corporate tax cuts until per-pupil spending & teacher pay reach national average
- Fix crumbling schools & large class sizes with a statewide school construction bond.

I commit to sponsoring and supporting each proposal that I have initialed above.

NAME: ________________________ DATE: ________________________

ATTENDANCE RECORD:
2pm May 16th Meeting w/ Educators, Parents & Students:
[ ] Present
[ ] Absent
Introduced Bills – House Select Committee on School Safety Recommendations

- **H932**: Provide funding for apps that allow anonymous reporting on bullying, weapons, potential threats, abuse, suicide and related issues.

- **H933**: Accept nationally certified school psychologist credential for licensure in North Carolina. (Approved by House 114-0)

- **H934**: Establish threat assessment teams in all public schools; Peer to Peer counseling programs in middle & high schools; Provide grants for training and materials.

- **H937**: Create training and continuing ed requirements for SROs
Introduced Bills – House Select Committee on School Safety Recommendations

- **HB 938**: Require charter, regional, and lab schools to develop school risk management plans.

- **HB 939**: Require annual vulnerability assessments for each school building.

- **HB 940**: Require local school boards to submit annual SRO report.

- **HB 941**: Increase SRO grant by $1.8 million for elementary & middle schools.
Introduced Bills – Other

- **SB 718**: Revise Principal Compensation
  - Makes several fixes to the principal salary schedule/bonus programs.

- **HB 965**: National and State Mottos in Schools Act
  - Require posting of the National & State mottos in public schools

- **HB 936 /SB 725**: Allow Durham Public Schools to Provide Housing

- **HB 951**: Permit Lincoln Co. Schools & Com College Align Calendars
Bill Filing Deadlines

- **May 30**  Study Committee Recommendations
- **May 31**  Bills Affecting the 2018-19 budget
- **June 5**  Bills Affecting Retirement Systems
- **June 7**  Local Bills
Meetings – Week of May 21-25

- Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee
  - May 21, 1pm, Room 544 LOB
  - Education Funding Dispute Resolution
  - School Nurses

- House State and Local Government Committee - May 23 at 10AM

- No Education Committees scheduled
Governor’s Recommended Budget Adjustments for FY 2018-19

- Overall 2018-19 Budget
  - $620M greater than legislative spending target.
  - Increase revenue by:
    - Adding additional income tax bracket for couples making $200,000/yr (singles $100,000/yr)
    - Not allowing corporate income tax rate to drop from 3% to 2.5% in 2019

- Salary/Retirement
  - Additional $98M for teacher compensation.
    - Increase budgeted 6% average increase to 8%.
    - Restore 30 year annual step salary schedule.

  - Additional $13M for principal compensation.
    - New principal salary schedule
      - Experienced based salary increases based on years as principal.
      - Annual supplement based on school ADM.
Governor’s Recommended Budget Adjustments for FY 2018-19

- **Salary/Retirement (continued)**
  - Other employee compensation:
    - Greater of $1,250 or 2% cost of living adjustment.
    - 1% cost of living adjustment for retirees.
    - $150 per teacher for classroom supplies.

- **School Safety**
  - $40M for additional student support services personnel: nurses, psychologists, counselors, and social workers.
  - Additional school resource officers (SROs)
    - $7M increase in at-risk allotment
    - $3M increase in grant program for SROs in elementary and middle schools
  - Increase school personnel receiving youth Mental Health First Aid training.
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- School Construction
  - $75M K-3 Class Size Capital Fund for FY 2018-19:
    - Construction of new K-3 classroom facilities.
    - Purchase and installation of mobile classrooms.
    - Renovation/conversion of facilities to produce additional K-3 classrooms.

- $25M to SBE from Public Safety Reserve:
  - Safety improvements to facilities
  - Purchase of safety and security equipment
  - Improvements in communication and data systems
  - Training
  - Development of security master plans

- Support of $2 billion school construction bond (November 2018 ballot).
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- Other K-12 Investments:
  - Additional $15M (nonrecurring) for textbooks and digital instructional resources.
  - New $3M grant program to identify academically gifted students in under-represented populations.
  - $5M for teacher professional development (nonrecurring).
  - $4.1M to eliminate the scheduled budget reduction for DPI.
  - Repeal $10M automatic increase for Opportunity Scholarship school voucher program.
  - Use TANF funds to create 1,000 new NC Pre-K slots.
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Mondays at Noon.

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