



2018 SHORT SESSION UPDATE

NCSBA Legislative Webinar Series

May 21, 2018

LET'S BREAK
TO EDUCATE

WEBINAR SERIES

Legislative discussions
Mondays @ noon



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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I believe that the best way to improve educational outcomes is to invest deeply in North Carolina's Public Schools. During the 2018 legislative session I will:

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 /SB725*: 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.

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- 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.

Governor's Recommended Budget Adjustments for FY 2018-19

- 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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- NCSBA Governmental Relations Department will host weekly webinars throughout the 2018 session with updates on legislative activity.

- Mondays at Noon.

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