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Public Education Appropriations

January 19, 2022

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Quality Educators

- A **5% WPU** increase in addition to the provisions of HB357 each year to attract educators and support staff
- Expand programs to **recruit, support, and retain teachers** as they enter the profession
- Support the continued development of **educator career pathway programs**



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Student Supports

- Invest in **early childhood** learning.
- Increase **social, emotional, and mental health supports** for students
- Provide additional funding and support for **students with disabilities**
- Support **extended learning opportunities**



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Schools

- **\$5M** per year to attain 85% state support for to and from transportation costs as provided in statute
- **\$500,000** per year to increase Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) funding
- **\$250M** in one-time funds to support increased **capital costs**
- Provide **\$55M** in funding to reduce the cost of **curricular fees**



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Policy

- We **support** local governance by elected non-partisan school boards
- We **support** school accountability and are prepared to work cooperatively with legislators to repeal school grading legislation
- We **support** restoring the ability for local taxing entities to impose impact fees on behalf of public schools
- We **support** modifying the calculation of the certified tax rate to include an automatic inflation adjustment
- We **support** prioritizing one-time funding for improved access to digital instruction



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Questions?



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