



## Indiana School Boards Association

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Dear ISBA Members:

ISBA and five other K-12 education associations stood with Governor Eric Holcomb, Speaker Brian Bosma, President Pro Tempore Rod Bray, Representative Todd Huston (Ways & Means Chairman), and Senator Ryan Mishler (Appropriations Chairman) on the floor of the House of Representatives at 3 p.m. today to announce the final version of House Bill 1001, state budget. The new budget appropriates a total of \$763 million in new money for K-12 public education in the next biennium.

The six K-12 education associations had been in conversation with legislative leaders throughout the session and offered a funding proposal earlier this month with 10 funding priorities. If reached, we pledged to stand with our state leaders to declare a successful budget for K-12 public education. Ultimately, all 10 priorities are embedded in the state budget, including:

- An increase in the state tuition support formula of \$539 million over the biennium, or an increase of 2.5% per year on average statewide;
- The Foundation Grant (base dollars per student) will increase from \$5,352 in FY 2019 to \$5,548 (3.7%) in FY '20 and \$5,703 (2.8%) in FY '21;
- Increases English Language Learner funding from \$17.5 million to \$22.5 million/year;
- Increases the Secured School Grant from \$9 million in annual appropriation in the current budget to \$19 million/year;
- Funds the Teacher and Student Achievement Grant from \$30 million/year to \$37.5 million/year;
- Adjusts the August 1 kindergarten cut-off date for ADM count purposes to September 1, 2019, and then to October 1 in 2020;

- Calls for the Complexity Index Grant to be studied during the 2019 interim period of the legislature.

Because of all of these funding goals (among others) being reached, ISBA joined with IASBO, IAPSS, IUSA, ISRSA, and the Coalition of Growing and Suburban Schools to lend our support to the final version of the state budget.

Given the revenue forecast in December, and the need to fund DCS and Medicaid at significantly higher levels, we anticipated that there would only be approximately \$35 million available in new state revenues for all other state-funded programs. This final version marks a significant victory for public education. This is a historic funding level and highest percentage increase since the Great Recession and the changes to funding of public education made in 2009.

ISBA was pleased to be at the table with Governor Holcomb and the legislative leaders to come to an agreement on this funding package.

You can read more about it [here](#).

To see the tuition support formula simulation run go to:

[https://www.indianahouserеспублиcans.com/clientuploads/PDF/2019/Tuition\\_Support\\_Formula\\_-\\_HB\\_1001.pdf](https://www.indianahouserеспублиcans.com/clientuploads/PDF/2019/Tuition_Support_Formula_-_HB_1001.pdf)

To see the conference committee report on K-12 education funding go to:

[https://www.indianahouserеспублиcans.com/clientuploads/PDF/2019/State\\_Budget\\_Proposal.pdf](https://www.indianahouserеспублиcans.com/clientuploads/PDF/2019/State_Budget_Proposal.pdf)

Further details on the budget and other news laws will be forthcoming via ISBA weekly legislative updates on Friday and in weeks to follow.