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Dear ISBA Members:

The 2019 budget session (and the first regular session of the 121st Indiana General Assembly) concluded Wednesday evening with the fall of the gavel in the House of Representatives to adjourn Sine Die at 11:10 p.m. As you will recall session commenced on January 3 and by concluding on Wednesday, the session ended five days earlier than the statutory deadline of April 29.

In short, what resulted from the session is a **new two-year state budget that commits \$763 million in total new money for K-12 education** over the current biennial appropriation total AND **52 new laws** pertaining to K-12 education, school governance, or child-related programs and services.

You can access the final ISBA bill tracking list that provides a digest of each of these news laws [HERE](#).

For a review of the details of the new state budget, please see my email update sent to you on Tuesday afternoon (at 4:40 p.m.). Overall, the budget provides a 4.5% increase in state education funds each of the next two years. The statewide tuition support formula increase is 2.5% each year, and when coupled with the resources made available from the unfunded liability buy-down of the post-1996 Teacher Retirement Fund and the increased funds from the Teacher Appreciation Grants, meaningful funds will be available (generally speaking) to address teacher and staff compensation increases through the collective bargaining process. Please join ISBA in thanking Governor Holcomb, Speaker Bosma, President Pro Tempore Bray, Representative Huston, Representative Thompson, Senator Mishler, Senator Bassler, and the House and Senate fiscal analysts, along with your area legislators, for their efforts to construct a budget that places K-12 public education as the top priority in the state budget.

To hear a more comprehensive update on the outcomes of the session, please join us for the ISBA Spring Regional Dinner meeting in your area by registering [HERE](#). They start on May 6th!