

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR March 2023



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Day.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The House started budget deliberations this week and are proposing several bills:

1. About \$260 million in new money for State Aid to Classroom plus other revenue will be proposed to assist districts in meeting the state minimum teacher salary increase of an additional \$2500 from last year. This would raise the first-year teacher salary from \$40,000 to \$42,500.
2. \$17.3 million in general fund revenue for an increase in bus driver base hourly rate.
3. \$120 million in nonrecurring EIA revenue for capital funding for schools (\$20 million for district consolidations; \$10 million for consolidating 3 schools into 1 campus and other educational buildings into 1; \$20 million for school safety upgrades)
4. \$3 million in EIA revenue to increase the teacher supplies stipend from \$300 to \$350 per eligible teacher.
5. \$9.5 million in EIA revenue for Career and Technology Education.

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6. \$30 million in EIA nonrecurring revenue for instructional materials.
7. \$2 million in EIA nonrecurring for startup, administrative costs for the Education Scholarship Program in Senate bill 39, which has passed the Senate .
8. \$14.1 million for 188 new School Resource Officers (SROs) and \$13.1 million for SRO equipment.
9. Bill H. 4100, prohibits counties from having multiple school districts by July 1, 2025;

Proposed Policy Manual Revision Contract (old code conversion)

- The SCSBA (Stephanie Lawrence) sent a proposal to revise the entire policy manual.
- The policies will be divided into six sets: Sections A and B; Sections C, D, E, and F; Section G; Section I; Section J; and Sections K and L.
- SCSBA recommends reviewing and approving these drafts by section(s) to avoid confusion and ensure a timely completion process.
- The SCSBA will revise the sections in the order as directed by the board; for example, some districts feel a specific area is particularly out of date and needs to be dealt with first. Each section will require two readings.
- The board may be unable to devote each meeting to this project; therefore, a feasible goal is approximately 12 to 18 months to complete the entire project, or we could set a specific time to meet and review policies.
- If the board elects to set a side-specific policy revision time to review individual sections of the policy manual, the process could take about two to three months per section.

Parents and Students are receiving Important Notices this month!



FSD3 will offer a variety of Enrichment Camps this summer designed to accelerate students' learning.

- FSD3 will not offer summer school for promotion in grades K-8 this year.
- There are so critical skills students must master, and summer school does not provide enough time to reteach all the essential skills students need to be successful in college or careers.
- Students must master specific content skills before moving on to the next course so that they do not continue to struggle through the next grade.
- Summer Camps will provide opportunities to accelerate students' learning by providing hands-on experiences designed to build retention.
- Parents are encouraged to contact their child's principal to discuss their child's progress.

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