

K-12 Budget Highlights

H626 – H632, plus H637 (trailer bill for H523) comprised the K-12 Public Schools appropriation bills for FY 2021 and resulted in a total appropriation of \$2,341,392,100, which is an increase of \$87 million in new General Funds over the current year appropriation. This equates to a 4.6% increase.

| FY 2021 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT PROGRAM | | FY 2020 Original Appropriation | FY 2021 Original Appropriation |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FUND SOURCES | <i>Gen Fund Increase over FY 2020</i> | | <i>\$87,043,800</i> |
| General Fund | | \$1,898,407,200 | \$1,985,451,000 |
| Dedicated Funds | | \$105,062,300 | \$105,717,600 |
| Federal Funds | | \$264,338,500 | \$250,223,500 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | | \$2,267,808,000 | \$2,341,392,100 |
| | General Fund Percent Change: | | 4.6% |
| | Total Funds Percent Change: | | 3.2% |

The budget included the following highlights:

A total of \$42,516,600 in nondiscretionary adjustments related to teacher salaries, including:

- \$11,502,800 for support unit growth, estimated to be increasing by 203 units for FY 2021, for a total of 15,861 units
- \$6,017,900 to increase the three residency cells on the career ladder; including a minimum allocation from the state of \$40,000 for Idaho's teachers, per House Bill 153 of 2019
- An increase of \$909,300 for leadership awards and premiums for the additional full-time equivalent instructional and pupil service positions
- An increase of \$24,174,900 to align the FTE count in each career ladder cell, i.e. a "true-up" of the original five year phased in career ladder

Additional highlights within the rest of the budget:

- \$1 million for professional development, bringing the total to \$18.5 million for that purpose
- \$7,434,500 to increase the ongoing discretionary funding for health insurance by \$471 per support, to be used for health insurance. The amount is the result of several calculations and analyses of health insurance costs, rate increases, and staffing levels. The FY 2021 total for discretionary funding is \$28,887 per support unit
- Administrators and Classified staff received 2% base salary increases, going from \$37,272 to \$38,017, and from \$22,315 to \$22,761, respectively
- \$2,000,000 for the Advanced Opportunities Program, bringing the total for that purpose to \$20,000,000
- \$3,156,500 for Literacy Proficiency, to make the onetime appropriation for that purpose ongoing at \$26.1 million
- \$8,315,600 in a trailer appropriation bill to address the fiscal impact of H523, which adds a third rung (Advanced Professional) to the existing career ladder with the first cell starting at \$52,000 for FY 2021