

Public Schools Appropriation (K-12)

FY 2020 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT PROGRAM		FY 2019 Original Approp.	FY 2020 Legislation
		<i>NEW General Fund Amount Above the FY 2019 Original Approp</i>	\$113,141,300
APPROPRIATION BY Fund Source			
General Fund		\$1,785,265,900	\$1,898,407,200
Dedicated Funds		\$91,010,700	\$105,062,300
Federal Funds		\$264,338,500	\$264,338,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$2,140,615,100	\$2,267,808,000
General Fund Percent Change:		5.9%	6.3%
Total Funds Percent Change:		4.9%	5.9%

For FY 2020, the Legislature appropriated \$113 million in additional new General Fund dollars over the current year appropriation, which equates to a 6.3% increase. The new funding includes the following highlights:

- Teachers:
 - Adds a \$49.7 million increase from the General Fund to fully fund year five of the five-year phase-in of the career ladder compensation system for Idaho's educational instructors.
 - House Bill 153 increases the minimum starting teacher pay in FY 2020 to \$38,500 and in FY 2021 to \$40,000. The fiscal impact of that legislation for FY 2020 is \$3,796,200 from the General Fund.
- Adds \$7.3 million for a 3% base salary increase for administrators and classified staff, which are categories of employees not on the career ladder.
- Adds \$21.8 million in discretionary funding. Of this amount, \$7.2 million is needed to maintain the current year funding per support unit at \$27,481, and \$14.6 million is included to increase the discretionary amount to \$28,416 per support unit for FY 2020. This equates to a 3.4% increase in discretionary funding over FY 2019, and includes funding for health insurance costs and other general operations at the districts and charter schools.
- Fully funds the Governor's K - 3 literacy initiative recommendation at \$13.1 million for FY 2020.
- There are additional increases and decreases in several other distributions that net to a \$113.14 million General Fund increase over the current year. The FY 2019 appropriation was based on 15,339 full-term support units and the FY 2020 appropriation is based on a projected 15,601 full-term support units, which is a 1.7% increase year-over-year.