



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its second Interim Committee Week, January 25 – 28, 2021. Most of the education committees did not meet this week. The few that did meet, focused on presentations. The highlight of the week was the release of the Governor's Legislative Budget Request (LBR). The LBR calls for an additional \$285 million in [FEFP](#) funding, a \$233/3% increase (\$ 132 BSA) per-student for a total of \$8,019 (state-wide average). The Legislature will consider the Governor's LBR during the legislative session, but ultimately, they will craft and approve their version of the budget. Historically the final budget is lower than the Governor's LBR.

LBR OVERVIEW

Governor DeSantis' LBR was released on January 28, 2021.

Student Funding

- **Per-student Funding: \$8,019** (\$232/3% increase per student) state-wide/**BCPS \$8,020** (\$275/3.5% increase per-student)
- **Base Student Allocation: \$4,451** (\$132/3% increase per student)
- **Safe Schools Allocation: \$180 million** (level funding)
- **Mental Health Allocation: \$10 million** increase state-wide (33.33%) for a total of **\$110 million**.
- **Teacher Salary Increase Allocation: \$10 million** increase state-wide for a total of **\$550 million**.
- **Title I School Recognition Program: \$43.5 million** (state-wide) to provide financial awards to Title I schools based on their student performance.
- **Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program: \$1 million** (recurring funding) for screening and training-related costs, as well as funding to cover a \$500 stipend for school guardians.
- **BCPS Adult with Disabilities: \$800,000** (level funding)

Capital Improvement

- **\$7.6 million** for maintenance of **public schools**
- **\$180 million** for maintenance of **charter schools**
- **\$42 million** in funding for **school safety grants**.
- **\$6.4 million** in recurring funding for school districts to continue to implement a **mobile panic alert system** that is capable of connecting multiple first-responder agencies.

Please find below a summary of the Senate Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

Senate Education Committee

- No PreK-12 Education bills or presentations.

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

- Did not meet.

Please find below a summary of the House Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

House Education & Employment Committee

- Presentations on comprehensive coordinated workforce and education systems that respond to the rapidly changing needs of the workforce.

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Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

- Did not meet

Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

- Did not meet

House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee

Budget Workshop: The workshop focused on the education budget along with the impact COVID-19 has had on student enrollment. Currently, student enrollment is down (over 88,000 students state-wide in 2020-21). School districts are actively being funded for these students. However, based on recent discussions it is unlikely this will continue in 2021-22 school year.

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