

## State Superintendent Evers 2017-19 Biennial Budget-School Finance Summary

### Overall General and Categorical School Aids and State Support for K-12 Education

- Increase general and categorical aids by \$707 million over the biennium (increases of 2.7% in 2017-18 and an additional 5.4% in 2018-19) and “state support” from 63.8% to 64% in 2017-18 and 65.2% in 2018-19.

### Revenue Limits

- Increase the annual revenue limit adjustment to \$200 per pupil in 2017-18 and \$204 per pupil in 2018-19, representing a 2% annual increase in revenues for the average school district.
- Increase summer school FTE count from 40% to 100% in both years and make independent charter schools eligible for summer school funding as well.
- Increase the low revenue ceiling from \$9,100 per pupil to \$9,500 in 2017-18 and \$9,900 in 2018-19, allowing 80-120 districts to narrow the gap in resources with higher spending districts.

### General Equalization School Aids/Fair Funding Plan

- Increase general school aids by \$514 million over the biennium (increases of 2.2% in 2017-18 and an additional 6.6% in 2018-19) to implement the Fair Funding Plan and provide property tax relief.
- Fair Funding--Make the following changes to the state general school aid formula in 2018-19:
  - Guarantee a minimum level of state funding for every student (\$3,000)
  - Incorporate a poverty factor in general aid formula (20%) to account for families' ability to pay
  - Protect taxpayers by ensuring no district could lose more than 10% of its state aid in any year
  - Transfer School Levy/First Dollar Tax Credits & High Poverty Aid into general aid formula
  - Make other changes to protect rural, declining enrollment and negatively aided districts
  - Include a hold-harmless provision to ensure all districts receive the same amount of state support under Fair Funding as they would otherwise receive under current law

### Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) (\$ increases is actual number compared to this year)

- Reestimate sum sufficient funding by \$37 million over biennium due to: (1) estimated increases of 500 students annually; (2) the increased per pupil payment, which is tied to the revenue limit per pupil adjustment plus the change in recommended categorical aids; and (3) increasing the state's share of the MPCP from 74.4% to 77.6% in 2017-18 to 80.8% in 2018-19 per current law.

### Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP) (\$ increase is actual number compared to this year)

- Reestimate sum sufficient funding by \$11.6 million over the biennium due to: (1) estimated increases of 400 students annually; and (2) the increased per pupil payment.

### Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) (\$ increase is actual number compared to this year)

- Reestimate sum sufficient funding by \$19.2 million over the biennium due to: (1) estimated increases of 700 students annually; and (2) the increased per pupil payment.

### Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) (\$ increase is actual number compared to this year)

- Reestimate sum sufficient funding by \$5.8 million over the biennium due to: (1) estimated increases of 150 students annually; (2) the increased per pupil payment; and (3) making all private schools eligible for summer school reimbursement.

## Independent Charter Schools Program (ICSP) (\$ increase is actual number compared to this year)

- Reestimate sum sufficient funding by \$16.7 million over the biennium due to: (1) estimated increases of 400 students annually; and (2) the increased per pupil payment.

## Categorical School Aids

- Increase by \$192.8 million over biennium (8.6% in 2017-18 and an additional 5.3% in 2018-19)
- Recommendations for the following existing categorical aid programs:
  - Special Education-request \$88.4 million to increase state reimbursement for children with disabilities from 26% to 28% in 2017-18 and 30% in 2018-19.
  - Special Education-High Cost-request \$4.2 million to increase state reimbursement for children with disabilities from 70% to full reimbursement in both years.
  - Special Education-Transition Grants-request \$6.1 million to meet increased demand for incentive payments for students with disabilities to improve their post-secondary outcomes.
  - Special Education-Supplemental-redirect \$1.75 million in 2018-19 to Spec Educ High Cost Aid.
  - Per Pupil Aid-request \$37.5 million above base funding level to target aid for English-language learners, students in foster care, and economically disadvantaged students.
  - Bilingual-Bicultural Aid-request \$9.1 million to increase state reimbursement from 8% to 12% in both years for the 50 districts required to have a Bilingual-Bicultural program per state law.
  - Sparsity Aid-request \$7.7 million to fully-fund program for 140+ districts in both years and provide \$100 per student to districts meeting sparsity criteria up to 1,000 FTE.
  - Transportation Aid-request \$92,000 to increase over 12 mile reimbursement rate by \$65 per pupil (20% increase) and increase summer school transportation rates significantly.
  - High Cost Transportation Aid-request \$10.4 million to increase reimbursement from 60% to full reimbursement in both years.
  - School Breakfast-request \$5.7 million to increase reimbursement for public and private schools from 7 to 15 cents per breakfast in both years and make independent charters eligible as well.
  - Gifted and Talented Grants-request \$1.5 million to further support grants for gifted and talented students throughout the state and make all school districts eligible to receive them.
  - Open Enrollment Transportation-request \$4.6 million to fully-fund transportation costs of economically disadvantaged students participating in the open enrollment program.
  - Tribal Language Revitalization Grants-request \$400,000 in 2018-19 to initiate a young learners initiative to enhance tribal heritage for Native American students.
  - School Library Aids-decrease funding by \$4 million to reflect a reestimate of interest earnings.
- Recommendations for new categorical aid programs:
  - Supplemental Bilingual-Bicultural Education-request \$4.3 million to provide \$100 per student to all districts with English-Language Learners, not just those required to have a program.
  - Targeted English Language Learner (ELL) Grants-request \$4.4 million to provide \$100 per ELL student whose proficiency is classified at levels 1-2-3.
  - Dual Language Start-Up Grants-request \$750,000 to create a competitive grant program to support dual-language start-up programs.
  - ESL/Bilingual Capacity Building Grants-request \$750,000 to increase ESL teacher capacity.
  - Rural Teacher Grants-request \$5.5 million to provide \$750 per teacher in sparsity districts.
  - Mental Health Aid-request \$3 million for social workers providing mental health services.
  - Mental Health Collaboration Grants-request \$2.5 million to create a competitive grant program.
  - Special Education Transition Readiness Grants-request \$1.5 million to create new program.