

KEY MESSAGES TO SHARE WITH LEGISLATORS

- 1. ADDITIONAL DOLLARS ARE NEEDED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.** A meaningful increase in the Basic Allotment can help districts raise teacher pay and manage inflation. It also reduces recapture, which is expected to be nearly \$5 billion this year.
- 2. SCHOOL DISTRICTS NEED FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS LOCAL NEEDS.** Additional state investments should give locally elected trustees room to make decisions that reflect their communities' priorities, rather than mandating a one-size-fits-all approach from the state.
- 3. SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE.** Legislators should prioritize investments in tax relief and schools that will be durable over the long term, even when economic conditions worsen.
- 4. KEEP PUBLIC DOLLARS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Sending public dollars to unaccountable private schools puts students' future and taxpayer dollars at risk.



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