Legislative Update

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SPPS Committee of the Board Meeting
May 3, 2016
Important Facts/Dates

• Both House and Senate have passed omnibus bills
• Conference committee will begin soon to sort out process since bills don’t line up
• Targets must be set and agreed by Governor, House, and Senate before any real negotiations
• Last day for passing bills is May 22\textsuperscript{nd} up to midnight
• Sine Die – May 23\textsuperscript{rd} –mostly retirement speeches
• Governor has 14 days to sign or pocket veto bills
Even Year Sessions

• 2016 -- supplemental budget, focus on bonding
• Tax and transportation still in conference committee
• All members up for re-election in 2016. Many retirements already announced
• House target is zero for education and HHS. Using capital loan repayment and other MDE cuts for one time funding.
• Technically since there is a surplus, they have already met their constitutional obligation
## The Big Picture

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<td>($177 million)</td>
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<td>New Spending</td>
<td>$698 million</td>
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<td>Added $52 million*</td>
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*One time capital loan repayment*
## Agency Targets

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<td>$61.1 million plus $52 million cap. loan</td>
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SPPS Legislative Agenda - Focus Is Key

• Voluntary PreK—included in Governor and Senate bill

• Special Education
  – No funding, includes SPPS amendment for medical assistance (MA)
  – Ongoing meetings with Governor’s office regarding MA mental health and free care provisions

• Teacher Development and Evaluation—several provisions for teacher recruitment in both bills, including grow your own
Voluntary Pre-K

• Senate—Phase in Voluntary Pre-K
• Weighted formula up to 0.6 ADM (510 hours and above) $18 million in FY17, $25 million and $30.9 million FY18-19
• Funding distributed between four areas of state, Mpls and St. Paul (10% of kindergartners)
• Rank order of schools based on free/reduced lunch and on presence or absence of 3 and 4 star programs
• Allows mixed delivery
• $18 million, $24 million, $31 million and added pre-K facilities grants by Governor last week
Teacher Recruitment, Development, Evaluation (TD&E)

• Multiple teacher recruitment, loan forgiveness, grow your own, CIS, National Certification, scholarship, stipend for student teachers, CUE

• One time TD&E funding (Senate and Governor), funding on a per license teacher-- $10 million

• Qcomp Cap lifted and tails funded—Senate
  – $9.8 million in FY 17 and $42 million in FY18-19
  – $260 per ADM if district levies $91 per ADM

• Teacher governed school grants $500K
Other Support Services

- Grants for support staff ($13 million)—matching grant with phase out--Senate and now Governor
- Full Service Community Schools ($2.2 million)
- Increase in American Indian Aid ($3 million)
- Parent Home visiting grants—House and Senate
- After school learning community grants ($500K)
- Reading Corp Increases ($3 million)
- Generation Connect Aid ($431K) for connectivity
- School linked mental health grants in HHS and E-12
- ABE—GED and other grants
Other Policy Provisions

• Teacher licensing task force, plus other teacher licensing provisions
• Student discipline task force
• College and career ready test scores—MCA
  — No remediation allowed
• Civics test—House requires, Senate permissive
• Additional reporting by Board for Location Equity Revenue - House
• Extracurricular participation for full time on-line students—House
• Requires negotiation of unrequested leave—House
Transportation

• Senate still working on transit (sales tax and cash) and many projects in bonding bill
• Conference committee meeting this week
• House $600 million bonding includes transportation
• House and Met Council – general dispute with several counties over development
• If final bill includes local option county tax, it will not fund transit in Ramsey
Other Issues

• Election bills – part of omnibus election bill
  – House—appointment and election at next regularly scheduled Nov. election. Recall provision included
  – Senate—appointment and election in November following appointment, unless within 90 day of November date

• Pension
  – Increases for TRA, SPTRFA, MSRS still on hold
  – No funding secured for employer portion.
  – Disagreement about contribution rates
Questions?