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 22nd up to midnight
- Sine Die – May 23rd –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

	Governor	House GOP	Senate DFL
Tax Reductions	($177 million)	($2.3 billion)	($300 million)
New Spending	$698 million Added $52 million*	$2 million	$489 million
Balance	$202 million	$0	$288 million

*One time capital loan repayment

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Agency Targets

	Governor	House	Senate
Education	$61.1 million plus $52 million cap. loan	$56 million ($52 million cap. loan)	$100.2 million (Includes $52 million cap. loan)
Higher Ed	$76.3 million	$0	$47.7 million
HHS	$87.1 million	$0	$43.3 million
Environment	$10.7 million	$3.9 million	$7.5 million
Agriculture	$0	($1.19 million)	$60 million
Debt Service	$28.9 million	($3.1 million)	$0

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?