

Senate Bill 2 – Talking Points
Minimum School Program Budget Amendments

FY 2008 Supplemental & FY 2009 Budget Appropriations

- Appropriates a total of \$2.5 Billion in state funding to support the Minimum School Program and other Education Programs
 - \$2,495,183,979 supports the Minimum School Program
 - (USF & Trust Lands Revenue)
 - \$5,199,600 supports other Education Programs

- Appropriates over \$3 Billion for the Minimum School Program in FY 2009 (All Funds)
 - Of the total, Approximately \$2.468 Billion is from the Uniform School Fund and funds the State Portion of the Minimum School Program
 - Includes \$26.4 Million for the School Trust Lands Program
 - Includes \$592.1 Million in Local Revenue (Basic, Voted Leeway, & Board Leeway) in the Minimum School Program (unchanged from the Base Budget Bill)
 - **Total Percent Increase in the Minimum School Program is 4.8% (over FY 08)**
 - **Percent Increase in Ongoing State Funds – 8.2%**
 - **Value of the WPU Increases from \$2,514 to \$2,577 – 2.5% (Page 19, Line 582)**
 - **Total Cost in New State Funding - Approximately \$60 Million**
 - **Total Number of WPUs Remains as Appropriated in the Base Budget Bill**

- Highlighted changes to the Minimum School Program:
 - Teacher Supplies and Materials - \$10 Million
 - Educator Salary Adjustments (\$1,700/Qualifying Teacher) - \$60 Million:
 - In addition to the \$2,500 Provided Last Year
 - 28,431 Estimated Qualifying Teachers
 - Pays for Employer Paid Benefits (Retirement, Social Security, Medicare, & Workers Compensation)
 - Extended Year for Special Education \$2.9 Million
 - USTAR Centers (Year-round Math/Science) - \$6.9 Million
 - High Ability Student Initiative - \$500,000
 - Art Enhanced Learning - \$15.8 Million
 - English Language Learner Family Literacy Centers - \$5 Million
 - Pupil Transportation - \$3 Million
 - Accelerated Learning Program (International Baccalaureate) - \$100,000
 - Differentiated Pay for Math/Science Teachers - \$5 Million
 - 825 Estimated Qualifying Teachers
 - Pays for Employer Paid Benefits (Retirement, Social Security, Medicare, & Workers Compensation)

- Other Education Programs Funded in the Bill:
 - Early Childhood Learning and Evaluation - \$3.5 Million
 - Financial Literacy \$250,000
 - State Charter School Board – Support Services - \$869,600

- Charter Schools –
 - Provides \$1,427/Charter School Student for Local Replacement
 - Provides \$70/Charter School Student for School Administration
 - Requires school districts to contribute 25% of District Average Local Revenue
 - District contribution per student enrolled in a charter school ranges from \$161 to \$231 in the first year
 - Remaining amount (to bring to \$1,427/student) is state funded
 - Charter schools receive a \$100/student reduction over last year in Local Replacement Funding
 - Debt Service excluded from the formula – state pays \$470/student for Debt Service **(Part of the \$1,427/student)**

 - Funds 28,986 Anticipated Charter School Students