

2015-2017 State Budget Proposal

Implications for the Children of D.C. Everest

Governor Walker formally introduced his 2015-2017 State Budget Proposal. Listed below are three areas of concern for our local school district and the children of the D.C. Everest community.

Financial

- The budget proposes a \$150 per pupil categorical aid cut in the first year of the biennium. This would equate to an **\$872,000 decrease** in the D.C. Everest budget for the 2015-2016 school year. This means a reduction in educational opportunities for students.
- The budget bill provides a financial increase as school levy credits. Although the name of this tax credit suggests money for schools, it provides **no** additional money for schools or students. School districts do not actually receive these dollars, they are used to reduce the net local levy for property owners.

Voucher Expansion

- The Governor proposes removing the 1000 student cap on private school vouchers. Vouchers, as proposed, would be funded from public school money. Although it is impossible to calculate the financial impact due to unknown variables, the ultimate consequence is less state funding for public schools.

Education Policy

- A variety of potential education policy changes are proposed including:
 - Common Core.
 - School accountability.
 - Assessments.
 - Teacher preparation and licensure.

If you would like to read more about the proposed budget, it is available at:
<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/divisions/budget-and-finance/biennial-budget>

Wisconsin Association of School Boards Overview

https://www.wasbmemberservices.org/websites/advoc_gov_relations/File/state_issues/state_budget_summary_of_selected_provisions_affecting_k-12.pdf

Our State Assembly and Senate will be voting in the future to approve the budget. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions specific to this budget, you may wish to contact your legislators.

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