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**GOVERNOR WOLF'S 2017-18
PROPOSED EDUCATION BUDGET**
CELEBRATING PROGRESS, SUSTAINING INVESTMENT

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HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION

Schools That Teach

- Working with the legislature, Governor Wolf has secured historic increases at all levels of education funding over the past two years – over \$640 million in additional funds for programs from pre-kindergarten to postsecondary:
 - \$415 million increase in basic education funding
 - \$50 million increase in special education funding
 - \$60 million increase for early childhood education
 - \$14.6 million increase for early intervention
 - \$97.8 million increase for publicly supported higher education





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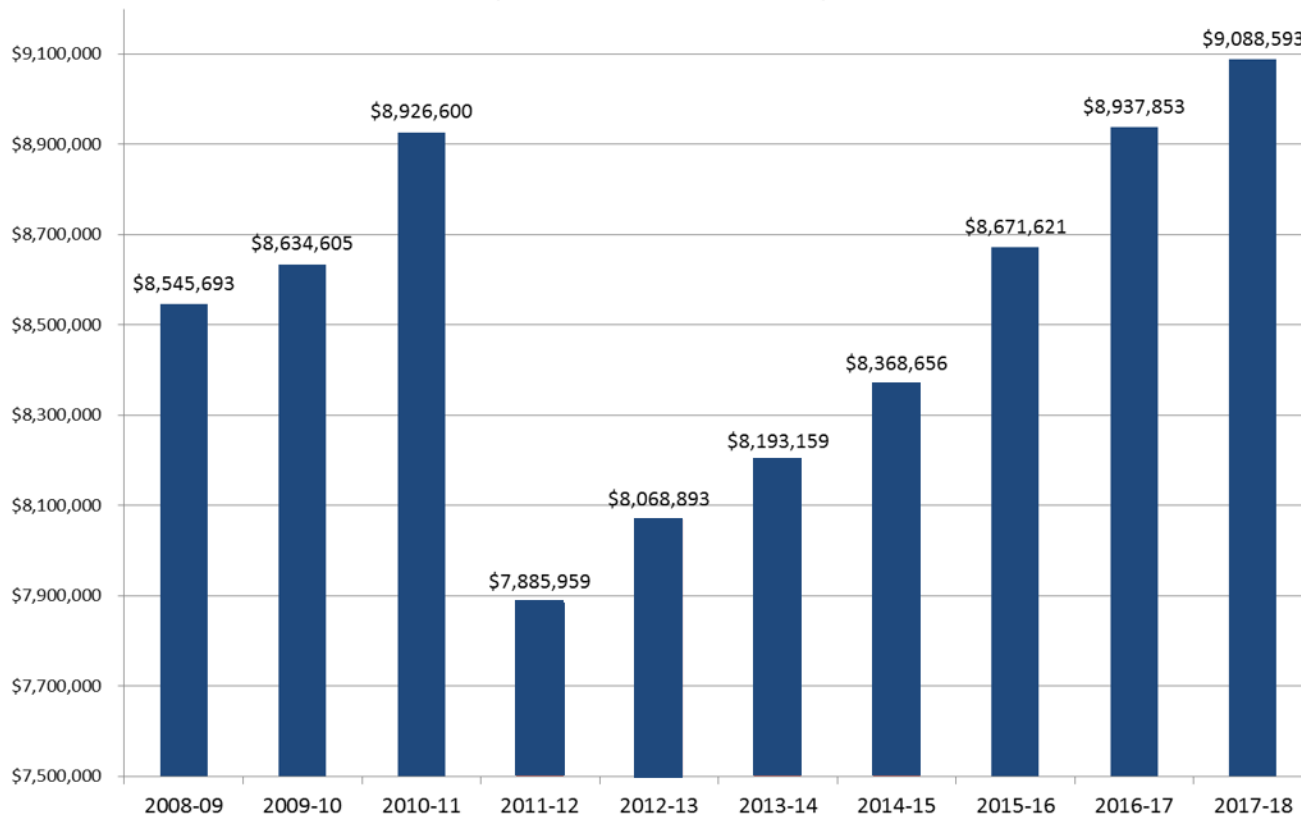
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2017-18 SCHOOLS THAT TEACH PROPOSED INVESTMENTS

- Basic Education: \$100 million increase
- Special Education: \$25 million increase
- Pre-K/Head Start: \$75 million increase

Pre-K to 12 Education Funding

(Dollar amounts in thousands)



Note: Excludes Authority Rentals and Sinking Fund Requirements.

2017-18 PROPOSED BASIC EDUCATION INVESTMENT

Using the Basic Education Funding Formula that was signed into law by Governor Wolf in June 2016, the commonwealth will distribute new education dollars in an equitable and predictable way that accounts for both student- and district-based factors.

- 2015-16 & 2016-17 total increase: \$415 million
- 2017-18 proposed increase: \$100 million



ACHIEVING A STRONGER FOUNDATION

Pause in Keystone Exam Graduation Requirement

- PDE submitted a report to the General Assembly as required by Senate Bill 880 (Act 1 of 2016) which delayed the use of Keystone Exams as graduation requirements until 2019. The report outlined recommendations to expand options for students to demonstrate readiness for postsecondary success. (<http://bit.ly/SB880report>)

Establishing a Pennsylvania STEM Network

- In November 2016, PDE established a statewide STEM Advisory Committee comprised of Pre-K-12, higher education, business, industry, nonprofit and other partners to develop mission, vision and strategic priorities around innovative STEM practices in our schools and communities.



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Expanding Community School Partnerships in Pennsylvania

- Working with local partners, districts across Pennsylvania including Philadelphia, Erie and in the Lehigh Valley, are implementing the community school strategy to ensure that all students learn and thrive. A community school is a public school; the hub of its neighborhood, uniting educators, community partners, and families to provide all students with top-quality academics, enrichment, health and social services, and opportunities to succeed in school, and in life.





2017-18 PROPOSED EDUCATION INVESTMENT

Enhance Current School Breakfast Programs

- A proposed \$2 million to enhance current school breakfast programs to leverage additional federal dollars to encourage schools to adopt alternative breakfast delivery models, including “Breakfast After the Bell” (elementary school), “Grab ‘n’ Go” (middle and high school), and “Breakfast in the Classroom.”



2017-18 PROPOSED EDUCATION INVESTMENT

A Holistic Approach to School Accountability

- To ensure state education funding is an investment in the future of our students, PDE has engaged over 1,000 stakeholders in discussions around a new school evaluation tool, the *Future Ready PA Index*. (www.education.pa.gov/Pages/Future-Ready-PA)
- This proposed tool fosters a more holistic view of school success with an emphasis on college and career readiness and multiple pathways to postsecondary success.



2017-18 PROPOSED EDUCATION INVESTMENT

Funding New School Improvement Strategies

- A proposed \$2 million in state funding will leverage an additional \$1 million in federal funds for school improvement efforts at three districts serving 15 struggling schools.
- With the investment, PA will establish a pilot program, using evidence-based strategies, and evaluate impact against a broader set of school progress measures, consistent with the proposed *Future Ready PA Index*.



2017-18 PROPOSED EDUCATION EFFICIENCY

Capturing Efficiencies in Pupil Transportation

- Updating the pupil transportation funding formula will incentivize efficiency in fleet management and better reflect actual costs, including fuel prices, district geography, vehicle utilization, and transportation of special education students, while saving taxpayers \$50 million.





2017-18 PROPOSED INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

New special education funding is distributed using the formula adopted by the bipartisan Special Education Funding Commission, and builds on investments over the last two years.

- 2015-16 & 2016-17 total increase: \$50 million
- 2017-18 proposed increase: \$25 million



2017-18 PROPOSED INVESTMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Children who participate in high-quality early childhood education programs perform better in school, graduate at higher rates and earn more throughout their lives compared to peers without access to early learning programs.

- 2015-16 & 2016-17 increase: \$60 million
 - Total new slots 2015-16 & 2016-17: 5,400
- 2017-18 proposed increase: \$75 million
 - New slots proposed: 8,400





2017-18 PROPOSED INVESTMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sustained Investment in Early Intervention

Young children with disabilities/developmental delays and their families served by Early Intervention make more progress towards acquisition and use of knowledge skills than anticipated through typical development alone.

- 2017-18 proposed increase: \$11.7 million



2017-18 PROPOSED HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT

The administration will continue to work with Pennsylvania's publicly-funded institutions of higher education to address performance, affordability, and accountability.

- 2015-16 & 2016-17 total higher education increase: \$97.8 million
- 2017-18 proposed increase for PASSHE: \$8.9 million



PROMOTING SAFE AND HEALTHY STUDENTS

Awarding the First-ever *It's On Us PA* Grants

- After Governor Wolf announced the creation of *It's On Us PA*, the commonwealth awarded 36 postsecondary institutions across the state nearly \$1 million in grants to address campus sexual assault. To date, over 1,500 individuals and 200 institutions have taken the *It's On Us PA* pledge.

Improving Support to School Dealing with Incidents of Bias

- Over the past year PDE has introduced a series of resources for K-12 schools to prevent and mitigate issues of discrimination and harassment, including a bullying prevention hotline, making school climate coordinators available to LEAs, crisis planning templates and guides, and making resources easily accessible to the school community.

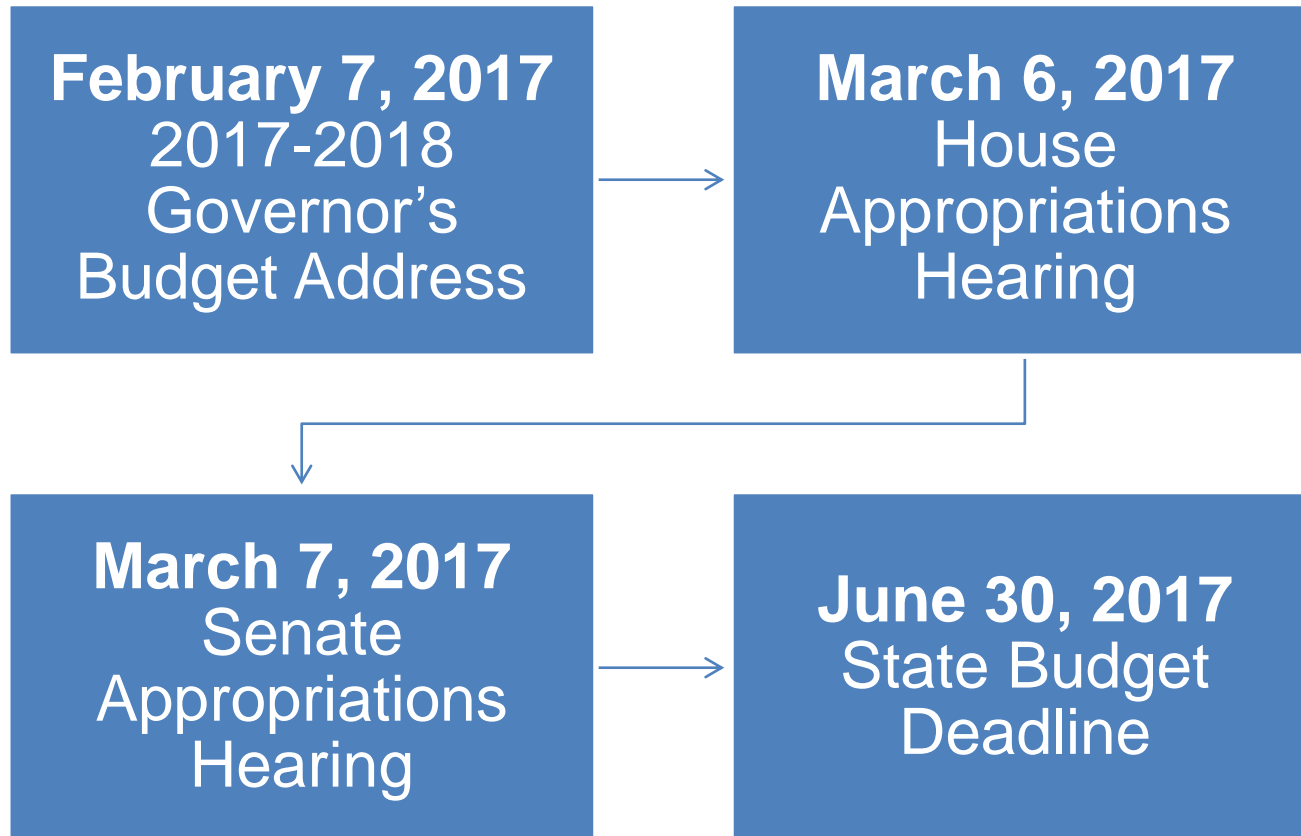




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