

# 2018 Budget Update to the Field

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Department  
of Education

# 2018 State Budget

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- The General Assembly has not enacted the FY2018 budget.
- As a result, state law (RIGL 35-3-19) requires the state to operate within the financial appropriation of the FY2017 Enacted Budget.

# 2018 Education Aid

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- For education aid, the FY2017 enacted level is approximately \$45M less than the FY2018 pending appropriation.
- As a result, education aid will be calculated using 2018 data updates (enrollment, poverty, core, and state share), but will be pro-rated to fit within the FY2017 appropriation amount.
- The impact: LEAs will receive about 5.2 percent less in state education aid than planned in the FY2018 pending appropriation.
- [See Tables on website](#)

# 2018 Education Aid

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- Most categorical aid was funded at the same level in the FY2017 enacted and the FY2018 pending budget; those appropriations were updated for new data and included in the updated aid calculations.
- The ELL categorical was reauthorized and made permanent in the pending FY2018 budget; however, it was scheduled by law to sunset at the end of FY2017 so it is not included in the updated aid amount.
- The FY2018 pending budget increased Regional Transportation Aid by \$460,000 above FY2017 levels. However, because this increase is not part of the FY2017 enacted appropriation, it is not included in the updated aid amount.

# Retroactivity

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- The pending FY2018 budget includes revenue initiatives that cannot be implemented until the FY2018 budget is enacted. Extended delays in the implementation of these revenue initiatives could result in the need for further reductions in spending in a final FY2018 budget once enacted.
- At this time there is no authority to make up lost funds for the months the 2018 pending budget is not passed.
- LEAs and their municipal partners should work on a plan to manage the LEA within the state budget appropriations you are receiving today.
- The General Assembly may pass the budget with funds to make up lost state aid. However revenue shortfalls resulting from the delayed passage may make it impossible to fill or completely fill the shortfall.

# Follow-up Information

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