

# Governor's FY 2020 - 21 Supplemental Budget Recommendations

## All Funds by Agency

(Dollars in Thousands)

FY 2020      FY 2021      FY 2022      FY 2023

### Education

#### Supporting Student Well-Being

The Governor recommends providing aid to districts to hire additional licensed mental health and support professionals across the state. Funds are based on student enrollment and can be used to hire counselors, school psychologists, social workers, nurses, and chemical dependency counselors to support student mental health and well-being. The Minnesota Student Survey indicates students are coping with stress through vaping and this proposal would fund the staff needed to promote healthy alternative strategies. Finally, this funds cultural competency training for current and new mental health and support staff.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$20,630	\$25,329	\$26,808
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#### Expanded Data Integration and IT Program

The Governor recommends increasing funds for an expanded data collection and integration system called "Ed-Fi". "Ed-Fi" helps the Department of Education comply with the "All Kids Count Act" which requires the department to report graduation rates, results of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, and more, by detailed ethnicity for students of color and American Indian students. Currently this work is funded through a federal grant. However, additional resources are required to increase the number of programs and districts using this system for data collection. There are currently 120 districts and charter schools utilizing "Ed-Fi" and with increased funding 371 additional districts and charters will be added.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$1,457	\$1,457	\$1,457
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#### Reestablish Full-Service Community School Grants

The Governor recommends reestablishing the Full Service Community Schools grant program. This program establishes planning and implementation grants to racially isolated or low-performing schools to provide wraparound services chosen by the school community. Services may include onsite health and dental clinics, mental health services, legal services, family resource centers, college access information, out-of-school activities, or other family support services.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
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#### Establish Equity Coaches

The Governor recommends establishing an equity coaches grant program, a model of one-on-one coaching to support teachers in critically reflecting on their own racialconsciousness and practices in their classrooms and a taskforce to identify best practices. Districts and charters may apply for planning and implementation grants and will be expected to identify long-term funding strategies to support the program.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
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#### Indigenous Education for All

The Governor recommends programming, staff, and services to support a new standard requiring all students to learn about the cultural heritage and contributions of tribal nations. This includes instructional model recommendations, curricular resource support and development, programmatic staff at the Department of Education to manage implementation, and funding for the Tribal Nations Education Committee to consult with schools to protect, strengthen, and advance the educational experience of indigenous students.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$880	\$430	\$430
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#### Restore Head Start Tribal Allocation Amount

The Governor recommends restoring state tribal Head Start program funding to FY 2018 levels through a hold harmless provision. Since FY 2018, all but two tribal programs had a reduction of federal funding and thus state allocations. This proposal would create more reliable funding streams for these programs. Additionally, the Governor recommends a policy change that allows Head Start funds for all local agencies to be used for infrastructure as well as operations. Head Start is one of few programs that offer comprehensive services and serves children and families who are at 100% poverty.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$377	\$377	\$377
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#### Expanded Use of Regional Library Telecommunications Aid

The Governor recommends expanding the ability of the Regional Library Telecommunications Aid program (RTLA) to use surplus funds towards the purchase of telecommunications equipment to benefit up to 338 participating public libraries, primarily in underserved areas. This proposal would allow libraries to purchase software and hardware to increase internet access and security.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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#### Quality Compensation Use of Funds

The Governor recommends requiring school districts to reserve unspent funds related to the Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System (Q Comp). Under this requirement districts would need to ensure that annual unspent Q Comp funds are only used for Q Comp programs in the future. These changes would allow for better monitoring and local budget development.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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#### Technical Correction - Alternative Referendum Cap

The Governor recommends a technical correction to the alternative referendum cap calculation, changing the base year from FY 2015 to FY 2021. As part of the referendum simplification enacted in 2019, the base year for calculating future inflation adjustments to the referendum cap was reset from 2015 to 2021. However, the base year for the alternative referendum cap, to which the inflation adjustment is applied, was inadvertently not reset. This recommendation would increase the levy amount for six districts.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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#### Technical Correction - Referendum Aid Guarantee

The Governor recommends a technical correction to the referendum aid guarantee to clarify that the annual adjustment to the guarantee is based on the sum of the local optional revenue and the referendum revenue for a district, not just the referendum revenue. When local optional revenue was extended at \$424 to all districts during the 2014 session, the referendum aid guarantee language was inadvertently not updated to reflect that part of the referendum that had been replaced with Local Optional Revenue. Current administrative practice reflects this change and as such there is no fiscal impact.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Education**

**Technical Correction - Grow Your Own**

The Governor recommends correcting a typographical error that misstated the fiscal years for the Grow Your Own program in the 2019 education budget bill.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Technical Correction - Pension Contribution Base Adjustment**

The Governor recommends correcting the base appropriation for FY 2024 and on to reflect the additional funding for employer increases for the Teacher's Retirement Association members pensions that were appropriated in 2018 and inadvertently left out of 2019 legislation.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Technical Correction - Basic Skills and Safe Schools Revenue**

The Governor recommends clarifications for use and reporting requirements for basic skills and safe school revenue. These changes have no fiscal impact but provide administrative clarity and increased transparency in how these revenues are used.

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Total Education**

General	Expenditures	\$0	\$26,344	\$30,593	\$32,072
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**Higher Education, Office of**

**Increased Oversight and Student Support in Higher Education**

The Governor recommends maintaining and expanding the work of the Office of Higher Education's Licensing and Registration division by establishing new fees for higher education institutions. This division maintains regulatory oversight of schools, monitors at-risk schools, and supports students when schools close. Since 2016, 33 college campuses for 14 colleges have closed, more than the previous five years combined. During closures, the agency retrieves student records, communicates with students, facilitates "teach-out" agreements, creates transfer agreements, and provides other services to students.

Restrict Misc Special Revenue	Revenues	\$0	\$206	\$206	\$206
Restrict Misc Special Revenue	Expenditures	\$0	\$206	\$206	\$206

**Total Higher Education, Office of**

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