

Minnesota House, Senate budgets: How they stack up

Minnesota's \$9.25 billion surplus gives the Legislature an unprecedented opportunity to settle up with public schools that have been shortchanged for years and give students and educators the resources they need.

The House DFL's education budget this year would be real movement toward fully funding our schools. Senate Republicans offer no help to public schools at a time students and educators need more support, forcing districts to make harmful budget cuts and lay off staff.

Here's an overview of the two proposals for fiscal year 2023.

MINNESOTA HOUSE

Total: \$1.15 billion

Provides funding for welcoming public schools for all

- \$155 million to expand voluntary pre-K.
- \$422.4 million for the special education cross subsidy.
- \$104.8 million for student support staff like social workers and counselors.
- \$50 million for full-service community schools.
- \$9 million for mental health support in intermediate school districts.
- \$6 million for literacy training.

Advances racial equity in public education

- \$84.3 million so students have access to more teachers of color and diverse curriculum.
- \$74.1 million for English learners.

Elevates and protects educator voice

- \$20.3 million for paid training for education support professionals.
- \$18.2 million to give special ed teachers more time to complete due process forms.

MINNESOTA SENATE

Total: \$32.4 million

Neglects student, educator and community needs

- ZERO new dollars for early learning.
- ZERO new dollars for the special education cross subsidy.
- ZERO new dollars for student support personnel.
- ZERO dollars for full-service community schools.
- ZERO dollars for mental health support in intermediate school districts.
- \$30.7 million for literacy training.

Ignores need for culturally responsive schools


- ZERO new dollars to attract and retain teachers of color and build affirming schools.
- ZERO new dollars for English learners.

Attacks educator freedoms and the profession

- ZERO dollars for paid training for our ESPs.
- ZERO dollars for due process prep time.

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