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Budget Update
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It could be worse; schools won't see a direct dollar cut in the foundation allowance.

OUTLOOK

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Highlights

Good News	Bad News
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional money allocated to K-12 Education*• Foundation remains the same as FY 2011-12• MPSERS offset has been increased by about \$15 per pupil• The process is just beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional dollars require more substantial check-offs• Foundation remains the same as FY 2012• MPSERS rate set to increase to 27.37% for 2012-13 (\$170 per pupil)• Cuts still in store at local level

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The kindergarten requirement has been maintained

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Sec. 22f

Best Practices

A new section added to the budget last year to encourage a set of policy initiatives through incentives.

Last year's requirements have been modified and new requirements have been added to emphasize best practices and student performance growth.

Total: \$190 million

Up to \$100 for Academic Progress

- \$30 per pupil for grade 3-8 math
- \$30 per pupil for grade 3-8 reading
- \$40 per pupil for high school in all tested areas
- Based on a point system

Up to \$75 for Best Practices (5 of 6)

- District allows schools of choice under Sec. 105 or 105(c)
- Assess student growth in each subject area at least twice annually using competency-based online assessments
- Supports opportunities for students to receive post-secondary credits while in high school
- Offers online instructional programs or blended learning opportunities
- Provides a dashboard (last year's provision)
- Policy holder of insurance plans




Sec. 22g

Consolidation Grants

A new section added to the budget this year to assist in the transition costs associated with the consolidation of services, operations or boundaries of local and/or intermediate school districts.

The department will develop an application process for these grants and any effort that takes place after Oct. 1, 2012 will be eligible for consideration.

This line item is on MASB's 2011-12 Legislative Priorities

Total: \$10 million





Sec. 81(7)

ISD Best Practices


A new section added to the budget that takes 5 percent of Sec. 81 (1) money and implements a set of policy initiatives through incentives.

These are new requirements that ISDs will be required to meet in order to qualify for 5 percent of last year's money. ISDs must meet these requirements by June 1, 2013.

Total: \$3.1 million

ISDs must meet 4 of the 5

- Develop a service consolidation plan under Sec. 11D in effect for 2010-11
- Obtain a competitive bid for one or more non-instructional service for ISD or locals of at least \$50,000
- Develop instructional technology plan on behalf of all constituent districts
- Provide a dashboard for the most recent three years.
- ISD works in a consortium with one or more ISDs to develop information management system requirements

Sec. 95 (1)

Principal Professional Development


This is a new section added to the budget that deals with professional development for principals and assistant principals.

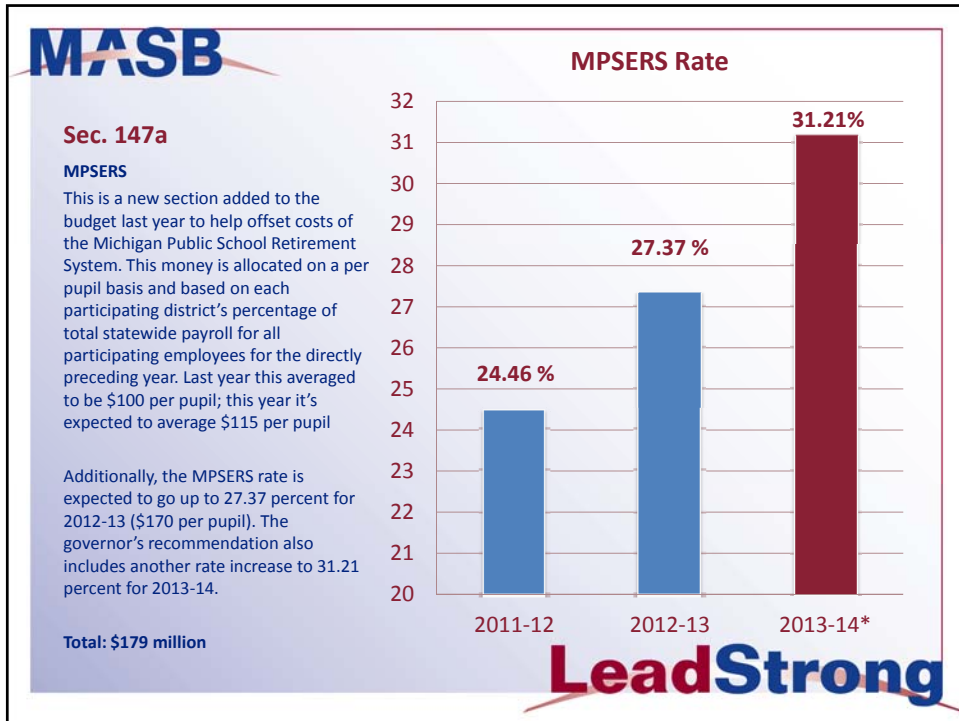
This money will be used to train administrators in effective and consistent teacher evaluations to accommodate changes in law under Sec. 1249 that require annual evaluations. The department of education will develop a method for awarding dollars to pay for approved professional development.

Total: \$1.75 million

In order to be a department approved program it must:

- Contain instructional content on methods of evaluating teachers consistently across multiple grades and subjects
- Include training on evaluation observation that's focused on reliability, bias awareness and instills skills needed for consistent, evidence based operations
- Incorporate online resources and the use of videos of actual lessons for applying rubrics and consistent scoring
- Align with recommendations of the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness
- Grants can't exceed \$350 per participant





This is only the first step of a process.

CONCLUSION

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