



[HF 666 One-time Appropriations](#) This bill included \$55.7 million in one-time appropriations for school districts and AEAs. See your district specific impact of the Governor's veto [here](#). It required \$53.6 million to be used to provide a funding supplement to each school district in FY 2016 based on enrollment and \$2.1 million to provide a supplement to AEAs. It specified that school districts could expend the funds to relieve the property taxes associated with budget guarantee or for any of the following instructional purposes:

- (1) Textbooks, as defined in section 301.1.
- (2) Library books.
- (3) Other instructional materials and equipment used directly by students.
- (4) Transportation costs of the school district.
- (5) Educational initiatives proven to increase student achievement in mathematics, literacy, or science in prekindergarten through grade twelve.

AEA amounts received under this section were intended to be used by area education agencies for any special education services, media services, or education services purpose that the area education agency is authorized to provide. Last, the bill required the funds be considered miscellaneous income and not included in the district's combined district cost and specified the funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing school district funding for instructional expenditures.

The Governor vetoed this entire section on July 2, stating in his veto message:

"I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 11, in its entirety. I recommended a two-year budget on the second day of this legislative session including an increase in supplemental state aid for both years. Throughout the session, I encouraged the legislature to provide supplemental state aid for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade for the next two years as required by law. By using one-time money and not providing supplemental state aid for the second fiscal year, the legislature compounded the uncertainty that school districts faced this entire legislative session.

My administration's commitment to giving Iowa students a world-class education is demonstrated by significant, targeted growth in funding for initiatives to raise achievement. Iowa's new Teacher Leadership System is the single largest reform measure, with an investment of more than \$150 million when fully phased in during the 2016-2017 school year. With many of our best teachers serving in leadership roles, such as instructional coaches and mentors, Iowa can better support the more demanding work teachers must do today to prepare all students for a knowledge-driven economy.

Other targeted education reform measures my administration proposed for the next fiscal year at a cost of more than \$18 million include: an initiative to ensure children are able to read by the end of third grade, ongoing expansion of Iowa Learning Online program to offer more course options to high school students, and the Teach Iowa Scholars Program which provides up to \$20,000 to top graduates of Iowa teacher preparation programs who teach hard-to-fill subjects in Iowa schools for five years.

With any budget, it is important to look at the entire picture. For fiscal year 2016, Iowa schools will receive over \$3 billion, by far the biggest item in the state budget."

He vetoed other sections of HF 666 as well. See his entire veto message at this link: <https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Item%20Veto%20Message%20for%20House%20File%20666.pdf>

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