

IMPLEMENTATION OF ESHB 2261: PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM QEC

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GUIDANCE FOR PRIORITIES

- ✘ Previous Court decisions
- ✘ Timelines & topics under ESHB 2261
- ✘ Research literature on what makes a difference in student achievement
- ✘ Other empirical evidence (JLARC studies, Data from school districts)

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The 2010 Legislature should adopt “the Crosswalk” from the current funding formula to the prototypical school funding formula, at current levels of spending, so that the new formula can be implemented in 2011.

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2. The Legislature should include a Program of Early Learning for at-risk children aged 3 and 4 as part of the definition of Basic Education.

- + Beginning in 2011, phased in over 3 years
- + Voluntary
- + At-risk = eligible for ECEAP
- + Combined school and community based delivery system with approved providers
- + SPI and DEL oversight
- + Program = ECEAP until there is agreement on alternative

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3. The Legislature should adopt a preliminary implementation plan that phases in the Program of Basic Education and selected improvements to the prototypical school funding formula:

- + **Early Learning: 3-year phase-in beginning 2011**
- + **Full –Day K: Incremental phase-in each year until 2018**
- + **Pupil Transportation: Phase-in beginning in 2011, not 2013**
- + **Increased Instructional Hours & Core 24: QEC Workplan for 2010 with recommendation to 2011 Legislature**
- + **Compensation & Local Finance: Start work in May 2010**

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- ✘ **Reduce K-3 Class Size over 5-year period, starting with high poverty schools**

Current (Crosswalk)	Proposed
25.23	15.0

- ✘ **Increase allocations for Librarians, Student Health, and Classified Staff**

	Current (Crosswalk)			Proposed		
	Elem	Mid	High	Elem	Mid	High
Librarians	.66	.53	.52	1.0	1.0	1.0
Student Health	.14	.08	.32	1.0	1.0	1.0
Office Support	2.74	1.65	3.52	3.0	3.0	3.50
Maintenance	1.67	3.18	3.64	4.0	4.0	4.0
Security	.18	.34	.39	1.0	1.0	1.0

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- × Increase instructional time for LAP and ELL, pending additional input from Achievement Gap Oversight Committee

LAP	Current (Draft Crosswalk)	Proposed (Preliminary)
Extended Day	2.14 hours/week, groups of 16	2.0 hours/week, groups of 5
Extended Year	---	10 hours/week, 4 weeks, groups of 10
ELL	Current (Draft Crosswalk)	Proposed (Preliminary)
Assumed	Elem: 20%, groups of 16	Elem: 20%, groups of 8
PullOut Time	Mid/High: 17%, groups of 16	Mid/High: 17%, groups of 8

- × Increase allocations for MSOC

Based on 2007-08	Current (Crosswalk)	Proposed
Technology	\$53.75	\$113.80
Textbooks/Curriculum	\$57.70	\$122.17
Library & Other Supplies	\$122.52	\$259.39
Professional Development	\$8.82	\$18.89
Utilities/Insurance	\$146.05	\$309.21
Districtwide Support	\$50.12	\$98.64
Facilities Maintenance	<u>\$72.35</u>	<u>\$160.66</u>
<i>Per FTE Student</i>	\$511.42	\$1,082.76

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4. The Legislature should monitor outcomes of the new BEST (Beginning Educator Support Team) program. If it proves effective, funds to cover all first-year teachers should be phased in beginning in 2011.