

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 EDUCATION

Agency 350

**Public Schools (cont.)
Learning Assistance Program (LAP)
Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2017-19 Original Appropriations	0.0	681,866	505,487	1,187,353
Maintenance Other Changes:				
1. Staff Mix	0.0	197	0	197
2. Prior School Year Adjustments	0.0	1,908	0	1,908
3. Enrollment/Workload Adjustments	0.0	(15,639)	0	(15,639)
4. Federal Funding Adjustment	0.0	0	14,000	14,000
Maintenance -- Other Total	0.0	(13,534)	14,000	466
Maintenance Comp Changes:				
5. Updated PEBB Rate	0.0	0	(3)	(3)
Maintenance -- Comp Total	0.0	0	(3)	(3)
Total Maintenance Changes	0.0	(13,534)	13,997	463
2017-19 Maintenance Level	0.0	668,332	519,484	1,187,816
Policy Other Changes:				
6. Retiree Remittance Adjustment	0.0	226	0	226
7. Apportionment Schedule Revision	0.0	(17,424)	0	(17,424)
Policy -- Other Total	0.0	(17,198)	0	(17,198)
Policy Comp Changes:				
8. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase	0.0	508	0	508
Policy -- Comp Total	0.0	508	0	508
Total Policy Changes	0.0	(16,690)	0	(16,690)
2017-19 Policy Level	0.0	651,642	519,484	1,171,126

POLICY CHANGES

1. Staff Mix

Staff mix is adjusted for the 2017-18 school year to reflect changes in certificated instructional staff compensation due to changes in average teacher experience levels. (General Fund-State)

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2. Prior School Year Adjustments

The state operates on a fiscal year period of July 1 to June 30, and school districts operate on a fiscal year period of September 1 to August 31. The 2018 supplemental budget reflects final adjustments for actual expenditures in the 2016-17 school year. (General Fund-State)

3. Enrollment/Workload Adjustments

The 2018 supplemental budget reflects adjustments in the funded units for the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. LAP-funded units are based on districts' prior year free and reduced price lunch percentage multiplied by the district's total average FTE enrollment for grades K-12 in the prior year. This reduction is primarily driven by decreases in free and reduced price lunch rates. (General Fund-State)

4. Federal Funding Adjustment

The 2018 supplemental budget includes increased federal authority of \$14,000,000 to allow OSPI to access anticipated increases in federal grant awards. (General Fund-Federal)

5. Updated PEBB Rate

The funding rate for the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) insurance program is adjusted for fiscal year 2019 to reflect updated actuarial projections, administrative costs and payments to third-party administrators. The funding is sufficient for a new virtual diabetes prevention program and a change in the waiting period for dental crown replacements in the Uniform Dental Program (UDP) from seven to five years. The change would bring UDP into alignment with the current waiting period in the managed dental plans. This reduces the fiscal year 2019 funding rate from \$957 per month to \$906. (General Fund-Federal)

6. Retiree Remittance Adjustment

Remittance rates for retiree benefits will increase from \$64.39 to \$69.57 per month for the 2018-19 school year. (General Fund-State)

7. Apportionment Schedule Revision

The state operates on a fiscal year period of July 1 to June 30, and school districts operate on a fiscal year period of September 1 to August 31. OSPI makes monthly apportionment payments to school districts based on an allocation schedule that provides 20 percent of the school year funding in July and August. Funding is adjusted in fiscal year 2019 to reflect a permanent change in the allocation schedule. The July and August payments are increased to collectively account for 25 percent of the annual allocation. (General Fund-State)

8. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase

For eligible Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 members, this item provides a one-time ongoing increase of 3%, up to a maximum of \$62.50 per month. (General Fund-State)