

Highlights of Governor Cooper's Recommended Budget

Governor Cooper has presented his recommended budget for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Following are the highlights:

Salary Increases (proposed schedules are not available at this time)

- Teacher - 5% increase
- School Based Administrator - 5% increase (including step and benefits)
- Central Office and Non Certified - Higher of 2% or \$800 increase + \$500 one-time bonus

Benefits

- Retirement rate – 16.67% retirement rate + 0.66% one-time COLA
- Health - \$5,880

Instructional Supplies

- \$150 stipend provided to teachers to compensate for out of pocket expenses

Text books and Digital Resources

- Adds \$10m non recurring and \$3m recurring to the existing allotment.

School Based Personnel Allotment

- \$20m in a new allotment to be allocated by ADM to hire additional school based personnel, including asst. principals, nurses, teaching assistants and other instructional support.

Digital Learning Professional Development

- \$5m for professional development for teachers as part of the State's Digital Learning Plan