

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota


REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: February 27, 2017
SUBJECT: Legislative Priority 2017
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: School Board
APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET MEMBER: Les Fujitake, Superintendent

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the legislative priority for the 2017 legislative session that supports an increase in the state's basic formula allowance (per pupil funding) by at least the underfunding of \$626.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Approve. 

BACKGROUND:

An adequate and stable funding system for schools is essential to ensuring successful academic outcomes for all students.

The Board Legislative Committee supports an increase in the state's basic formula allowance (per pupil funding) by at least the underfunding of \$626. Attached is the funding priority statement for the 2017 legislative session.

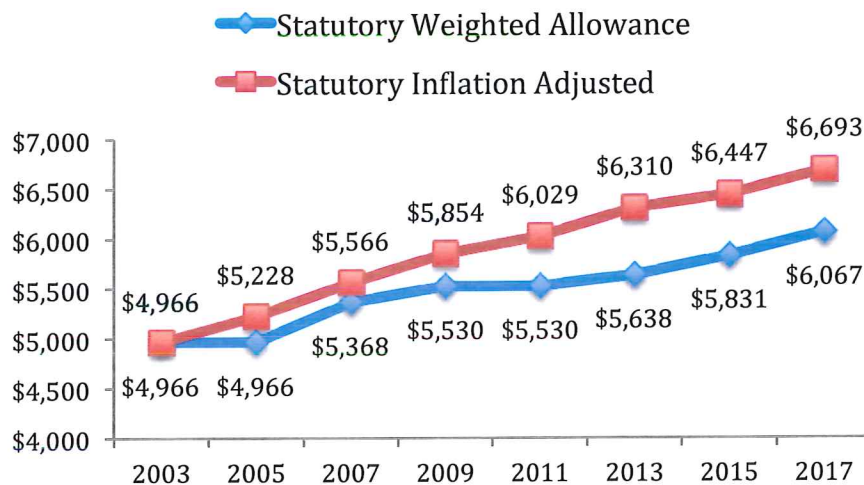


**Board Legislative Committee
February 3, 2017**

Minnesota has thrived because as a society we value education. Our commitment and dedication to investing in the quality of schools has earned us recognition as having a world-class education system.

Minnesotans continue to value education, but the underfunding of investments in education continues to create significant challenges.

In 2003, the state assumed a greater share of public education funding. Between 2003 and 2016, state funding of public schools has not kept pace with inflation, which has resulted in an underfunding gap. The following chart compares state funding per pupil to an inflation adjusted funding per pupil. The underfunding for 2017 is \$626 per pupil.



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The Bloomington School Board Legislative Committee supports an increase in the state's basic formula allowance (per pupil funding) by at least the underfunding of \$626.

We believe indexing will help to stabilize future funding. This support is necessary to ensure Bloomington Public Schools and the state achieves the shared goal of every student graduating career and college ready.