Public Education Budget Process

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Legislative Fiscal Analyst

- Mission: We affect good government through objective, accurate, and relevant budget advice
- 14 Subject Area Analysts
  - Divided among 8 Appropriations Subcommittees
  - Help legislators balance the budget, staff appropriations subcommittees, draft appropriations bills, estimate cost/savings for all proposed legislation, monitor/report program implementation
- Non-Partisan:
  - Serve both parties and both chambers

Who? Again

- Public Education Budget Staff:
  - Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
    - All Public Education Budget Matters
    - Minimum School Program
    - Fine Arts & Science Outreach
  - Dr. Thomas Young, Staff Economist
    - Voted & Board Leeway/Property Tax
    - School Building Program
    - State Education Agencies
    - State Revenue Projections

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Budget Timeline: Pre-Session

Interim Pre-Session/Fall | Session/Winter | Interim/Spring-Summer

- Agency Budget Requests to Governor & Analyst
- Develop Cost Estimates (CDC)
  - Enrollments/Assessed Values/Weighted Pupil Units
- Update Program Histories (COBI)
- Evaluate Governor/State Board Recommendations
- Develop Analyst Recommendations
  - Issue/Budget Briefs
- Training (New Legislators)
- Legislator Requests (Preparation for Session/Bills)
  - Research/Cost Estimates (Not Fiscal Note)

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Budget Timeline: Session

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- Coordinate Appropriations Subcommittee Meetings
- Inform Budget Making Process
  - Subcommittee, Executive Appropriations, Leadership, Caucuses
  - Ad Hoc Questions/Research
- Estimate Cost of Legislation – Fiscal Notes
  - All Proposed Legislation (Bills/Substitutes/Amendments)
  - 3-Day Process
- Progress Tracking – Education Bills/Budget Requests
- Prepare Budget Bills
  - 2011 GS: 6 Bills & 3 Substitutes
- Appropriations Summary

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Budget Timeline: Interim

Interim Pre-Session/Fall | Session/Winter | Interim/Spring-Summer

- Report on Appropriations
  - Annual Appropriations Report
  - Update Budget Histories/Tables/Charts as Needed
- Monitor/Report on Programs
  - Implementation of New Programs
  - Develop Deeper Understanding of Programs/System
  - Investigate Issues/Questions
- Coordinate Interim Subcommittee Meetings
- Executive Appropriations Reports
  - Master Study Resolution Items

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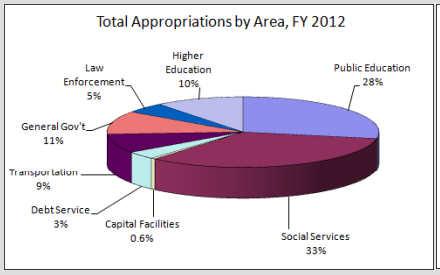
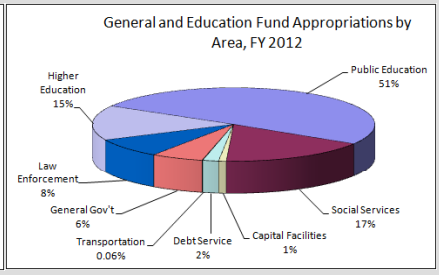
Current Budget

- State Budget: $12 Billion - $4.8 Billion State Funds
- Public Education: $3.4 Billion - $2.4 Billion State Funds





State Revenues

- FY 2011 (Preliminary) - $107 Million Surplus
  - General Fund $47 Million / Education Fund $60 Million
  - $60 Million Available After Required Set Asides
- FY 2012 (Estimates) – ($50) Million to $100 Million
  - General Fund ($20) Million to $40 Million
  - Education Fund ($30) Million to $60 Million
- FY 2013 (Unknown) – Estimates in December
  - Consensus Revenue Estimates in Governor's Budget
  - If Zero Growth – We Have $50 Million in Deficit
- October Revenue Report:
  - Available Online (10/18/11 EAC Related Materials)

Upcoming Budget Issues

- State Revenues vs. Increased Costs
  - Slow Recovery
  - Cost Increases (Enrollment Growth/Medicaid/Structural Deficit)
- One-time Funding in Public Education Budget - $23.8 Million
  - Pupil Transportation - $6.3 Million
  - Teacher Supplies & Materials - $5 Million
  - Early Intervention (Optional Extended-day Kindergarten) - $7.5 Million
  - Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Program - $4 Million
  - Large School District Assessment Pilot - $1 Million
- Follow the Process – Stay Informed

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Questions?

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