

WHY IT MATTERS

Educators are critical for the success of our schools and success of our students. In classrooms every day, Tennessee teachers rise to the occassion to meet the needs of all students and provide them a quality education.

- Though teacher pay was a priority in Tennessee prior to COVID-19, teachers have worked especially hard throughout the pandemic to adapt to new challenges, new dynamics, and new instructional environments while still meeting the needs of all students.
- The Tennessee General Assembly approved nearly \$43 million to be used for teacher pay raises, effective January 1, 2021.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Tennessee teachers work hard in their classrooms every day to support all students, and with clearer budget implications after a difficult school year, the state has provided nearly \$43M to boost teacher pay.



UPCOMING: APPROPRIATIONS

While this important effort marks a partnership between Governor Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly to support our educators, it is only the beginning. Governor Lee has committed to proposing a 4% increase to the instructional component of the Basic Education Program (BEP) for the next fiscal year.





