
Basic Education Program (BEP) 2.0 Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014

The Background:

The attached BEP allocations for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 provide funding of the Basic Education Program. Inflationary adjustments to maintain full funding of the BEP are \$43.2 million for the current fiscal year.

- BEP instructional positions funded at \$40,447.
- 100% funding for at-risk students in grades K-12.
- Funding for English Language Learners at a ratio of one to thirty (1:30) and one to three hundred (1:300) for teachers and translators.
- 70% of state funds for instructional positions within the classroom component.
- Maintain the 50% reduction of the cost differential factor as originally adopted in fiscal year 2007-2008.
- Maintain a 50% phase-in for equalization purposes of the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues by measuring the ability to generate local revenues from property tax and local option sales tax. This phase-in ensures that no LEA's measurement of ability to raise local revenue is adjusted by more than thirty percent (30%) within a single year.
- Restores FY 2010-2011 reduction of the Capital Outlay Component to the BEP (\$33.7 million).

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year BEP allocations on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.