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**Basic Education Program (BEP) Allocations for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

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**The Background:**

The attached allocations for fiscal year 2015-16 provide funding of the Basic Education Program (BEP) and represent more than \$170 million in funding improvements. The allocations:

- Fund BEP instructional positions at a unit cost of \$42,065
- Provide 100% funding for at-risk students in grades K-12.
- Provide funding for English Language Learners at a ratio of one to thirty (1:30) for teachers and one to three hundred (1:300) for translators.
- Provide on average seventy percent (70%) of state funds for the instructional positions within the instructional component. Maintain a fifty percent (50%) reduction of the cost differential factor as originally adopted in fiscal year 2007-08.
- Maintain a fifty percent (50%) phase-in for equalization purposes of the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues for education 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.
- Include insurance funding for 11 months for all BEP funded positions.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

The attachment outlines the BEP allocation each LEA will receive in the 2015-16 school year.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.