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Summary

Budget negotiations have taken over the Capitol this week as they are moving to finalize the state budgets before they adjourn in late June. A series of budget recommendations passed through the full Senate and House Appropriations Committees, including the School Aid Budget recommendations. Next week, all members of the House and Senate will have a chance to review the School Aid Budget and propose any amendments. We anticipate the School Aid Budget to move quickly through the process and be sent to the governor by the July 1 deadline. For now, we have a few updates to share with you.

As always, please contact MASA with any questions or concerns.

School Aid Budget Passes Through Appropriations Committee

Last week, the House and Senate released their School Aid budget recommendation for FY 24-25. You can view the full budget breakdown for both chambers <u>here.</u>

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees voted out both budgets in their respective committees along party lines. The budgets now sit on the full House and Senate floors, and we'd expect both chambers to vote on the budgets next week.

The final revenue numbers used to finalize the School Aid budget will not be released until after May 19, when the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference will meet. MASA will continue to work with the House and Senate to finalize a School Aid Budget that adequately funds our schools and is fair and equitable.

Pre-2011 Contracts Needed for Labor Discussions

As you know, the legislature is **considering the repeal of several of the 2011 changes to the collective bargaining process.** As we look at the potential impact of these changes, we'd like to get as much information about what contracts looked like prior to 2011.

If you are able to find them, we'd appreciate if you could share with us any pre-2011 contracts so we can better advocate on the impact to schools as this legislation moves through the process.

Please send contracts to the masagov@gomasa.org.

Repeal of State's A-F School Ranking System Bill Sent to Governor

The repeal of the state's duplicative and confusing school accountability system is headed to the governor for her signature. House Bill 4166 introduced by Rep. Koleszar (D-Plymouth), passed through the Senate along party lines. This bill wasn't granted immediate effect, which means the A-F Ranking System will still be in place for the current year.

MASA continues to support the repeal of the state school ranking system and looks forward to the governor signing the bill in the coming weeks.

This Week's Introduced Bills

House Bill 4501 (Bollin) makes ending day of school year a prohibited subject of bargaining