

## How the Three Proposed Budgets Stack Up for K-12

Outgoing Governor Northam proposed a new two-year state budget before leaving office, spanning July 2022 to June 2024. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Virginia Senate and House put forth their budget proposals. Compared to the Governor’s proposal, the Senate budget increases K-12 funding and the House cuts funding. Yet, there were important investments in each budget that should be considered for the final budget negotiated and voted on by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Below is a comparison of the budgets by major K-12 categories, focusing on areas of difference.

### Senate Budget Does the Most for Teacher and Staff Pay

Governor Northam Budget	House Budget	Senate Budget
(\$751m) 5% salary increase for state supported teachers/staff each yr	(\$610m) 4% salary increase & (\$87m) 1% bonus for state supported teachers/staff each yr	(\$751m) 5% salary increase for state supported teachers/staff each yr
Not included	Not included	(\$137m) \$1,000 bonus current school yr to retain teachers/staff
Not included	Not included	(\$15m) \$2.5k-\$5k signing bonus for hard-to-fill positions first yr

### Senate Increases K-12 Direct Aid and House Decreases Compared to Gov. Budget

House Budget	Senate Budget
Decreases state direct aid by \$638m over FY23+24	Increases state direct aid by \$278m over FY23+24
Decreases state per student direct aid (FY23+24) by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$525 on average</li> <li>\$1,023 for 20% of divisions w/highest poverty</li> <li>\$325 for 20% of divisions w/lowest poverty</li> <li>\$836 for rural divisions &amp; \$442 for non-rural</li> </ul>	Increases state per student direct aid (FY23+24) by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$229 on average</li> <li>\$260 for 20% of divisions w/highest poverty</li> <li>\$201 for 20% of divisions w/lowest poverty</li> <li>\$236 for rural divisions &amp; \$227 for non-rural</li> </ul>
Decreases At-Risk Add On \$ for high poverty divisions by \$210m	Retains At-Risk Add On \$ for high poverty divisions at \$269m

### Senate & House Budget Add Additional School Staff

Governor Northam Budget	House Budget	Senate Budget
(\$20m) Teachers for English Learners	(-\$22) Removes funding for Teachers for English Learners	(\$20m) Retains funding for teachers for English Learners
Not included	Not included	(\$272m) state match \$\$ for various support positions
Not included	(\$104m) state match \$\$ for vice principals & principal at all schools	Not included

### Different Approaches on School Infrastructure – House Reduces Net State Support

Governor Northam Budget	House Budget	Senate Budget
(\$500m) grants for school infrastructure dist. w/funding formula	(\$292m) loan support for school construction dist. w/funding formula & infrastructure need	(\$500m) grants for school infrastructure dist. w/funding formula
(\$166m) adds state \$ to teacher retirement to let Literary Fund go to infrastructure loan support	(\$250m) depletes teacher retirement support in Literary Fund for construction loan support	(\$166m) adds state \$ to teacher retirement to let Literary Fund go to infrastructure loan support
Not included	(\$59m) increase to per pupil operations & infrastructure funds	Not included