



Special Edition: 2010 Supplemental Budget ESSB 6444 Passed

The legislature passed the supplemental budget early Tuesday morning on the last day of the 2010 special session. While the budget (and accompanying policy and revenue bills) still must be signed by the Governor, the grueling 2010 session is finally over.

The conference budget includes the following K–12 items which have been of great concern to WASA members:

- K–3 staff ratio is NOT reduced (it remains at 53.2)
- Grade 4 staff IS reduced to 47.4
- Classified staffing ratio is NOT cut
- All day Kindergarten is NOT reduced
- I-728 IS eliminated
- The extra lid day IS eliminated
- Levy equalization IS increased from 12% to 14% to reflect the 4% levy lid increase and the expansion of the levy base (to include I-728, I-732 and Grade 4 reductions).
- The apportionment transfer from June 30 to July 1 is NOT in the conference budget.
- The PPI (per pupil inflator) is 4%

Details of these and other changes to the current K–12 budget (House Office of Program Research) are provided on the following pages. Click [here](#) for budget information. Click [here](#) to view the budget detail document. Click [here](#) for OSPI's 2010 Budget Information updated April 12, 2010.

Remember: The Governor must sign ESSB 6444 before it becomes law. She has the power to veto individual sections and subsections of the budget. You will be notified as soon as WASA's 2010 Legislative Report (which includes more budget information and the K–12 bills that passed or failed) is available online.

SPECIAL NOTE: School Consolidation—The conference budget includes \$250,000 to establish a commission to make recommendations to OSPI, the legislature and the governor by December 2012 to REORGANIZE AND REDUCE Washington school districts. Having failed to receive even a hearing in any policy committee, this ill conceived idea initially put forward by Rep. Sam Hunt (D-22, Olympia) and Sen. Karen Fraser (D-22, Olympia) in HB 2616, was embedded in the final budget language of ESSB 6444 Part V Education Sec. 501 (1) (b) (i through iv) (pages 181–182). It appears that when it comes to the paramount duty, the legislature does not feel it is necessary to follow its own democratic process of public hearings, public testimony and public debate on an issue that strikes at the very heart of our public school system. We are not opposed to addressing the issue of school consolidation. However, we are asking the Governor to veto this subsection of the budget bill and refer the matter to the Quality Education Council. The council was established by the legislature itself “to recommend and inform the ongoing implementation by the Legislature of an evolving program of basic education and financing.” (ESHB 2261) See a DRAFT version of the veto request [here](#).

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**Budget Details for K–12 ESSB 6444 House Office of Program Research
2009–11 Omnibus Operating Budget (2010 Supp)
Public Schools**

2010 Policy Non-Comp Changes

<i>OSPI & Statewide Programs</i>	Dollars in Thousands
1. Apportionment and Financial Systems	\$ 250
2. Navigation 101	-100
3. Alternate Routes	-1,715
4. Communities in Schools	-25
5. Building Bridges Grants	-338
6. Youth Suicide Prevention	-70
7. Basic Education Allocation	2,518
8. WWII Oral History Project	-25
9. Campana Quetzal	-50
10. Financial Literacy	-75
11. Dyslexia Pilot Best Practices	-70
12. Retooling to Teach Math	-144
13. Civil Rights Enforcement	133
14. Dropout Prevention	150
15. Recruiting Diverse Teachers	-181
16. Highly Capable Program	55
17. Current Year Program Services	-611
18. Administrative Reductions	-337
19. K–20 Network	-194
20. College Bound Scholarship	1,000
21. Student Achievement Gap	100
22. School District Consolidation	250
23. Early Learning Basic Education	164
24. STEM Working Group	25
25. Environmental Ed Coordinator	-78
26. World Languages Supervisor	-136
27. Health Insurance Increase (Comp changes)	400
28. Temporary Layoffs (Comp changes)	-981

1. Apportionment and Financial Systems - Funds are provided to complete the replacement of the current apportionment system. The amount provided was under-spent in FY 2009 and the resources lapsed; re-appropriating the funds into the current year funds the remaining activities that have been carried into FY 2010, allowing 100 percent conversion to be completed. \$250,000

2. Navigation 101 - Funding for Navigation 101 is reduced. The funding provides implementation grants for Navigation 101 guidance and career counseling programs in secondary schools. -\$100,000

3. Alternate Routes - The Alternative Routes to Certification program provides assistance to individuals pursuing teacher certification through performance-based, non-traditional programs. These programs are aimed at recruiting candidates to teach in statewide subject matter and geographic shortage areas. The program is reduced by 50 percent, beginning July 1, 2010, and thereafter. -\$1,715,000

4. Communities in Schools - Funding for the Communities in Schools Program in Pierce County is discontinued beginning in FY 2011. -\$25,000

5. Building Bridges Grants - Funding for Building Bridges grants to school districts for drop-out prevention programs is reduced by 50 percent beginning July 1, 2010. -\$338,000

6. Youth Suicide Prevention - The Youth Suicide Prevention program is managed as a contract through the Department of Health to assist schools to address suicide concerns among students. Funding for the contract is eliminated as of July 1, 2010. -\$70,000

7. Basic Education Allocation - Funding is provided to develop the IT systems infrastructure to support the school funding formula provisions contained in Chapter 236, Laws of 2010 (ESHB 2776). The funding primarily supports reprogramming for the pupil transportation and general apportionment funding formulas. The pupil transportation IT systems work comprises approximately \$800,000 of this total, and funds the development of infrastructure capable of mapping out bus routes to document route miles for funding purposes. The work will also include development of enhanced reporting capabilities in the system. The general apportionment system reprogramming comprises approximately \$1.7 million of this total, and funds systems to align with the funding formulas contained in Chapter 548, Laws of 2009 (ESHB 2261), including structuring funding based on prototypical school models. \$2,518,000

8. WWII Oral History Project - Funding for the World War II Oral History Project is discontinued beginning in FY 2011. The funding supports the development of oral history presentations, documentation, and other curriculum materials for teaching the historical significance of World War II, under the direction of the World War II Memorial Education Foundation. -\$25,000

9. Campana Quetzal - Funding for the Seattle Coalition of Campaña Quetzal is discontinued beginning FY 2011. The program provides support to the Latino/Latina community in early childhood education; parent leadership training; and high school success and college preparation. -\$50,000

10. Financial Literacy - State funding for the financial education public-private partnership, is eliminated as of July 1, 2010. Nonappropriated funds are expected to be available to the public-private partnership to continue financial literacy activities. -\$75,000

11. Dyslexia Pilot Best Practices - The 2009 Legislature enacted Chapter 546, Laws of 2009 (SSB 6016), which directed the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop an educator-training program and materials to facilitate teacher development in the area of dyslexia. Funding for ongoing training sessions is reduced from \$145,000 per year to \$75,000 per year beginning with FY 2011. -\$70,000

12. Retooling to Teach Math - Funding to the Professional Educator Standards Board to support teachers seeking endorsements in areas of teacher shortage, such as math, science, special education and bilingual education is eliminated as of July 1, 2010. -\$144,000

13. Civil Rights Enforcement - Funding is provided to support the provisions of Chapter 240, Laws of 2010 (E2SHB 3026). The funding supports the staff necessary to carry out the duties given to OSPI concerning enforcement and monitoring of civil rights in schools. \$133,000

14. Dropout Prevention - Funding is provided for drop-out prevention programs at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program. \$150,000

15. Recruiting Diverse Teachers - The Recruiting Washington Teachers Program is operated through the Professional Educator Standards Board and is designed to recruit high school students into the teaching profession in content shortage areas. The funding is reduced from \$231,000 per year to \$50,000 per year, beginning in FY 2011. -\$181,000

16. Highly Capable Program - Funding is provided to convene a working group to make recommendations defining a basic education program for highly capable students. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will convene the group and report the results to the Legislature by December 1, 2010. \$55,000

17. Current Year Program Savings - Reductions are made in FY 2010 to several K-12 programs to capture savings from underexpended contracts. This includes Navigation 101, K-20 communications, longitudinal data systems, Building Bridges, and other smaller programs. -\$611,000

18. Administrative Reductions - Funding for the Superintendent of Public Instruction agency operations is reduced by \$306,000 in FY 2011. Reductions are also made to the Professional Educator Standards Board in the amount of \$12,000 and to the State Board of Education in the amount of \$19,000. -\$337,000

19. K-20 Network - State funding for the K-20 network is reduced in FY 2011. The system is a technology network connecting Washington State's educational community, including K-12 schools and institutions of higher education. -\$194,000

20. College Bound Scholarship - Funding is provided to contract with a college scholarship organization with expertise in conducting outreach to students concerning eligibility for the Washington College Bound Scholarship. \$1,000,000

21. Student Achievement Gap - Funding is provided for the ongoing work of the Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee and beginning the implementation of the committee's recommendations. \$100,000

22. School District Consolidation - Funding is provided for a school district reorganization commission to provide recommendations to the Legislature in the form of a comprehensive plan for reducing the number of school districts. \$250,000

23. Early Learning Basic Education - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 234, Laws of 2010 (SSB 6759). The legislation requires a plan to be drafted that examines the opportunities and barriers to expanding early learning. \$164,000

24. STEM Working Group - The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will convene a working group to develop a plan to improve policies and practices regarding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instructional programs statewide. The plan will include improvements for recruiting, preparing, hiring, and retaining teachers; closing the achievement gap; and creating STEM pathways that start in middle school and prepare students for college- and career-readiness. \$25,000

25. Environmental Ed Coordinator - Funding for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's environmental education coordinator is eliminated beginning July 1, 2010. -\$78,000

26. World Languages Supervisor - Funding for the world languages supervisor position at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is eliminated as of July 1, 2010. -\$136,000

27. Health Insurance Increase - Funding is provided for an increase in the monthly employer contribution for state employee (OSPI) health benefits funding rate for FY 2011 from \$768 to \$850. (General Fund-State, various other funds). \$400,000

28. Temporary Layoffs - Agency appropriations are reduced consistent with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6503, as amended (closing state agencies on specified dates) due to the closure of state agencies and higher education institutions, or approved alternative compensation reduction plans. (General Fund-State, various other funds). -\$981,000

General Apportionment

Certificated Staff Ratio Grade 4 \$ -29,966,000

Certificated Staff Ratio Grade 4 - State law requires certain levels of staffing per full-time-equivalent (FTE) student. Currently, the law requires 46 certificated instructional staff (CIS) to 1,000 annual average FTE students enrolled in grade four; the enacted budget provides an enhancement over this level to reduce class sizes - funding 53.2 CIS per 1,000 average annual FTE students in grades kindergarten through four. These enhancements are retained for grades K through three but reduced for Grade four to a ratio of 47.4 staff per 1,000 student FTEs. -\$29,966,000

Pupil Transportation

Bus Depreciation \$ -22,090,000

Bus Depreciation - Savings are assumed for fiscal year 2011 by postponing sales tax payments for school bus depreciation. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall provide sufficient funds in the last year of a bus's expected life cycle to cover sales tax costs, rather than providing a portion of these funds to districts each year. -\$22,090,000

School Food Services

2009–11 Original Appropriations	\$ 433,318,000
2009–11 Maintenance Level	543,318,000
2009–11 Revised Appropriations	543,318,000
Difference from Original Appropriations	110,000,000
% Change from Original Appropriations	25.4%

Special Education

Safety Net Recovery	\$ -400,000
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Safety Net Recovery - The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), at the conclusion of each school year, will recover safety net funds that were distributed prospectively but for which districts were not subsequently eligible. It is assumed an additional full-time equivalent (FTE) staff will be needed to accomplish this work and that collections will be such that staff costs plus recoveries will yield at least \$400,000 per year in savings. The OSPI will track the value of the recoveries and report to the fiscal committees of the Legislature. -\$400,000

Educational Service Districts

Administrative Reductions	\$ -76,000
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Administrative Reductions - An administrative reduction is applied to the Educational Service District core budget for FY 2011. -\$76,000

Levy Equalization

1. School Levies	\$ 21,808,000
2. Per Pupil Inflatior	<u>7,973,000</u>
Total	29,781,000

1. School Levies - Chapter 237, Laws of 2010 (SHB 2893) increases the levy lid by 4 percentage points and increases the levy equalization percentage from 12 to 14 percent. The legislation also extends the expiration deadline (from the end of calendar year 2011 to the end of calendar year 2017) for allowing school district levy bases to include revenue that would have been received by districts if reductions had not been made to Initiative 728 and Initiative 732 funding for the student achievement program and for public school employee cost-of-living increases. The legislation further includes the Kindergarten to 4th grade staffing enhancement funds in the levy base, regardless of whether funding for the enhancement is included in the budget. Appropriations for this item reflect the last six months of FY 2011. \$21,808,000

2. Per Pupil Inflatior - Funding is provided to fund the per pupil inflator at 4 percent, rather than 1 percent. This results in a general fund cost of \$7.973 million. This item increases local effort assistance funds for districts, and will allow some districts to collect additional local funds previously approved by voters. Appropriations reflect the last six months of FY 2011. \$7,973,000

Elementary/Secondary School Improvement

2009–11 Original Appropriations	\$ 43,450,000
2009–11 Maintenance Level	43,886,000
2009–11 Revised Appropriations	43,886,000
Difference from Original Appropriations	436,000
% Change from Original Appropriations	1.0%

Institutional Education

Juveniles in Adult Jails \$ 1,742,000

Juveniles in Adult Jails - Funding is provided to ensure provision of education programs for juveniles through age 18 in adult jails. It is estimated 90 juveniles each year will receive institutional education funding in an adult jail setting. \$1,742,000

Ed of Highly Capable Students

2009–11 Original Appropriations	\$ 18,867,000
2009–11 Maintenance Level	18,377,000
2009–11 Revised Appropriations	18,377,000
Difference from Original Appropriations	-490,000
% Change from Original Appropriations	-2.6%

Student Achievement Program

Student Achievement Program \$ -78,519,000

Student Achievement Program - The Student Achievement Program is currently budgeted to provide \$99.32 for each eligible K-12 student in Washington State in the 2010-11 school year. This funding is eliminated. -\$78,519,000

Education Reform**Dollars in Thousands**

1. Beginning Educator Support Team	\$ -348
2. LASER	-1,184
3. Education Reform	2,357
4. Focused Assistance	-1,523
5. Current Year Program Savings	-634
6. Nat'l board Bonus for Principals	-810
7. National Board Assessment Fees	-801
8. Career and Technical Education	-1,838
9. Local Farms & Healthy Kids	-300
10. STEM Best Practices	150
11. Temporary Layoffs (Comp changes)	-11

1. Beginning Educator Support Team - Funding for the Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST) program is reduced from \$2.348 million to \$2 million per year beginning FY 2011. The program provides early career educators with mentorship and support. -\$348,000

2. LASER - Learning Assistance for Science Education Reform (LASER) programs provide strategic planning and professional development in assisting school districts with implementation of science programs aligned with state assessments. Funding is reduced beginning in FY 2011. -\$1,184,000

3. Education Reform - Funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 235, Laws of 2010 (E2SSB 6696), regarding education reform. The bill implements policy changes in a number of areas impacting the K-12 school system, including school and school district accountability systems, educator preparation program policy, educator evaluation systems, academic standards, and parent and community involvement in schools. \$2,357,000

4. Focused Assistance - Funding for state-funded Focused Assistance programs within the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is reduced from \$3.046 million per year to \$1.523 million per year beginning in FY 2011. -\$1,523,000

5. Current Year Program Savings - Reductions are made in FY 2010 to several K-12 programs to capture savings from underexpended contracts. This includes Focused Assistance, Readiness to Learn, career and technical education grants, and other smaller programs. (General Fund-State, Education Legacy Trust Account-State) -\$634,000

6. Nat'l Board Bonus for Principals - The enacted base budget permits national board certified teachers who subsequently become principals to keep their bonus as principals. This provision is discontinued beginning in the 2010-11 school year. -\$810,000

7. National Board Assessment Fees - State funding for scholarships providing a \$2,000 advance to help cover the up-front costs of pursuing certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is discontinued in FY 2011. The program will continue to operate with available federal funding. -\$801,000

8. Career and Technical Education - Funding is reduced by two-thirds, beginning in FY 2011, for grants to middle schools, high schools or skill centers, to develop or upgrade high-demand career and technical education programs. -\$1,838,000

9. Local Farms & Healthy Kids - Funding is suspended for the Local Farms and Healthy "Kids" Act for schools to purchase Washington grown fresh, and fresh frozen, fruits and vegetables to offer students as a snack. -\$300,000

10. STEM Best Practices - Funding is provided for the implementation of Chapter 238, Laws of 2010 (HB 2621), which funds three best practice "lighthouse" districts in the area of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instruction. The STEM lighthouse districts will provide technical assistance to help replicate best practices in other districts. \$150,000

11. Temporary Layoffs - Agency appropriations are reduced consistent with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6503, as amended (closing state agencies on specified dates) due to the closure of state agencies and higher education institutions, or approved alternative compensation reduction plans. (General Fund-State, various other funds) -\$11,000

Transitional Bilingual Instruction

2009–11 Original Appropriation	\$ 204,194,000
2009–11 Maintenance Level	219,354,000
2009–11 Revised Appropriations	219,354,000
Difference from Original Appropriations	15,160,000
% Change from Original Appropriations	7.4%

Learning Assistance Program (LAP)

LAP Income Verification	\$ -208,000
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LAP Income Verification - Funding is adjusted to reflect implementation of recommendations contained in the State Auditor's February, 2010 report on the Learning Assistance Program. Beginning in the 2010-11 school year, Learning Assistance Program funds allocated to school districts shall be adjusted for ineligible free and reduced price lunch applications identified through the annual income verification process required by the national school lunch program. -\$208,000

Compensation Adjustments

1. Juveniles in Adult Jails	\$ 5,000
2. Certified Staff Ratio Grade 4	-34,000
3. Learning Improvement Day	<u>-15,585,000</u>
Total	-15,614,000

1. Juveniles in Adult Jails - Funding is provided for the increased compensation costs associated with increased funding for juveniles educated in jails. \$5,000

2. Certificated Staff Ratio Grade 4 - Compensation costs are adjusted to reflect the reduction in the certificated instructional staff ratio in grade 4. -\$34,000

3. Learning Improvement Day - The 2009-11 base operating budget funds one learning improvement day to state-funded certificated instructional staff. This funding is discontinued beginning in the 2010-11 school year. -\$15,585,000