



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE November 1, 2018

TO Governor Matthew H. Mead
Members, Wyoming Legislature

FROM Senator Bruce Burns, Co-chairman, Joint Appropriations Committee
Representative Bob Nicholas, Co-chairman, Joint Appropriations Committee

SUBJECT Recommendation on K-12 Education Resource Block Grant Model External Cost Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2020

In accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u), the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) submits its recommendation on an external cost adjustment (ECA) to the K-12 education resource block grant model (funding model) for fiscal year (FY) 2020, the second year of the 2019-2020 biennium.

As required by law, the JAC reviewed the Joint Education Committee's (JEC) ECA recommendation during a meeting of the JAC on October 25, 2018. Upon review of the JEC's recommendation, the JAC concurs with the JEC's recommendation to adjust the funding model categories reflecting increases for professional staff of 1.415 percent, non-professional staff of 1.536 percent, utilities of 10.876 percent and educational materials of 3.336 percent.¹

In accordance with the JEC's recommendation, the Legislative Service Office (LSO) has updated the utilities and educational materials figures to reflect the most recent available data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for June 2018 will be finalized by November 15, which may slightly adjust the recommended amounts for the utilities and educational material categories.

The LSO has estimated the impact of the recommended ECA to the funding model to be approximately \$19.0 million for FY 2020, based upon indices available at the time the materials were prepared for JAC. Please note, this cost estimate may change based upon actual school year 2018-19 student enrollment, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data refinements, and other data prior to the 2019 General Session.

On behalf of the members of the JAC, we submit this recommendation and look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature in proceeding with this matter during the 2019 General Session.

Cc: Mary Kay Hill, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

¹ The funding model categories are defined in 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, Attachment "A"(a)(iii) through (vi), as created by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99.