

Follow-up on DPI and State Board of Education Joint Budget and Legislative Priorities

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Joint Budget and Legislative Priorities

- SBE approved Superintendent Green's proposed budget and legislative priorities on Feb. 6, 2025
- SBE directed Superintendent to develop a budget proposal around expanding high-dosage tutoring
- SBE also approved including request to place a moratorium on Opportunity Scholarship expansion



High-Dosage Tutoring

- High-dosage tutoring is an intensive, small-group or one-on-one instructional intervention characterized by:
 - Frequent sessions of at least three times per week, totaling 50+ hours per year.
 - Small group sizes of at most a 1:3 tutor-to-student ratio.
 - Consistent, skilled tutors who are either trained educators, paraprofessionals, or certified tutors.
 - Data-driven instruction that includes regular progress monitoring and alignment with a scripted core curriculum that is aligned with classroom instruction.
- Effective programs often cost between \$2,300-\$2,500 per student per year



High-Dosage Tutoring Proposal

- Focus on supporting high-dosage literacy tutoring for 4th and 5th grade students in low-performing districts
- Provide \$2,500 for 50% of 4th and 5th grade students in all 23 low-performing districts
- Participating districts would begin providing tutoring in January 2026
- Districts would receive \$25,000 in non-recurring funding in 2025-26 school year for planning and program development
- DPI would receive \$300,000 in non-recurring funding for supporting districts in with program development and for evaluation



High-Dosage Tutoring Proposal

- Anson County Schools
- Asheboro City Schools
- Bladen County Schools
- Caswell County Schools
- Columbus County Schools
- Edenton-Chowan Schools
- Edgecombe County Public Schools
- Gates County Schools
- Granville County Schools
- Greene County Schools
- Halifax County Schools
- Harnett County Schools
- Kannapolis City Schools
- Lexington City Schools
- Martin County Schools
- Montgomery County Schools
- Public Schools of Robeson County
- Rowan-Salisbury Schools
- Scotland County Schools
- Thomasville City Schools
- Vance County Schools
- Warren County Schools
- Washington County Schools



High-Dosage Tutoring Proposal

Programs receiving funding must:

- Focus high-dosage tutoring on students who are below grade level in reading
- Provide 3-5 tutoring sessions per week of at least 30 minutes in length
- Provide a tutor-to-student ratio of no greater than 1:3
- Embed tutoring sessions within the school day or immediately after school
- Utilize a scripted, standardized tutoring curriculum and that is aligned with the core literacy curriculum taught in the school
- Provide training and on-going support to tutors
- Utilize diagnostic assessment data to determine the needs of each student and ongoing formative assessment data to monitor each students' progress



High-Dosage Tutoring Proposal

Estimated Costs of High-Dosage Tutoring Proposal

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
High-Dosage Tutoring Program Support to Low-Performing Districts	\$11.6 million (R)	\$23.2 million (R)
Program Support, Curriculum Development, and Evaluation (DPI)	\$875,000 (NR)	



Other Updates

- DPI has revised the cost for implementing the Exceptional Children Weighted Funding Formula
 - \$89.4 million in recurring funding
 - \$109.2 million in non-recurring funding
- Superintendent Green and staff presented DPI and the State Board's joint budget priorities at a meeting of the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee, Education on Feb. 27



Questions and Discussion





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