



Special Edition: The Governor's Book 2 2009–11 Supplemental Budget

The Governor released her Book 2 2009–11 Supplemental Budget yesterday (1/12/10).

In December, the Governor submitted a supplemental budget proposal for the remainder of the two-year 2009–11 budget period. She was legally required to submit a budget that was balanced to current revenues against an additional \$2.6 billion shortfall.

WASA will be here to assist you by providing up-to-date information about budget issues and legislation impacting Washington's schools and school directors. WASA will begin the regular "TWIO" on Friday, January 15, 2010.

The Book 2 budget restores:

- The state's Basic Health and Apple Health plans.
- Our general assistance program for the most needy.
- Levy equalization funds for our public schools.
- State financial aid to allow more students to attend higher education.
- Early childhood education and kindergarten.
- Adult medical, dental, vision and hospice programs.
- Developmental disability and long-term care services.

The proposal contains more cuts than revenue to address the \$2.6 billion deficit problem.

She pledged to work with the legislature to secure the additional revenues needed to restore the programs that a no-new-revenue budget could not accommodate. She will be submitting proposals to introduce greater tax fairness by closing loopholes that have either outlived their usefulness or are no longer equitable in today's tough economy. She expects Washington state to receive additional resources through the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP), Fiscal Stabilization Funds and possibly waivers for Basic Health Plan provisions. However, we do not yet know what these amounts will be.

Her education changes from the Book 1 December budget include:

K–12 Levy Equalization—\$165,012,000

Restores the levy equalization program, which provides state financial support to districts with a lower than average property tax base. In addition, for the school districts requiring the highest rate of state match, the program is enhanced to provide additional state support during the three-year period when the maximum levy rate for all districts is increased.

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Education changes from Book 1 December budget, cont'd

K-12 All-day Kindergarten, Gifted Program and Reading Corps—\$42,011,000

- Restores funding for students from the 20 percent of school districts with the highest poverty levels who are served through all-day kindergarten programs.
- Restores funding for nearly 23,000 students who participate in gifted programs across the state.
- Restores funding for the Reading Corps program, which provides tutors and other specialists to students struggling to read. The benefits of this state investment are multiplied because the program uses volunteers in the classroom and leverages federal funds.

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) for 3-Year-Olds—\$10,500,000

Restores funding for more than 1,500 low-income, 3-year-old children in ECEAP programs across the state. This continues the historic expansion in ECEAP begun by the Governor in the 2007-09 budget.

Middle School Career and Technical Education Program—\$1,943,000

Restores funding for the middle school career and technical education program, which will ensure students receive hands-on science and math-related learning opportunities that encourage interest in technical fields and help prepare students for more advanced study.

These are the only education changes from those proposed in Book 1 (www.wasa-oly.org/TWIOPreSessBudget). In other words, the cuts to K-4, I-728, the LID days and the other programs cut in Book 1 remain in this proposal.

Links to documents from the Book 2 2009-11 Supplemental budget:

- Book 2 Balance Sheet www.wasa-oly.org/Book2BalanceSheet
- Revenue Bill Matrix www.wasa-oly.org/RevenueBillMatrix
- 2010 Supplemental Operating Appropriations Bill www.wasa-oly.org/2010SuppOpBill K-12: Sections 501-518, pages 139-184
- Proposed 2010 Budget and Policy Highlights www.wasa-oly.org/Highlights
- Superintendents, "Tell Your Story". Every legislator needs to know how districts are impacted by the cuts that are being made www.wasa-oly.org/TellYourStory



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In her testimony to the Joint Ways & Means Committee (www.wasa-oly.org/testimony) the governor said that this session she will also be addressing the following areas relating to education:

- Creation of "All Start," a voluntary Washington preschool program to provide early learning opportunities to all 3- and 4-year olds;
- Continuation of the implementation of all-day kindergarten for all kids;
- Raising the current local levy lid, coupled with funding of Local Effort Assistance; and
- Development of a new teacher evaluation system, along with a system to evaluate the performance of principals, based on student achievement.