

Gov. Walker: Visits Fennimore Elementary School to Highlight Historic K-12 Investments Included in Budget Proposal

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Fennimore - Governor Scott Walker's Executive Budget proposal focuses on student success and includes significant investments in K-12 education. The proposal [lifts K-12 investment to \\$11.5 billion over two years, an all-time high](#) and includes \$649 million in new state aids for all Wisconsin K-12 schools. To highlight these investments, Governor Walker traveled to Fennimore Elementary School today.

"We know that it's a moral imperative to provide our students with a quality education," Governor Walker said. "But it's more than that - it's also an economic imperative. The historic K-12 investments included in our budget proposal work to provide Wisconsin students with a real-world education, one that will set them up for success when it comes to finding a job and pursuing a career upon graduation."

The Fennimore Community School District is estimated to receive more than \$13.6 million in funding from the state under Governor Walker's biennial budget, including:

- **An increase of \$460,248 in Per-Pupil Aid.** Governor Walker's budget proposal increases per-pupil funding by \$200 per pupil in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$204 per pupil in Fiscal Year 2019 - the largest increase since the 2005-2008 biennium.

- **\$154,800 in Sparsity Aid.** Sparsity Aid provides \$300 per pupil of additional funding to small rural districts that have less than 745 pupils and a population density of fewer than 10 pupils per square mile of district attendance. Governor Walker's budget proposal also creates a \$100 per pupil tier of Sparsity Aid funding for districts with 746-1000 pupils, which provides additional stability for school districts that hover around the 745 buffer. The Fennimore Community School District qualifies for this second tier of Sparsity Aid.

The Fennimore Community School District may also be eligible for further funding under Governor Walker's budget proposal, such as mental health grants, energy efficiency incentives, and special needs grants.

To learn more about Governor Walker's proposed investment in K-12 education, click [here](#). For Governor Walker's full 2017 Budget Address, click [here](#).