

HOUSE AND SENATE PASS BUDGET BILLS

Yesterday, both the House and Senate passed their respective supplemental education budget provisions. The House has a standalone education budget bill, [HF4328](#). The House bill includes both E-12 and higher education appropriations. The Senate has one omnibus supplemental bill, [SF3656](#) (E-12 articles begin on page 522), which includes all the budget areas.

A number of amendments were adopted to the [House bill](#) during floor debate. Most notably, the House adopted an amendment to make school readiness plus permanent but included language to allow parents to take their child out of school-based voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus program and enroll them into a mixed delivery system, using existing VPK or school readiness plus funds. ([See details on lines- 159.18-160.1](#))

Another amendment was adopted to appropriate \$2 million in FY20 and later for full service community schools with a requirement that the additional funding be targeted to support staff for students who attend full-service community schools.

WHAT NEXT?

Because the House and Senate budget bills are different, a conference committee will come together to work out the differences, along with the Governor and MDE. We expect conferees to be named, and a conference committee to begin, later next week.

OLA EARLY LEARNING EVALUATION

Yesterday, the Legislative Auditor released the results of the [early learning evaluation](#). Here are the [executive summary](#) and the [full report](#).

The House and Senate education committee hearings scheduled yesterday were cancelled because of conflicting House and Senate floor sessions. The Senate hearing is now set for Monday, April 30.

Joint Meeting: Committee on E-12 Finance; Committee on E-12 Policy
Monday, April 30, 2018 - 3:00 PM or 15 Minutes After Session
Chairs: Sen. Carla J. Nelson, Sen. Eric R. Pratt
3 p.m. or 15 Minutes After Session
Room 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.