

Memorandum

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week At The Capitol:

While this was a quieter week generally for YSBs at the Capitol, it was an important one in regards to the budget.

On Wednesday, the Governor gave his first budget address to the General Assembly. You may have read about it!!

It was a mixed bag of results for YSBs. The main line item was left intact for the most part. In fact, there is a small increase for a new YSB. Yet I'm unsure at this time who made the request of the Governor or for which town. I'm working on finding that out.

On the other hand, the Enhancement Grant line item was cut by \$32,000. Not a lot but with more YSBs throughout the state, and with zero increases since inception, a \$32,000 cut is still painful.

The Education subcommittee will be holding its public hearing on Wednesday as well as hearing from SDE.

Erica and I are also trying to determine if any of the new \$4.1 million in diversion funding in the DCF budget is earmarked for JRBs. I have already placed the question with the Governor's office and am waiting for an answer.

As always, please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns about these or any other Legislative matters. Also, please share this information with your members as you see fit.