



SJR10

December 8, 2023

2022 Legislative Session

Meetings During the Session

- February 14
- February 17
- February 22
- February 24
- February 25
- March 1

JLC Meetings

- Discussed during the February 18th and February 25th JLC meetings
- Speaker Wilson, Senator Millner, & Ben Leishman attended the February 18, 2022 meeting to present on a constitutional amendment and answer questions

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Fall Working Group & Meetings During the Session

- Fall Working Group – October 19, November 2 & 16, December 6 & 20
- January 24, 25, 26, 30
- February 9, 14, 21, 23
- March 1

JLC Meetings

- Discussed during the January 5th, January 20th, January 27th, February 10th, February 17 and February 23rd meetings
- Senator Millner and Representative K. Peterson attended the February 17, 2023 meeting to present and answer questions

Income Tax Earmark Modification Proposal

Retain and modify existing Article XIII Earmark

- Prioritize public education funding framework by including:
- 2020 HB357 language
 - Use revenue growth to fund enrollment and inflation
 - Budgetary stabilization
- Language allowing budgetary flexibility only after growth, inflation, and stabilization requirements have been met.

Statutory provisions to increase per-pupil state funding

- 6% WPU increase for FY24
- Statutorily guarantee, contingent on the passage of the constitutional amendments;
 - Legislature will fund additional increases to the WPU value by rolling in the savings in the minimum school program from declining enrollment for fiscal years 2026-2030
 - “Freeze” enrollment numbers for five years with a sunset review for a potential five-year expansion
 - 2% WPU increase will be set aside this year and will be distributed immediately after the election (November 2024)

JLC Letter to Legislators – April 2024

Letter

On April 24, 2023, JLC sent a letter to all legislators. The letter addressed the JLC's conditional support of SJR10 and put forward a list of expectations that we had for the 2023 Interim Session and the 2024 Legislative Session.

JLC Expectations

1. Increase in funding for public education beyond inflationary increases,
2. Increased emphasis on local control and flexibility for local school boards,
3. Reduction in administrative demands,
4. Elimination of unfunded mandates,
5. Automatic inflationary adjustment to the certified tax rate, and
6. Commitment to items of importance to the public education community.