



Legislative Affairs Department
Broward County Public Schools

Budget Report

Governor Rick Scott's Florida First Budget

Summary:

Governor Rick Scott released his Florida First Budget on Monday, November 23. This document is a recommended budget for FY2016-2017 that will be taken into consideration during the legislative budget process this upcoming Legislative Session. The Governor's total recommendation is **\$79.3 billion**. In this budget report, we have outlined areas of interest for Broward County Public Schools: the education budget and tax cuts.

Proposed Education Funding:

Overall, \$20.21 billion will be allocated for K-12 education in the Florida First Budget. This is over 25% of the total budget for the state. However, it is important to note that an estimated 54% of total K-12 education funding will come from local sources. Specific highlights of the Governor's proposed budget include increased per-student funding for K-12 public school students and also VPK students. K-12 student funding will increase to **\$7,180 per student (BCPS)**.

Additionally, Governor Scott's budget proposes a Technical Center Rapid Response "Career in a Year" program to expand and create programs that are in response for Florida's workforce needs and allow students to get a career in one year. Adults with Disabilities will also see a proposed increase of \$10 million to restore funding back to previous levels. Below are some funding highlights for Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

Funding Highlights:

Overall Funding Area	Funding Amount	Increase from FY15-16
K-12 Public Schools Total Funding	\$20.21 billion	\$540 million
K-12 Public Schools State Funding	\$11.01 billion	\$90 million
K-12 Public Schools Per-Student Funding for BCPS*	\$7,180/student	\$109/student (1.5%)
Early Child Education and Care Funding	\$1.1 billion	\$51.7 million
VPK Per-Student Funding	\$2,487 (school year)/ \$2,123 (summer)	\$50 (school year)/ \$43 (summer)

*The 2016-17 FEFP worksheet (Governor's Recommended Calculation) is attached

Specified Funding Area	Funding Amount	Increase from FY15-16
Digital Learning Initiatives	\$80 million	\$20 million
School Safety Initiatives	\$74.5 million	\$10 million
Class Size Funding	\$3.1 billion	\$16.7 million
School Readiness Funding	\$20.3 million	\$20.3 million
Career in a Year Program	\$20 million	\$20 million
Lowest Performing Schools	\$86.8 million	\$86.8 million
Adults with Disabilities	\$10 million	\$10 million

PECO	Funding Amount	Change from FY15-16
Public School Maintenance	\$75.2 million	\$25.2 million
Charter School Maintenance	\$75.2 million	\$25.2 million

Tax Cuts:

The Florida First Budget includes tax cuts of over **\$1 billion** for Florida families and businesses. Tax cuts include:

- Permanently eliminating income tax on manufacturing and retail businesses, a cost reduction of about \$770 million annually
- Permanently eliminating the tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment, a cost reduction of \$76.9 million annually
- Cutting tax on commercial leases, a cost reduction of \$339 million over the next two years
- Sales tax holidays, a savings of about \$72.8 million for Florida's families for the upcoming fiscal year