

2011-2012 EDUCATION BUDGET

Item	2010-11	2011-12	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Public School Subsidy (State)	5,121,339,000	5,354,629,000	233,290,000	4.56%
Public School Subsidy (ARRA)	654,747,000	0	(654,747,000)	---
Public School Subsidy (Combined)	5,776,086,000	5,354,629,000	(421,457,000)	(7.30%)
Nonpublic School Textbooks & IMs	27,020,000	26,278,000	(742,000)	(2.75%)
Nonpublic School Auxiliary Services	88,352,000	86,384,000	(1,968,000)	(2.23%)
Pre-K Counts	85,240,000	82,784,000	(2,456,000)	(2.88%)
Accountability Grants	259,456,000	0	(259,456,000)	---
Nonpublic & Charter School Transportation	76,205,000	76,640,000	435,000	0.57%

Governor Tom Corbett signed the omnibus school code bill passed by the Senate and House. The state public education appropriation is \$5.35 billion, which represents a 4.56% increase from the 2010-2011 budget. The federal stimulus appropriations (ARRA funds) are \$0, which is a 10% to 15% decrease in total education spending from the 2010-2011 budget.

Other core public education programs such as Special Education, Early Intervention, Career and Technical Education, and Pupil Transportation, are funded at or close to the 2010-11 appropriation levels. Accountability Grants were defunded and the Pre-K Counts program received a decrease of 2.88%.

2011-2012 EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (EITC)

Category	2009-10	2010-11	% Change	2011-12	% Change
K-12 Scholarship Organizations	37,967,000	40,202,400	+5.89	44,666,667	+11.10
EIOs	15,633,000	13,401,600	(14.27)	22,333,333	+66.65
Pre-K Scholarship Organizations	6,400,000	6,396,000	(0.06)	8,000,000	+25.08

The EITC program received \$75 million, which is a 25% increase from last year's allocation. The EITC family income level will also increase to \$60 thousand with \$12 thousand a dependent and SOs will have a week delay again this year. All SOs can file their application on July 8, 2011. The EITC also went back to the prior year's funding levels, so nonpublic line items received 2/3 and EIO's received 1/3 of the available revenues. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.