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Subject: FY 27 Minimum Foundation Program Formula		

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP OR -\$12,159,331 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for FY 2026-2027

Proposed concurrent resolution provides for the FY 26-27 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula that was adopted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) on March 11, 2026. The formula contains 4 levels: Level 1 - provides for the calculation of the total MFP costs and the proportion supported by the state and local school districts; Level 2 - provides incentives for local effort; Level 3 - provides for specific legislative allocations (continued funding for past pay raises, historical funding allocations based on hold harmless reallocations, and mandated costs of health insurance, retirement, and fuel); Level 4 - provides for supplementary funding, including Foreign Language Associate salary and stipends; career development allocations; high cost services allocations; and supplemental course allocations.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$12,159,331)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$12,159,331)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	(\$12,159,331)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$12,159,331)

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed concurrent resolution is anticipated to result in a net decrease of \$12.2M in state expenditures in comparison to the FY 26 formula budget. **In FY 27, funding the MFP formula as proposed in HCR 20 will require \$4,004,182,037.**

HCR 20 Compared to FY 26 Formula:

FY 27 BESE-Adopted MFP: \$4,004,182,037
 FY 26 Existing Formula Budget: \$4,016,341,368
Difference: (\$ 12,159,331)

Significant changes include a \$29.9M increase to the Level 3 Mandated Costs Allocation, raising the per-pupil amount from \$100 to \$147. The proposed formula also includes the addition of École Pointe au Chien. Since it began operations, the school has been provided SGF as a line-item appropriation in the state budget. For FY 27, HB 1 recommends an appropriation in the amount of \$741,780. If adopted, this resolution would place École Pointe au Chien in Level 4 of the MFP with any resulting cost change expected to be insignificant.

LEVEL 1: Uses the February 1 student count to determine the cost of education services. Maintains the weights for Career and Technical Education units (6%), Special Education/Other Exceptionalities (150%) and Special Education/Gifted and Talented (60%), Low Income and English Learner (22%), and Economy of Scale (0%-20%). Maintains the base cost per pupil of \$4,015. Maintains a state and local allocation ratio of 65% to 35%. The February 2026 student count is 628,479, down from the February 2025 count by 12,183 students. The total weighted membership count is 920,723.

LEVEL 2: Maintains the provisions of incentives for local effort. The total MFP educational costs are shared between the state and the city or parish school systems. The ability of school systems to support the cost of education in their communities is measured by the potential to raise local revenue measured in Level 1 by 1) local property tax revenue contribution, 2) local sales tax revenue contribution, and 3) other local revenue contribution. Level 2 provides incentives for city and parish school systems that contribute a greater proportion of local revenues towards the cost of education in their communities by increasing local property and sales tax revenues as measured by 1) total sales taxes, 2) total property taxes, 3) state and federal revenue in lieu of taxes, and 4) 50% earnings on property revenue.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:

LEVEL 3: Continues the pay raises for certificated and support personnel initiated in 2001-2002, 2006-2007 through 2008-2009, and increases the per pupil allocation amount of the Mandated Costs Allocation from \$100 to \$147. School systems utilize these funds to pay for operational expenses including health insurance, retirement, and fuel, as well as historical allocations based on the hold harmless provision.


LEVEL 4: Supplementary Allocations. **1) Career Development Allocation** to support the development of technical courses required for statewide credentials in city and parish school systems and other public schools in the amount of 6% of the base per pupil cost for each qualifying student course enrollment; a minimum amount of \$25,000 will be provided for each city and parish school system and a minimum of \$10,000 will be provided for other public schools with students enrolled in grades 9 through 12; **2) International Language Associate Program Salary and Stipends Allocation** continues the supplemental allocation at \$21,000 per teacher, the first-year installation stipend of \$6,000, and the second-year and third-year retention stipend of \$4,000. The cap of 300 teachers is retained. **3) Mentor Teacher Stipend Allocation** to provide a \$2,000 stipend to each certificated mentor teacher or teacher serving as the assigned mentor of record responsible for supporting undergraduate and post-baccalaureate resident teachers. **4) Resident Teacher Stipend Allocation** moves the resident teacher stipend, which provides a \$3,300 stipend to each undergraduate and post-baccalaureate resident teacher, out of the pay raise allocations within Level 4, to its own separate section in Level 4, with no impact on costs.

ALLOCATIONS FOR OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Continues funding methodology for the LSU, Southern University, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette Lab Schools, Type 2 Charter Schools, Office of Juvenile Justice Schools, the Recovery School District, NOCCA, LSMSA, Thrive Academy, and the Special School District. Adds Ecole Pointe au Chien under the same funding methodology used for the other special schools (\$741,780).

70% EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT: Continues language that city, parish, local public school systems, or other public schools ensure that 70% of the general fund expenditures are in the areas of instruction and school administration.

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