

Governor	Republican Legislative Budget
EDUCATION	
Overall, Governor Cooper's budget increases education funding by \$755 million next year.	The conference budget increases education funding by \$520 million next year or about 30% less than the Governor's budget.
Governor Cooper's budget increases the budgeted state share of per pupil funding next year by \$337 bringing it to \$6,418 .	The conference budget increases the budgeted state share of per pupil funding next year by \$225 bringing it to \$6,305 . The conference budget only provides two-thirds of what was provided in the Governor's budget.
In raw dollars, Governor Cooper's budget provides \$271 million next year for teacher pay raises, and \$542 million in 2018-19 .	The Republican budget funds less than half of Governor Cooper's proposed teacher pay increases next year, with only \$100 million for additional teacher pay. In 2018-19, the Republican budget only funds two-thirds of Governor Cooper's proposed pay raise, with just \$372 million in additional funding.
Governor Cooper's budget includes significant raises of at least 3% for every teacher, with most levels of the salary scale <u>getting a more than 5% raise each of the next two years</u> .	The Republican budget gives beginning teachers no raise , and our most experienced teachers a paltry 0.6% raise .
Governor Cooper's budget provides \$14 million to fund a \$150 supply stipend for all classroom teachers , to help offset teachers' out-of-pocket expenses. Click here to see an estimate of how teachers in your area would benefit from Governor Cooper's supply stipend.	The Republican budget includes no money to help teachers cover out-of-pocket classroom supply expenses.
Governor Cooper's budget provides an additional \$20 million in flexible funding for schools to hire instructional support personnel like teaching assistants, nurses and behavioral support staff . Click here to see how much your LEA could be helped by Governor Cooper's support personnel proposal.	The Republican budget includes no funds for schools to hire additional support staff.
Governor Cooper's budget includes \$20 million to fund NC GROW, a program to allow recent high school graduates in good academic standing to attend community college for free . Click here to see how many high school students in good standing with an unmet financial need in your area could be helped by NC GROW.	The Republican budget does not include a plan for tuition-free community college.
Governor Cooper's budget provides \$5 million for the Best and Brightest Scholarship, providing \$10,000 per year for four years to students who commit to	After Governor Cooper proposed the Best and Brightest Scholarship, the Republican budget funded a similar NC Teaching Fellows program, which provides \$6 million from the NC Education

<p>teach in a North Carolina public school after graduation.</p>	<p>Endowment Fund for \$8,250 forgivable loans for students who commit to teaching math, science, technology, engineering, or special education.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides an additional \$95 million in 2017-18 and \$91 million in 2018-19 for North Carolina's Community College system.</p>	<p>The Republican budget provides roughly half of Governor Cooper's funding for community colleges in 2017-18 at \$53 million, and only \$73 million in 2018-19.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget eliminates the NC Pre-K waitlist, by adding an estimated 4,668 at-risk kids to Pre-K over the next two years. In 2018-19, North Carolina would have an estimated 31,687 children in NC Pre-K—the highest total in 10 years.</p>	<p>The Republican budget leaves a thousand children on the pre-K waitlist.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget invests an additional \$15 million—a 10% increase—in recurring funds into Smart Start.</p> <p>Click here to see how Governor Cooper's additional Smart Start funding could help a program in your area.</p>	<p>The Republican budget calls for roughly one-fifth of Governor Cooper's proposed investment in Smart Start next year at \$3.5 million, and less than one half in 2018-19, at \$7 million.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget begins to reduce funding for vouchers, which send taxpayer dollars to private and parochial schools.</p>	<p>The Republican budget drains public school funding by increasing voucher money for private schools by \$20 million next year and \$30 million dollars in 2018-19.</p>
JOBS	
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$20 million next year to help expand access to broadband in rural areas, including a \$14.5 million grant program to pay for middle and last mile projects across the state. High-speed internet access is crucial to help North Carolina's rural areas compete in a global economy.</p> <p>Click here to see a list of some projects that could compete for Governor Cooper's rural broadband grant funding.</p>	<p>The Republican budget doesn't provide funds for middle and last mile broadband projects, including only \$250,000 for the Department of Information Technology's broadband office.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$30 million next year to help fund infrastructure for 'ready sites'—50 to 200 acre economic development areas that could help rural areas of our state attract industry.</p>	<p>The Republican budget provides less than one-tenth of Governor Cooper's proposed investment in Ready Sites, at \$2 million.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$5 million for Main Street Solutions, a fund to support small business in rural areas and revitalize downtowns. For every \$1 invested by the state, more than \$6 are invested by the local community.</p>	<p>The Republican budget provided just 10% of the Governor's suggested funding with \$500,000 for Main Street Solutions.</p>
<p>The Governor's budget provides \$3 million for the One NC Small Business Fund, to offer early-stage</p>	<p>The Republican budget doesn't include any funding for the One NC Small Business Fund.</p>

<p>technology development grants for small businesses that receive federal awards, a great program for rural and small businesses.</p>	
<p>Governor Cooper's budget converts the Film Production Grant program back into a Film and Entertainment Tax Incentive, recruiting good paying film jobs back to North Carolina.</p>	<p>The Republican budget continues the film grant program.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget calls for the reinstatement of the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, which could help more than 200,000 families pay for child care.</p> <p>Click here to see how many families in your area could be helped by the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit.</p>	<p>The Republican budget does not provide a child care tax credit.</p>
<p>GOOD GOVERNMENT, MENTAL HEALTH, OPIOIDS</p>	
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$23 million in statewide mental health funds to help combat the opioid crisis, and \$2 million to enhance local law enforcement's efforts to fight opioid abuse.</p>	<p>The Republican budget provides less than half of Governor Cooper's allotted funding for opioid treatment and cuts \$100 million over two years from substance abuse and mental health treatment organizations.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget offered a 2% or \$800 raise (whichever is greater) for state employees.</p>	<p>The Republican budget gives all state employees a \$1,000 raise, leaving many state employees with much smaller raises than Governor Cooper's budget funded.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget did not raise any taxes or fees or create future budget deficits, and included a Child Care Tax Credit that could help 200,000 North Carolina families pay for child care.</p>	<p>The Republican budget gives tax breaks that mostly benefit the wealthy, with a millionaire getting a tax break 85 times the size what a working family gets on average. The Republican budget also blows a \$600 million hole in future budgets.</p>