



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE October 9, 2023

TO Members, Joint Appropriations Committee

FROM Representative David Northrup, Co-chairman, Joint Education Interim Committee
Senator Charles Scott, Co-chairman, Joint Education Interim Committee

SUBJECT Fiscal Year 2025 K-12 Education Resource Block Grant Funding Model External Cost Adjustment Recommendation

In accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u), and on behalf of the Joint Education Interim Committee (JEC), the JEC submits its recommendation to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) on an external cost adjustment (ECA) to the K-12 education resource block grant model (funding model) for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

The specific motion adopted at the JEC's September 27, 2023, meeting is as follows:

Forward a recommendation to the JAC that for school year 2024-2025, the funding model's categories reflect the following sustained, cumulative external cost adjustments: 14.669 percent for energy, 21.852 percent for educational materials, 3.871 percent for professional staff, and 4.106 percent for non-professional staff.

The estimated fiscal impact of the JEC's recommendations for FY 2025 is \$68 million: \$7.4 million for energy, \$30.3 million for educational materials, \$25.2 million for professional staff, and \$5.1 million for non-professional staff. Please note, these cost estimates may change based upon actual school year 2023-24 enrollments and other data prior to the 2024 Budget Session, including revised data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

On behalf of the members of the JEC, the recommendation is submitted for consideration by the JAC at its October 25-26 meeting. The JEC looks forward to working with members of JAC in proceeding with this matter during the 2024 Budget Session.

Cc: Members, Joint Education Interim Committee