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The following printout provides school district level information related to the fiscal impact of Governor Evers' 2019-21 Fair Funding proposal.

Specifically, the attachment to this document shows what each school district is to receive from the state for the following programs: (1) 2018-19 October 15 Certified General Aid; (2) 2018-19 School Levy Tax Credit (SLTC) Estimate\*; and (3) 2018-19 High Poverty Aid.

This information is compared to the potential impact of the Governor's Fair Funding proposal, which is proposed to be effective in 2020-21, as if it had been in place in 2018-19.

The Fair Funding proposal contains the following provisions:

1. Shifting the SLTC, the First Dollar Tax Credit (FDTC), and High Poverty Aid to the General Aid Formula.
2. Setting a minimum aid level of \$3,000 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student.
3. Weighting economically disadvantaged students in all school districts by an additional 20% FTE within the General Aid Formula for property valuation purposes only.
4. Increasing the current secondary cost ceiling from 90% of the state average shared cost per student to 100% of the state average.
5. Increasing the current special adjustment aid provision from 85% to 90% of each district's prior year state general aid.
6. In total, the Governor's Fair Funding proposal increases general aids for public schools by \$618.8 million over the biennium, by providing:
  - An additional \$611.3 million in state general equalization aids over the 2019-21 biennium (\$205 million in 2019-20 and \$406.3 million in 2020-21, over the 2018-19 base); and
  - Including a new \$7.5 million hold harmless provision in 2020-21 to ensure that every school district receives the same amount of total state support under Fair Funding as it would have otherwise received under current law.

**NOTE:** The Governor's Fair Funding proposal includes shifting both the existing SLTC (\$940 million in 2018-19) and the FDTC (\$150 million) into the General Equalization Aid formula in 2018-19. In other words, under Fair Funding, a total of \$1.09 billion would flow through the General Equalization Aid formula directly to school districts. However, the \$150 million in FDTC funding in 2018-19 is not reflected in this printout, as such credits are not allocated by school district on a statewide basis.

\*Estimated school levy tax credit payments distributed to school districts in 2018-19, based on the equalized value of the portions of the underlying municipalities located within a district's boundaries ([Legislative Fiscal Bureau, memo to Wisconsin legislators, December 11, 2018](#)).