

Dear Fellow School Psychologists:

The legislative session is now completed for this year. With respect to education, some more money was given to all school districts from the Q Comp fund.. The change in the safe school levy wording which I have mentioned in previous reports passed. Thus, if school districts levy the extra three dollars per student which was authorized last session, it must be spent on licensed student support personnel.

With respect to the educational policy bill, it was sent to the Governor. He vetoed it as expected because he did not like proposed changes to the school report card. These changes centered on putting additional information in the school report card, including allowing schools to report student progress against a statewide average in addition to progress now reported toward proficiency. The bill was returned to the legislature. The Senate reworked the bill to make it more acceptable to the Governor. The House did not. Thus, for the 2008 session there will be no educational policy bill. All the items I spoke about in my last report are gone until at least next session beginning in January.

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