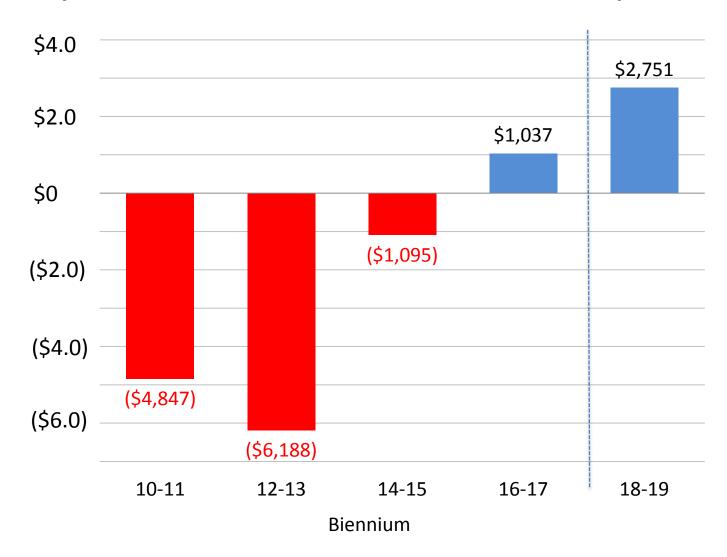


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## Stabilized the Budget

**Projected General Fund Balances – November Forecast Comparisons** 





# State's Financial Health Continues to Improve

- ✓ Fair and sustainable revenues
- ✓ Put an end to chronic deficits and finally stabilized the state budget into the future
- ✓ Increased our budget reserves to the highest levels ever to help protect Minnesota from future economic downturns

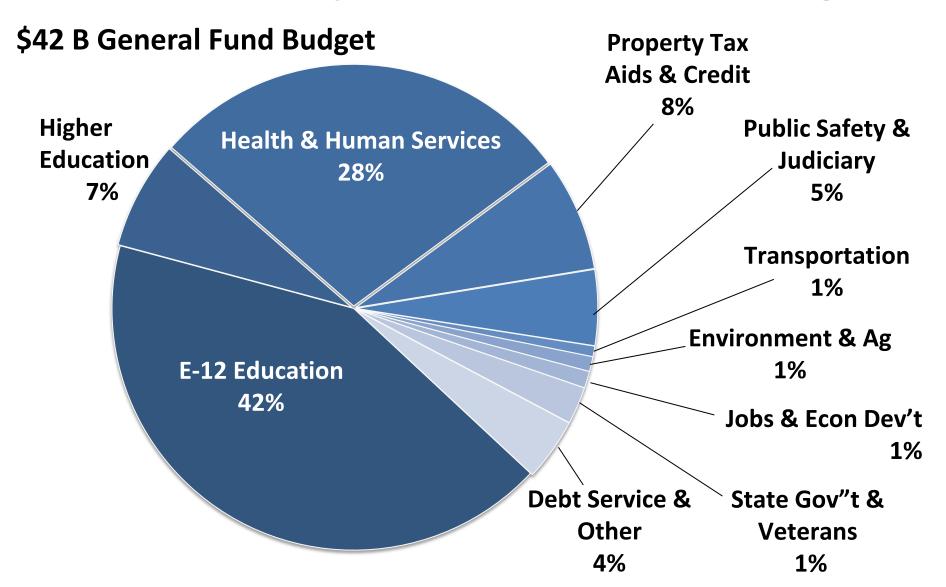


- Focus on Students (0-18) The Governor would dedicate over half of the state's budget surplus to improve the lives and educations of children across Minnesota, including Voluntary Pre-K and School Breakfasts.
- ➤ Investing in Higher Education The Governor's budget would invest in higher education to provide additional financial aid and improve the quality of higher education institutions.
- ➤ Helping Families and Children— The Governor's budget would increase funding for child care assistance and child protection, improve mental health services, and community services for people with disabilities. It also would tax relief to hundreds of thousands of middle-class Minnesotans, including Child and Dependent Care Credits for 130,000.



General Fund (\$ in millions)	November Forecast FY 2016-17	Governor's <u>Changes</u>	Governor's Budget FY 2016-17
Beginning Balance	\$1,745	\$(54)	\$1,691
Revenues	41,880	(16)	41,864
Expenditures	41,243	932	42,175
Reserves	1,345		<u>1,345</u>
Budget Balance	\$1,037	\$(1,002)	\$35







#### **Allocation of Investments**

General Fund (\$ in millions)	Governor's <u>Changes</u>	% of <u>Change</u>
PreK – 12 (ages 0-18)	\$418	42%
Higher Education	93	9%
Health and Human Services	140	14%
Child and Dependent Care Credit	100	10%
Public Safety, Courts and Corrections	137	14%
All Other Areas	114	11%
Total Changes	\$1,002	

**75%** 



## **Education**

## A Great Start for Early Learners

- Voluntary Pre-K for 4 year olds
- Head Start

#### **Successful Students**

- School Breakfast
- MN Reading Corps
- Additional Targeted Strategies

## **Support for Schools**

- 1% and 1%
- Regional Centers



\$17 billion GF, \$373 million new investment



## **Health and Human Services**

#### **Children and Families**

- Childcare
- Dental care
- Child welfare
- Home visiting

### **Mental Health Reform**

#### **Health Care in Greater MN**

Hospitals and Public Health

### **Housing and Services**

- Bridges\*
- Group Residential Housing





# **Higher Education**



- Continue to limit tuition increases at the University of Minnesota
- Increase tuition support for students through the state grant program
- Invest in Medical School to train the next generation of world-class physicians

\$3 billion GF, \$93 million new investments



# **Rail Safety**

4,500 grade
 crossings on
 4,444 miles of
 track



 Property Tax Modernization and Assessment on Railroads



## **Tax Changes**



- Providing direct tax cuts to 130,000 Minnesota families through the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit
- Simplify the business R&D credit and close corporate loopholes
- ✓ January 24<sup>th</sup> Tax Conformity Bill enacted into law; delivering immediate tax relief for 200,000 middle-income Minnesotans



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