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February Forecast

In November, the budget forecast showed a \$1.332 billion surplus in Minnesota for fiscal years 2020-21. The February forecast now shows an increase in surplus of \$181 million, for a total surplus of \$1.513 billion. Now that the February forecast has been released, we can expect more chips to fall into place around the Legislature. The Governor will release his supplemental budget proposal next, and House and Senate committees will be given an idea of how much money they may have to work with (if at all). The odd numbered years of the biennium are when the state budget is set, so constitutionally, no additional funding needs to happen this year.

Committee Hearings – Week in Review

Monday

The House Ways and Means Committee heard [HF1424](#) (Stephenson)- student loan advocate established, licensure of student loan servicers required, certain practices prohibited in student loan servicing. This bill was heard procedurally, and it was re-referred to Judiciary and Civil Law Finance.

Thursday

The Senate Higher Education Committee heard [SF3243](#) (Abeler) – Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities grants expansion to institutions in states sharing a geographic border with Minnesota. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

The Senate also confirmed the Commissioner of Minnesota Office of Higher Education, Dennis Olson.

Friday

The House Education Policy Committee heard the following bills:

- [HF2243](#) (Mariani) – Pupil Fair Dismissal Act amended, nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices required, and money appropriated. Students from St. Louis Park testified on their personal disciplinary experiences. This bill was heard informationally, no action was taken.
- [HF1761](#) (Hassan) – Pupil nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices provided, and report required. This bill was also only heard informationally, so no action was taken.
- [HF3396](#) (Her) – Student discipline and nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices modified. The bill was passed and sent to the General Register.
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Committee Hearings – Week Ahead

Tuesday

The House Education Policy Committee will hear [HF1964](#) (Gruenhagen): Postsecondary education institution required to notify school of student withdrawal, and student required to provide grades copy to school.

The House Higher Education Committee will hear [HF3086](#) (Bernardy): University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities capital improvement spending authorized to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Wednesday

The House Higher Education Committee will have a hearing with various bills about the Student Consumer Act. Most have not yet been introduced, but Rep. Vang is carrying the OHE version, [HF2054](#).

The Senate E-12 Committee will hear:

- [SF3629](#) (Nelson): safe school revenue increase
- [SF2963](#) (Nelson): school safety assessment policy requirement

Thursday

The House Judiciary and Civil Law Finance Committee will hear [HF1424](#) (Stephenson)- student loan advocate established, licensure of student loan servicers required, certain practices prohibited in student loan servicing.

Bill Introductions of Interest

[HF3745](#) (Youakim): A bill for an act relating to education; requiring financial aid information to be provided to high school students.

[HF3853](#) (Pryor): A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a school safety capital grants program for nonpublic schools; requiring a report; appropriating money.

[SF3507](#) (Clausen): A bill for an act relating to higher education; developing a merit-based scholarship program.

[SF3626](#) (Howe): A bill for an act relating to higher education; requiring disclosure of tuition and fees and other information related to higher education majors and programs.

[SF3629](#) (Nelson): A bill for an act relating to education; increasing safe schools revenue; requiring a report; appropriating money.

[SF3650](#) (Torres Ray): A bill for an act relating to education; modifying student discipline and nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices.

[SF3683](#) (Anderson, P): A bill for an act relating to higher education; providing for policy changes for the Office of Higher Education, including financial aid, institutional approval, and the Minnesota college savings plan.

[SF3690](#) (Abeler): A bill for an act relating to education; establishing an ombudsman for school safety.

[SF3729](#) (Clausen): A bill for an act relating to higher education; expanding the Minnesota Goes to College program; requiring a report.

[SF3779](#) (Bigham): A bill for an act relating to education; directing the Minnesota School Safety Center to develop a school threat assessment policy; modifying the allowable uses of the safe schools levy; appropriating money.

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Attached

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