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TO: Representative Gordon Hintz
Room 109 North, State Capitol

FROM: Russ Kava and Christa Pugh

SUBJECT: State School Aid Funding and Funding for Incoming Choice Pupils

At your request, we are providing information on the level of state school aid funding since 2010-11 and funding for incoming pupils in private school choice programs.

The table below shows the amount of funding appropriated for general and categorical aids each year since 2010-11, including the amounts appropriated in the 2015-17 biennial budget act (2015 Act 55). The table also shows the difference between the funding provided in each year and the funding level in 2010-11, as well as the cumulative difference in funding since 2010-11 for each year.

State School Aid Funding Since 2010-11 (\$ in Millions)

	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Difference from 2010-11</u>	<u>Cumulative Difference</u>
2010-11	\$5,325.0		
2011-12	4,893.5	-\$431.5	-\$431.5
2012-13	4,964.4	-360.6	-792.1
2013-14	5,079.2	-245.8	-1,037.9
2014-15	5,241.7	-83.3	-1,121.2
2015-16	5,244.5	-80.5	-1,201.7
2016-17	5,444.6	119.6	-1,082.1

You also asked about the aid effect of the provision in the 2015-17 biennial budget related to the funding of certain pupils in private school choice programs. Under the provisions of 2015 Act 55, the cost of per pupil payments for pupils who begin participating in the Racine or statewide choice programs in 2015-16 or later will be fully offset by a reduction in the general aids of those pupils' school districts of residence. School districts will not be permitted to levy to make up the

aid reduction, but will be able to count incoming choice pupils for general aid and revenue limit purposes. It is estimated that districts' state aid will be reduced by \$18.4 million in 2015-16 and \$29.4 million in 2016-17 related to payments for these incoming pupils.

We hope this information is helpful. Please contact us if you have further questions.

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