

FY 2026 DESE New Decision Items (NDI)

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1	1	Foundation Formula Increase	\$497,305,178	\$497,305,178	\$0	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to increase the SAT from \$6760 to \$7145; provide funding for SB 727's (2024) five-day school week incentive, WADA membership revision, recalculation of local effort, virtual school ADA, and Pre-K increase from 4 to 8%; and provide funding for HB 447's (2023) SAT change for placement in psychiatric facilities. This request includes \$500,000 for programming the SB 727 changes.
2	1	Small Schools Grant Increase	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	SB 727 required \$15m increase to the Small Schools grants. Total \$30m. \$20m distributed based on prior year ADA of 350 or less and \$10m distributed to school districts with an operating levy equal to or greater than \$3.43.
3	2	Child Care Subsidy - Replacement of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding	\$54,760,946	\$43,033,667	\$11,727,279	\$0	0.00	This increase is needed to replace expiring ARP Child Care Discretionary funds.
4	3	Child Care Subsidy - Pay on Authorization	\$85,189,996	\$85,189,996	\$0	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to pay based on children's authorized attendance (33% increase over payment based on actual attendance.)
5	4	Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Caseload Growth	\$20,792,763	\$20,792,763	\$0	\$0	0.00	This increase is needed to address FY24 carryover and higher subsequent years' request for reimbursement.
6	5	Teacher Baseline Salary Grant Program	\$5,775,634	\$5,775,634	\$0	\$0	0.00	SB 727 requires minimum teacher starting salaries of \$40k and master's degree with 10+ years experience to \$46k for SY 2025-26. (Note: this will also require a transfer approp NDI.)
7	5	Elementary Literacy Program	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	SB 727 - new program for up to \$5m in grants to LEAs for home reading programs for K-5. (Note: this will also require a transfer approp NDI.)
8	5	Teacher Recruitment & Retention (R&R) State Scholarship Program	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	SB 727 increased teacher recruitment and retention scholarships to 400 scholarships or max award of \$2.4m for SY 2025-26.
9	6	Literacy Coaches	\$5,301,000	\$5,301,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	This request is need for continued funding of literacy coaches to allow DESE to complete the current Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS®) training for educators and to continue the classroom coaching support for those who have completed LETRS® training.

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10	6	Missouri Leadership Development System (MLDS)	\$1,998,000	\$1,998,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	This funding is needed to continue a comprehensive, progressive sequence of professional learning for Missouri principals and other forward thinking school leaders. MLDS is designed to serve improvement seeking leaders over the course of their career.
11	6	Missouri Teacher Development System (MTDS)	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	This funding is needed to continue a framework of on-going support and professional learning for teachers at all career levels. Programs are offered in a cohort system which means a group of teachers attend the sessions together thereby building a network and support systems of other educators in the same situation.
12	6	Collaborative Initiative for Competency-Based Education (CBE) and Innovative Assessment	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	This request is a replacement of one-time funds in the FY 2025 budget for Success Ready Students Network (SRSN) needed to develop and provide competency-based education professional development; design and implement innovative assessments; engage the Missouri public school community in CBE strategies, related innovative asesements and reporting; and extend the collaborative work between DESE and SRSN.
13	7	Transportation Funding	\$15,208,835	\$15,208,835	\$0	\$0	0.00	This funding is needed to reimburse allowable transportation costs at 75%.
14	8	First Steps Funding	\$18,914,933	\$17,596,847	\$1,318,086	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to fund the ongoing higher cost related to the contracts re-bid in FY24.
15	9	Vocational Rehabilitation Federal Funding	\$15,532,183	\$0	\$15,532,183	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to spend the full amount of the available federal grant and avoid the need for waitlists.
16	9	Disability Determinations Federal Funding	\$3,344,106	\$0	\$3,344,106	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to address the increasing caseload and to spend the full amount of the federal grant.
17	9	Title II (Effective Instruction) Federal Funding	\$6,097,126	\$0	\$6,097,126	\$0	0.00	This request is needed for additional federal authority to allow for payment of estimated expenditures.
18	9	Title III (Language Acquisition) Federal Funding	\$263,934	\$0	\$263,934	\$0	0.00	This request is needed for additional federal authority to allow for payment of estimated expenditures.

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19	9	Special Education - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Federal Funding	\$26,786,892	\$0	\$26,786,892	\$0	0.00	This increase provides federal approp authority to expend additional grant funding available & pay carryover from FY24.
20	9	Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Federal Funding	\$639,278	0	\$639,278	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to spend the remaining amount of this five-year grant.
21	9	Quality Initiatives - Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Federal Funding	\$1,599,174	\$0	\$1,599,174	\$0	0.00	This request is needed to spend the quality portion of the CCDF federal grant award increase.
22	9	Missouri Healthy Schools Federal Funding	\$65,975	\$0	\$65,975	\$0	0.00	This increase provides additional approp authority to expend the federal funds received under the Missouri Healthy Schools program.
23	9	Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) Federal Funding	\$1,553,523	\$0	\$1,553,523	\$0	0.00	This increase provides additional federal approp authority to expend the federal funds received under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.
24	9	Career Education Distribution (Perkins V) Federal Funding	\$2,701,460	\$0	\$2,701,460	\$0	0.00	This increase provides additional federal approp authority to expend the federal Perkins funds.
25	9	Refunds - Federal Appropriation Authority	\$2,200,000	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$0	0.00	This is a increase for federal relief funds' appropriation authority to pay returned funds back to the federal government.
26	10	Performance Based Assessments Funding	\$3,059,962	\$700,000	\$2,059,962	\$300,000	0.00	This increase is needed to replace funding reduced in FY25, as remaining approp authority does not allow for payment of current contracts.
27	11	Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Federal Grant Funding	\$6,700,000	\$0	\$6,700,000	\$0	0.00	This request is for a federal grant increase for an existing grant. Year 1 of this grant will overlap with Year 5 of the existing grant. Note: the FY26 NDI assumes use of the current grant authority of \$4.5m as partial approp authority for Year 2.
28	11	Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Federal Grant Funding	\$1,849,907	\$0	\$1,849,907	\$0	0.00	Four-year federal grant to improve the current state longitudinal data system infrastructure.

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29	12	Missouri Assistive Technology (MOAT) Revolving Fund Authority	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	0.00	This funding will expand the availability and use of assistive technologies for caregivers, offering them opportunities for respite while simultaneously ensuring the independence, safety, and health of individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia.
30	12	Missouri School for the Severely Disabled (MSSD) Medicaid Spending Authority	\$3,000,000	0	\$3,000,000	\$0	0.00	This increase is needed to expend federal Medicaid funds available. DESE ran out of spending authority for FY24.
31	13	Pathways for Instructionally Embedded Assessments (PIE) - Federal Grant Funding - Phase II	\$844,945	\$0	\$844,945	\$0	0.00	This request is for a second round of PIE grants totaling \$4M over 4 years plus carryover years.
32	13	Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA) Federal Grant Funding	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	0.00	This request is needed for a new federal grant, Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA), to assist states in fostering high-quality, innovative assessments, that, after the demonstration ends, meet the academic assessment and statewide accountability requirements under ESEA.
33	13	Independent Living Centers (ILC)	\$1,272,760	\$0	\$1,272,760	\$0	0.00	This funding would be used for direct consumer services at the Independent Living Centers (ILC) to be evenly dispersed to the ILCs serving the 22 territories across the state.
34			\$809,658,510	\$719,101,920	\$90,056,590	\$500,000	0.00	FY 2026 New Decision Item Total