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Positive Progress on Funding in Jeopardy in Appropriations Committee

The version of House Bill 3 created in the House Education Committee has been largely dismantled in a proposal about to be considered in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee tomorrow morning! Funds have been restored for many of the Governor's pet projects, including a merit pay pilot, early intervention money that will be completely controlled by Secretary Skandera and the Public Education Department, and funding to implement the Governor's new teacher evaluation program. Contact Members now with this message:

Pass a General Appropriations Act that funds increased salaries and benefits (including the necessary district health insurance increases) and put maximum funding "above the line" in the School Equalization Guarantee, not "below the line" in the Governor's or the Legislative Finance Committee's pet projects (like merit pay, funding formula changes, and third grade retention)! Fund the required increase in retirement contributions to support House bill 64 and Senate Bill 115.
