A session that had everything

Energy regulation! Climate change!
Gun control! Health care costs!
Election reform! Economic security!
Criminal justice!
Marathon hearings! Filibusters!

Where did education fit in?
There was a lot more. Things started slowly but session was the biggest for education in awhile
Bills and issues

About 75 bills introduced, 50-some passed

- Full-day kindergarten
- READ Act reform
- Concurrent enrollment
- Early-grades discipline
- Online regulation
Also on the agenda ...

- Supporting, attracting educators
- Student health and safety

So, all in all, a pretty substantial session, right? Not so fast.
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So, kind of a do-over session. Why?

- Polis picked kindergarten
- A good economy
- Literacy problems exposed
- Persistence
- Democratic control
- And – are there any new ideas?
A little bit of history

2008 – CAP4K, BEST
2009 – Accountability
2010 – Evaluation
2011 – Budget cuts
2012 – READ Act
2013 – Finance reform
2014 – Assessment
2015 – Assessment
2016 – Student data
2017 – School finance
2018 – School finance
2019 – Do-overs
Enough policy – let’s talk money

• Total Program is up
• The BS Factor is down
• Kindergarten plan helps districts
• A boost for BEST
• And that’s not all
Continuing funding for 2019-20

- $7.4 billion TPF (state and local), up $325M (2.7% inflation rate)
- Local revenues pay for increase
- The BS Factor goes down $100M to $572M
- $764M assorted current assistance to schools
- And Categoricals total $483M all funds, up 1.8%
BEST funding

- All marijuana excise revenues go to the program - $6M increase
- Annual lease payments to $105M, then $110M
- Ceiling lifted on cash grants
- $81M spending increase next year
- More funding for charter facilities
- $25M for kindergarten implementation
But wait, there’s more

New K-12 spending 2019-20 - $469M

- Kindergarten $201M
- BS Factor reduction $100M
- BEST "extras" $57M
- Transfer to SEF $40M
- Special ed $22M
- Rural aid $20M
- Other bills $17M
What didn’t get addressed – Future do-overs?

• Assessment – quiet since 2015
• Evaluation – passed 2010, effort to change failed this year
• Accountability – passed 2009, modest bill this session
• CAP4K – started it all in 2008
And the really hard stuff

- Funding adequacy
- Funding equity
- Mill levy overrides
- Gallagher and uniform mill levy
Finally, a cautionary tale

- Does anyone remember HB 08-1386?
- And who can tell me what HB 19-1002 does?
Get more information

- Go to https://cosfp.org for links to a report on the 2019 session and to two education bill trackers.
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