



Funding and Budget Information

Much has been said about the pending delayed aid payment we are about to see. The Governor said it is going to happen and that they really don't have a choice about implementing MS 127A.46. In a meeting yesterday, he also said that they hope to have the information out in a few business days just how much money they are actually planning to delay. We sent you the [potential maximum amount of delayed payment as per statute](#) but the Governor said that he is expecting that it will be lower than the maximum. How much lower we will have to wait to find out. It probably will come out in a district by district spreadsheet. We will get that out to you as soon as it is available to us.

He also talked about the unallotment, or 73/27 payment shift as we all seem to be calling it today. He would like to see that enacted by the legislature as a shift which would guarantee that it would be paid back to us. With today's unallotment, it might not be paid back and essentially become a cut. There are those in the legislature who would like to see education cut, so it would be in our best interest to support having the 73/27 become statute to ensure that we will be paid back one day. We told the Governor that we supported that as well.

The Governor said he wanted to shield education from outright cuts since we are carrying part of the budget solution with the 73/27 and the delayed aid payments. It probably is too early to know if that will happen.

We had an earnest discussion about the problems these actions have on districts. Hopefully, we will get information from the Governor's office in the next week or so that you can use in your budget determinations.