

**Department of Education FY 09 Budget Hearing (Tab 16)
Follow-Up Items**

- **GEAR UP Program Summary**
 - South Dakota is in its third year of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund its GEAR UP program. GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program.
 - With this grant, the South Dakota Department of Education was able to take a program that had been in existence for 12 years and implement it statewide. While the program has had different names over the course of its 12-year history, many know it by the title "Native American Honors Program." Its goal has always been to increase the number of Native American students who graduate from college and go on to postsecondary education.
 - Here are a few of the numbers related to the 12 years of history with the "Honors Program." The Honors Program targeted 9-12th grade students -- about 20 students per grade. (Stats for the statewide GEAR UP, which serves larger numbers of students, are not yet available.)
 - Over 80% of participants are Native American.
 - Over 80% success rate of retention of all participants.
 - 100% graduation rate from high school
 - 85% placement rate in college with an additional 10% in the military
 - Over 70% retention rate in college
- **State Aid to General Education, Growing Enrollment Scenarios, comparison of cost based on requiring:**
 - Growth of 5% of previous fall's enrollment or 25 students (current law)
 - 5% of previous fall's enrollment and 25 students
 - 10% or previous fall's enrollment
 - Please see the attached file growingenrollscenarios.xls
- **General education levy difference with and without technology and assessment adjustment being included in the state aid to education formula (Representative Dennert):**

	Levy with Technology & Assessment in Formula	Levy without Technology & Assessment in Formula
Ag	2.65	2.59
Non-ag Z	3.65	3.59
Owner Occupied	4.16	4.07
Commercial	8.91	8.71

- **Identify all other funds increasing for FY 09, totaling \$17.4 million (Senator Apa):**

Center Description	Description	Amount
State Aid to General Aid	Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Funds	\$1,800,000
Teachers Compensation Assistance Program	Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Funds	\$4,000,000
Technology in the Schools	Citibank Donation	-\$559,026
Technology in the Schools	Grant from EAC	\$219,658
Technology in the Schools	Technology Funds (through state aid formula)	\$6,680,021
Career and Technical Education	Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Funds	\$1,500,000
Career and Technical Education	Grant from Great Plains Foundation	\$50,000
Curriculum, Technology and Assessment	Assessment Funds (through state aid formula)	\$2,045,395
Accreditation and Teacher Quality	Institute Funds/Teacher Certification Fee	-\$1,645
Education Service Agencies	Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Funds	\$1,700,000
	Total Change	\$17,434,403

- **Unfunded federal mandates (Representative Putnam), FY 09 estimated costs not covered with federal funding:**
 - IDEA Part C, Birth to Three Connections Program: \$1,845,723
 - Statewide assessment required by NCLB: \$2,045,395
 - Child and Adult Nutrition, required inspections and other administrative costs: \$102,000
 - Education Service Agencies: NCLB requires the State Education Agency to provide technical assistance to schools in school improvement. Part of the mission of the ESAs is to serve as an agent of DOE to provide such technical assistance. As more schools move into school improvement status, more ESA resources are being dedicated to this federal mandate. Estimated annual cost: \$1,200,000