

By the numbers

The higher foundation level embodied in the budget implementation bill, commonly known as a BIMP, is designed to counter negative state funding by keeping pressure on the state to continue spending more money on schools.

The state budget finalized in late August includes an additional \$554 million for public schools. But even though the new budget authorizes the state to spend that money, the Illinois State Board of Education says it can't actually spend it until lawmakers also approve the BIMP, which would raise the foundation level — the minimum amount that a school must spend on each child, using state and local money — to \$5,734 from \$5,334.

The ISBE says it will continue using last year's foundation level of \$5,334 until the law is changed. The BIMP cleared the Senate and is pending in the House. Another version of the BIMP is pending in the Senate. Here is a look at the projected effect on local school districts. The chart shows each district's general state aid last year, followed by projected general state aid this year with the BIMP and general state aid without the BIMP.

	Gen. State Aid Last Year	GSA No BIMP	Difference	GSA with BIMP	Difference
Winnebago County					
Durand	\$1,543,095	\$1,289,067	-\$254,028	\$1,577,817	\$34,722
Harlem	\$18,500,112	\$17,319,447	-\$1,180,665	\$20,105,615	\$1,605,503
Hononegah	\$4,089,906	\$4,313,050	\$223,144	\$5,099,070	\$1,009,164
Kinnikinnick	\$4,367,354	\$4,134,166	-\$233,188	\$4,916,950	\$549,596
Pecatonica	\$2,282,503	\$2,304,928	\$22,425	\$2,674,920	\$392,417
Prairie Hill	\$1,547,946	\$1,764,834	\$216,888	\$2,024,118	\$476,172
Rockford	\$61,671,397	\$57,228,286	-\$4,443,111	\$67,270,650	\$5,599,253
Shirland	\$214,558	\$122,538	-\$92,020	\$179,038	-\$35,520
South Beloit	\$3,495,383	\$3,055,461	-\$439,922	\$3,477,005	-\$18,378
Winnebago	\$4,656,709	\$4,349,289	-\$307,420	\$4,985,957	\$329,248
Boone County					
Belvidere	\$19,713,952	\$18,479,293	-\$1,234,659	\$21,743,021	\$2,029,069
North Boone	\$4,420,762	\$4,659,518	\$238,756	\$5,301,182	\$880,420
Ogle County					
Byron	\$414,195	\$423,431	\$9,236	\$559,662	\$145,467
Creston	\$139,838	\$117,586	-\$22,252	\$162,318	\$22,480
Forrestville Valley	\$2,746,519	\$2,620,961	-\$125,558	\$2,996,877	\$250,358
Kings Consolidated	\$224,744	\$258,080	\$33,336	\$311,496	\$86,752
Meridian Dist. 223	\$5,461,209	\$5,455,295	-\$5,914	\$6,190,323	\$729,114
Oregon	\$3,655,160	\$3,301,940	-\$353,220	\$3,985,288	\$330,128
Polo	\$2,092,646	\$2,032,554	-\$60,092	\$2,323,374	\$230,728