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2023 RSAI ANNUAL MEETING

October 17, 2023

FFA Enrichment Center, DMACC Campus
Ankeny, IA

4:30 – 7:30 pm



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2024 Session Preview



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2023 Information

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2023 New Laws (see the RSAI Legislative Digest or Reach out to us with questions)

- HF 68 - ESAs
- SF 496 - Transparency/Parents Rights
- HF 604 - Student Discipline
- HF 430 - Mandatory Reporters and BOEE
- HF 391 - Chapter 12 Flexibility
- SF 482 - Bathroom Bill

2024 Session

- Staff Shortages
- \$ for staff
- Preschool funding
- Operational Sharing Expansion
- AEAs
- Administrator Salary Limits
- ESA bill tweaks
- DoP Equity
- Mental Health
- Gun safety
- Sports Sharing(?)
- more.....

GOVERNMENT + POLITICS

Governor announces \$1.83 billion budget surplus, calls for tax cuts

BY: ROBIN OPSAHL - SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 4:46 PM



Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a property tax cut into law May 4, 2023. She's calling for more tax cuts after the state recorded a \$1.83 billion general fund surplus. (Photo by Robin Opsahl/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

How much money does the state have?

FY 2023 Surplus: (\$100 million above estimate)	\$1.8 Billion
Est. FY 2024 Taxpayer Relief Fund:	\$3.6 Billion
Est. FY 2024 Cash Reserve Fund:	\$ 721.4 Million
Est. FY 2024 Economic Emergency Fund:	\$240.5 Million

LSA General Fund Balance Sheet:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/EOS/1374050.pdf>

2024 Session Tax Cuts or Investments in Education (or both)

Imagine what 20% of that surplus could do to fund education priorities:

- Increase teacher pay
- Poverty factor in formula that recognizes the costs of equalizing educational opportunities for low-income students,
- Adequately funding SSA at a level equal to inflation increases over the last couple of years.

For context, right after the Governor signed HF 68 last year (ESAs), progress on bills about operational sharing (restoring the original weightings) and PK (1.0 weighting for low-income and ELL students) stalled - legislators said they were concerned about not having the money.

There's plenty of money - it's a question of what you choose to do with it.