



2026 Evidence of UEN Advocacy Influence

[SF 2201 SSA 2% Plus:](#) 1) despite the possibilities of zero or 1% SSA discussed by Legislators last November and December, the Senate agreed to the Governor's 2%. The bill included \$7 million for support staff supplemental salary.

[HF 2783 Education Appropriations:](#) includes \$2.4 million for Therapeutic classrooms (plus a standing appropriation of \$750,000 to provide services to students without an IEP or 504 plan), \$265,000 to continue funding the TeachIowa Job Posting System, and \$1.0 Million for the Teach Iowa Scholar Program.

[SF 2472 Property Tax Reform:](#) some harmful provisions were eliminated during the process: state assuming costs of special ed, media, educational services and the additional levy; restrictions on management fund taxing authority; supermajority vote for use of SAVE; lower maximum voter-approved PPEL and Debt levies. The bill also extended SAVE through 2071.

[SF 2220 TAG and Advanced Pathways:](#) Delayed implementation (Advanced Pathways & Acceleration) to July 1, 2027, and provided criteria for district determination of student readiness to advance and likelihood of student success.

Concurrent Enrollment: Failure Payback [SF 2299](#) and District Online Discretion [SF 2320](#) (\$626K increase in concurrent enrollment in Education Appropriations HF 2783) were both approved with strong bipartisan votes in the House and Senate. Sadly, the Governor vetoed both bills.

PE, Extracurricular and Screen Time Mandates: [HF 2676](#) MAHA Bill removed PE mandates (added only 10 minutes of activity time for K-4) and provided more exceptions to screen time limits. Delayed implementation of food dye restrictions to July 1, 2027.

[HF 2493 PK for Young Children:](#) Allows school districts to enroll and serve young 5-year-olds (born on or after March 15 and before September 15) in PK classrooms (student will generate 0.5 weighting). Does not require districts to eliminate transitional kindergarten.

[SF 2428 Student Behavior:](#) eliminated the oversight committee return to the classroom authority and requires federal law to prevail in areas of IEP and 504 plans.

To address Teacher Shortages: an increase of \$96K, which is a 10.2% increase, for **Teach Iowa Scholars Loan Programs** in [HF 2783](#) Education Appropriations and [HF 2724 Alternative Certification](#) for Math, Science, Fine Arts, Strat II teachers and Activities Directors.

See the 2026 Legislative Digest for list of other Dead Bills that did not move forward.