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The Budget MAY be Settled!

It is about chickens, eggs, BMW's, teachers and students

THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

It looks like we have a deal. The Republicans wanted a 1.25% increase in the k-12 budget while the Democrats were pulling for a 2.62% raise. The compromise reached calls for the 1.25% increase while dipping into a \$55.7 million one-time appropriation, which adds up to **2.62%**. So everyone and no one got what they wanted - the perfect compromise. You might ask, "What's the difference?" By dividing it into the two different designations when figuring percentages for next year, any increase will be calculated from the 2015-16 budget including only the 1.25% and not including the additional one-time money.



The budget might be a disappointment to many, especially those of us in the school business. A bigger disappointment might well be the failure, so far, to include provisions for the 2016-17 school year. Governor Branstad had strongly requested a two year deal to help solve the related problems of LEA budget guessing from year to year. At this writing, the Senate is going for 4% next year, the House wants 2% and settlement is, hmm possible.

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