



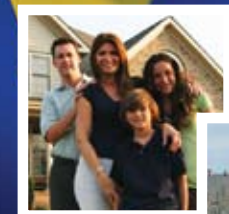
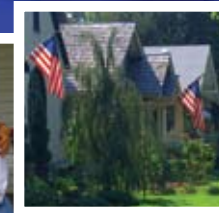
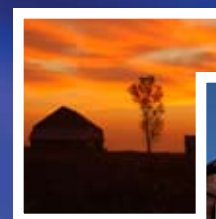
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Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers and public education.

Although the budget is a bipartisan compromise, with all 48 House Republicans voting for it, House Republican principles remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:

- It contains no general tax increases.
- It maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- It uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, along with House and Senate Republicans, outlined these standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding. In addition, the "education trigger" would allot 50 percent of state revenue to education when income exceeds revenue projections.

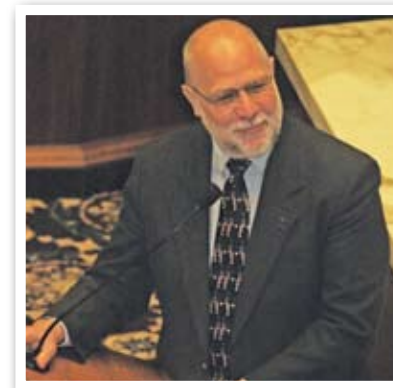
Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support:

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The budget fully funds K-12 anticipated enrollment increases at growing public schools.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding was authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Indiana University Southeast, Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
- The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

I believe this is the right budget for Indiana right now, and that's why I voted for it.



Rep. Brown honors Miss Indiana USA Cournti Shabana Hall, from Crawfordsville, with a House resolution.



Rep. Brown debates proposed legislation before the House of Representatives.

Expanded Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings

I supported an important measure that increases the number of providers of Medicaid-covered screenings for cervical and breast cancer treatments. Breast cancer is among the most frequently diagnosed cancers in the country, and it kills almost 1,000 Hoosiers annually. The death rate for cervical cancer is increasing.

Increased Protection for Hoosier Children

I supported a budget provision that gives about \$135,000 annually to create an ombudsman for the Department of Child Services, which can be the last line of defense for abused and neglected children. Lawmakers and community activists called for the position after the deaths of several children whose cases had come to the attention of state caseworkers, and they considered funding for the program a win for children.

Military Family Relief Fund

Access to the Military Family Relief Fund was expanded to include all active duty personnel and not just those in the National Guard or reserves. The fund now may provide education and employment assistance. This law should give military families peace of mind during a stressful time, when family members are serving overseas.

Honoring our Hoosier Heroes

I co-sponsored an important measure which honors Hoosier heroes who have sacrificed so much for us. Senate Enrolled Act 39 grants all Hoosier Purple Heart recipients free tuition to state colleges and universities. Previous law provided tuition only to those who received the Purple Heart after Sept. 10, 2001, and the children of all Purple Heart recipients.



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