

## Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$29,979,043 in ongoing general funds to provide a 1.25% increase for the "Big Three" – our schools (including technical colleges), our healthcare providers, and our state employees.

Since Governor Noem took office, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 24.9%. With this recommended increase, the "Big Three" has received inflationary increases of 27.9%. This should keep us ahead of the increase in inflation. Additional targeted increases have been made to certain state employees and to healthcare providers. And last year, the legislature guaranteed that teachers will have the opportunity to earn more when the state funds increases to education.

By prioritizing the "Big Three," the State is investing in the workforce and the next generation of South Dakotans.

1.25% Inflation	<b>General Funds</b>
Education	12,814,179
Healthcare Providers	10,386,348
State Employees	6,778,516
Total	\$ 29,979,043

