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## **Gov. Scott Proposes \$63 Million for Teacher Supply Grants**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that his 2018-2019 budget proposal will include \$63 million for teacher supply grants. This proposal is an increase of nearly \$18 million, or \$100 additional dollars per teacher. These annual grants are used by educators to purchase classroom supplies needed for the school year. Currently, Florida teachers receive \$250 annually for classroom supplies. The Governor's proposal will increase this funding to \$350 annually.

Governor Rick Scott said, "I have the opportunity to travel to schools and meet with our hardworking teachers, and yesterday, I was fortunate to meet with our Teachers of the Year to hear how we can make our schools even better. Teachers are heroes to our students and I'm committed to championing policies to continue to help them. We have worked every year to ensure that Florida's teachers have the resources they need to help our students succeed. Far too often, teachers are forced to reach into their own pockets to buy supplies for their classrooms and I am proud to propose additional money for this critical program. Teacher supply grants allow our educators to secure the tools they need in the classroom and we will continue to fight to ensure that every Florida teacher can focus on student success."

In 2013, Governor Scott championed an across the board pay raise for Florida teachers. He was proud to secure the \$2,500 pay raise which was appropriated by the Florida Legislature and provided to local school districts who set teacher salaries. This year, the Governor secured the highest per-pupil funding in Florida history which follows multiple years of Governor Scott securing historic funding for education. More details on his upcoming budget, including additional funding for teacher supply grants, will be announced in the coming weeks.

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