

## **Budget Update**

Here is an update on where the budget stands now...

•The Senate used the Governor's budget and took into account some of the House's recommendations. As it stands right now it is the exact same as the Governor's budget except for additional footnotes relative to the ability to seek additional general funds via the Fiscal Committee. The ESS increase in funding is included in this.



- •The footnote from the House related to a certain amount to be used for pay increases for DSPs has been taken out.
- •The Senate Finance Committee presented their budget to the full Senate and some House members on May 30th. Members from the House Freedom Caucus are opposed to the proposed Senate budget stating that they feel it spends too much money. Representative James McConnell (R-Swanzey) publicly stated that he is "going to work to defeat it." Democrats say that the budget offers too little for social services, education, and workforce training.
- •If Senate passes the budget as expected this week it with then go to the House. They can choose to accept it with no changes, kill it immediately, or request a committee of conference. It is expected that the committee of conference will be the option chosen.
- •If they do not come to an agreement by June 30th the budget expires and things will most likely be funded at the current level until a budget is agreed upon.

Here are some links to articles regarding the budget: http://www.concordmonitor.com/senate-will-vote-in-budget-thursday-10390126

http://www.concordmonitor.com/budget-funds-education-mental-health-and-cuts-

http://www.unionleader.com/state-government/NH-Senates-budget-faces-rocky-road-in-House-05312017



## Join the NH Leadership Series!

The goal of the Leadership Series is to support the development of advocacy and leadership skills in NH citizens who wish to grow at a personal level to

achieve community and statewide change that supports the full inclusion of individuals with disabilities in their schools and communities.

The 2-day Series takes place in several areas of the state, including the Seacoast, the Monadnock Region, and Concord. Application deadline is June 15th.

For more information or to nominate an attendee or apply yourself, click here.

## Dancing with The Rising Stars

Come share in the fun and cheer on the dancers who have been working hard on their dance routines to perform in front of a crowd!



- •Wednesday, June 7, 2017
- •5:30 8:00 PM (doors open at 4:30)
- •Emmanuel Baptist Church 14 Mammoth Road, Hooksett
- •\$10 for adults, \$5 for children (tickets purchased at door)
- •More fun to include a concession stand, bake sale, raffle items and massage therapy!

This year The Rising Stars has chosen the local Veteran's Affairs chapter to be the recipient of their Community Service Project, to help veterans and their families move into housing. Please bring an unused household item (ex: broom, towels, soap, toothbrush, toilet paper, etc.) and receive a free raffle ticket for each item you donate!

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