

TO: Governor
FROM: Riley
SUBJECT: HB 663
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HB 663 amends current law regarding classroom supply funds to provide:

- Funds may not be spent for administrative purposes
- Local districts are to allocate funds equally among all teachers, with “teacher” defined as any employee required by law to obtain a teacher’s license and who is assigned to an instructional area of work by MDE, but not a federally funded teacher.
- 2 or more teachers can pool their funds for the benefit of the school within the district
- Teachers are to be involved in the development of a spending plan that is to be submitted in writing to the principal
- Funds are to supplement, not replace, other local and state funds available for the same purpose
- State Board of Education is to develop rules and regulations for the administration of funds, with particular emphasis on allowing teachers to expend funds as they think best.

MAE wanted this language and they support the bill. MDE is fine with it.

HB 663 is effective July 1, 2003.

Sign it.