Highlights of the FY 2019 Budget and Bond Bill

- Limits operating budget growth to 3.99%
- Sets aside over $47.0 million by appropriating only 97% of revenues versus the constitutionally mandated maximum of 98%
- Appropriates $49.2 million toward critical one-time items in a separate supplemental appropriation bill
- Funds “door openers” such as:
  - $20.9 million for school enrollment growth
  - $8.8 million for quality child care for more children
  - $3.0 million to ensure fair elections
- Funds over $440.0 million in new school construction, library construction, economic development projects, environmental enhancements, and state facility maintenance
- Invests over $360.0 million in infrastructure enhancements for Delaware’s roads, bridges, and highways
- Generates over $5.0 million in savings in areas such as energy, fleet services and restructuring of the Department of Education

_Better Schools for All Delaware Students:_ The following will help prepare Delaware’s children to succeed:

- **Investing in Educators:** $10.2 million for annual salary steps for educators, plus a 2% general salary increase for educators statewide
- **Investing in Early Education:** $3.8 million to fund growth in Delaware’s early learning centers through the STARS program
- **Investing in High-Needs Schools:** $6.0 million for Opportunity Grants, targeted to schools with high percentages of students at the poverty level and/or English Learners (EL) students
- **Investing in the City of Wilmington:** $19.0 million to fund enhancements for schools within the City of Wilmington as part of the Governor Carney’s efforts to revitalize educational opportunities in the city
- **Providing Resources for Early Grades:** Student Success Block Grant
  - $2.8 million in additional support for K-3 Basic Special Education
  - $3.6 million to provide an estimated 45 reading teachers for elementary schools serving K-4, targeted to schools with high percentages of students at the poverty level and/or English Language (EL) students
- **Ensuring Dependable Transportation for Students:** A total of $11.2 million to address
  - Current year deficit due to rising fuel costs and transportation provided to homeless students
  - Implementation of the recommendations of the Public School Transportation Committee to address increased costs
  - Projected new transportation routes for FY 2019
- **$131.5 million for new K-12 school construction, renovations of old school facilities, and maintenance of K-12 schools**
- **Over $37.0 million in higher education investments, including the creation of a $11.4 million Higher Education Economic Development Investment Fund to support projects at our universities and community college that will create quality jobs for Delawareans everywhere**

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**Investing in Our People:** The following will help maintain a strong and stable state workforce:

- Investing in State Workers and Educators:
  - $1,000 annual raise for state workers
  - 2% raise for teachers statewide, on top of annual step increases
  - $500 one-time bonus for all state employees
  - $400 one-time supplement for all retirees
  - $75.4 million for maintenance and renovations of state facilities, enhancements for state parks, and community drainage/debris pit remediation

**High Needs Area - Public Safety:**
- Funding for second year of correctional officer raises to $43,000 starting salary
- $3.6 million for implementation of correctional officer career ladder
- Over $2.3 million to fund implementation of the Department of Correction Independent Review recommendations
- Establishment of a dedicated Special Operations Response Team (SORT) unit in the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
- $18.4 million for a new Troop 7 in Lewes.
- $8.9 million to replace old state police helicopters

**High Needs Area – Children’s Services:**
- $4.2 million to add 30 new casework staff and contractual support in the Division of Family Services to bolster child welfare, abuse and neglect hotline investigations
- $2.0 million to add 29 new staff members in the Division of Youth Rehabilitative services to meet staffing needs in six secure facilities, and reduce mandatory overtime

**A Healthier Delaware:** The following investments toward improving Delawareans’ health:

- Attacking the Drug Use Epidemic: $1.4 million for additional resources toward substance abuse treatment
- Addressing Prevention, Treatment, Resilience and Recovery of Mental Health, including substance use and co-occurring disorders: $3.0 million for a Behavioral Health Consortium Contingency and $2.0 million for the Delaware Health Care Claims Database
- Supporting Those who Serve Delawareans with Disabilities: $4.6 million for contractual increases for provider partners providing services to those with disabilities
- Helping Those Born with Substance Addiction: $285,000 of resources for substance-exposed infants
- Assisting Seniors with Maintaining their Health: $2.0 million in prescription assistance for Delaware seniors and $850,000 to support Senior Nutrition services
- Providing Access to Health Services for Women: $398,200 for the Mobile Women’s Health Screening program
- $10.0 million to enhance water quality and water infrastructure networks throughout the state

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