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## **IBHE TO PRESENT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD**

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Board of Higher Education will discuss budget recommendations at its meeting Tues., Dec. 10 at DePaul University's Lincoln Park Campus. Staff is recommending increases that invest in students thorough direct financial assistance and by building up our colleges and universities. The board meeting begins at 1 p.m.

"We are ending a sustained period of disinvestment in higher education. Gov. JB Pritzker championed an increase in the state budget for the current year and we are pleased to hear that he will again put students first for FY 2021," said John Atkinson, chair, IBHE board. "The increase that IBHE board members consider next week is smaller than the one voted on by the board last year yet would bring higher education closer to state government support back in FY 2015.

Nyle Robinson, interim executive director, said, "We envision moving toward a philosophy under which higher education would receive \$1 in new funding for every \$2 of new money appropriated to elementary and secondary education. This governor's focus on education and its positive impacts on students and our economy are greatly appreciated. This is a clear path toward a better Illinois."

In FY 2020, the appropriation was \$2.05 billion and included an increase to MAP of \$50 million, both significant measures of investment in Illinois students.

All budget request details will be released at the board meeting.

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