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Governor, legislative leaders reach budget agreement with average \$1,220 teacher pay raise

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Teachers would receive an average \$1,220 pay raise and state employees would receive raises up to \$1,300 under a budget agreement announced Wednesday.

Public education would receive a \$203 million increase, with \$157.7 million for common education, according to a budget highlights sheet released just prior to a Wednesday afternoon news conference.

Gov. Kevin Stitt and legislative leaders were speaking at the news conference about the budget agreement.

Among other budget highlights:

- \$20 million to reform funding of district attorney offices.
- \$10 million for "smart on crime" programs through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- \$19 million for the Quick Action Closing fund.
- \$15 million for digital transformation of state government services to enhance transparency.
- Fully funding the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's eight-year plan.
- \$62 million for Graduate Medical Education program to support physician training for rural hospitals.

- \$105 million reallocation to increase provider rates for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes.
- \$200 million in the state's savings account.

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