

# The state has a big new school funding law. Here's what it means

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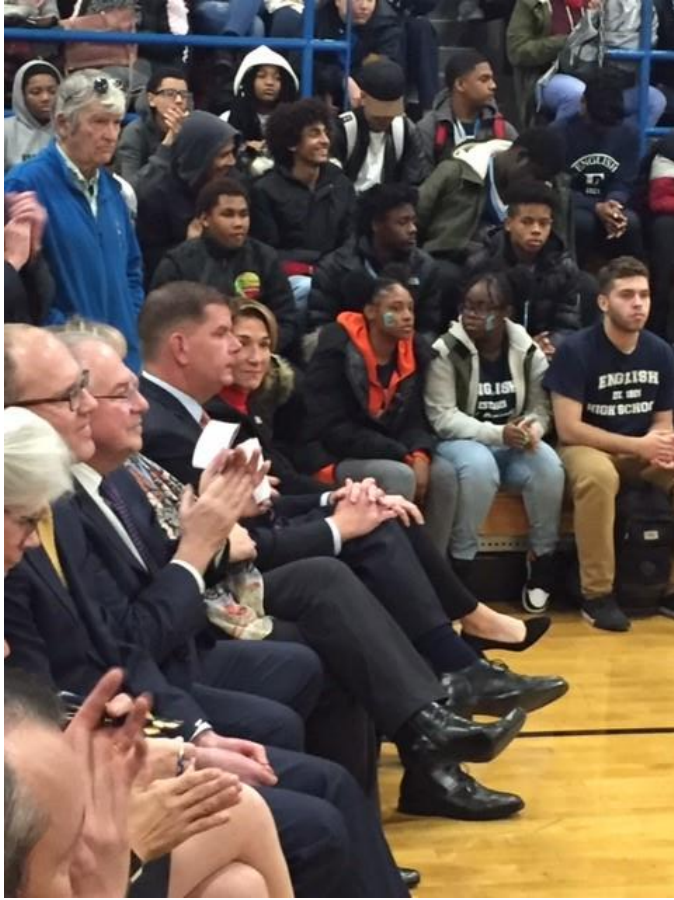
Governor Charlie Baker signed the bill at a ceremony at **English High School** in Jamaica Plain.  
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Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday signed into law a sweeping school funding bill that will eventually funnel an additional \$1.5 billion of extra money to local districts.

The legislation is the result of many years of debate on Beacon Hill, and it attempts to bridge the gap between poor and affluent school systems, focusing particularly on helping communities that serve high numbers of students living in poverty or with language barriers or disabilities. Lawmakers have stressed the measure won't raise state taxes.

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*Mayor Marty Walsh and Lt. Gov. Karen Polito amongst many other Boston dignitaries.*



*English High School Marching Band (only Marching Band in Boston)*