This morning, Governor Bill Lee presented his 2020-21 Administration Amendment at a special called press conference. In response to the effects of the ongoing novel coronavirus outbreak, the administrative amendment presents a pragmatic budget grounded in the economic disruption likely to occur as a result of its spread. The proposed amendment maintains funding for productivity at the universities, community colleges and Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology, as well as a 1.5 percent salary pool increase for all higher education. The amendment also maintains $109.1 million in capital maintenance, $50 million of which is identified as recurring funds.

See below for additional details and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.
Items Remaining from Original Governor’s Budget

Recurring Institutional Improvements ($72.2 million)
- $38.0 million to fully fund university and community college growth in outcomes and TCAT growth;
- $17.0 million for salary increases, equal to a 1.5 percent salary pool, at UT, TBR, and LGI formula units;
- $6.6 million for a 1.5 percent salary increase at the Specialized Units;
- $5.1 million to fund the state share of a 4.0 percent group health insurance premium increase;
- $4.4 million to the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology to fund operational expenditures for the Governor’s Correctional Education Investment initiative; and
- $1.1 million to East Tennessee State University for Pediatric Surgery and Specialists.

Non-recurring Institutional Improvements ($3.7 million)
- $1.2 million to provide continued financial aid for the Medical Education Program jointly administered by Middle Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College;
- $1.0 million to TBR to expand opportunities for mechatronics education through high school and postsecondary partnerships;
- $984,600 to the TCATs to fund operational expenditures for the Governor’s Correctional Education Investment initiative; and
- $500,000 to Tennessee Tech University to fund fourth year of National Science Foundation cybersecurity research.

Capital Improvements ($109.1 million)
- $109.1 million for capital maintenance projects:
  - $59.1 million nonrecurring
  - Increases recurring revenue from $40 million to $50 million

Non-Recurring THEC Administered Initiatives ($3.0 million)
- $2.0 million for Statewide Security Grants to implement targeted maintenance and programmatic security upgrades across all higher education institutions; and
- $1.0 million for Veteran Reconnect Grants to fund competitive grants focused on improving the success of student veterans enrolled in Tennessee colleges and universities by enhancing training for faculty and staff who work with veterans.
Items Deleted from Original Governor’s Budget

Recurring Institutional Improvements ($16.1 million)
- $6.5 million for operating increases at the medical universities;
- $5.0 million to the Tennessee Board of Regents for system-wide TCAT Security Grants to improve the safety and security at the 27 TCATs;
- $2.0 million to Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension for agricultural extension services;
- $2.2 million to University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture to complete the expansion of at least one extension agent in the 4-H, family and consumer sciences, and agriculture and natural resources program areas in each of Tennessee’s 95 counties; and
- $400,000 to TBR for a Competency-Based Education (CBE) Capacity program to support faculty as they convert courses to a CBE model.

Non-recurring Institutional Improvements ($5.4 million)
- $5.0 million to the University of Memphis for its pursuit of R1 Carnegie Classification status; and
- $350,000 to TBR for a Competency-Based Education (CBE) Capacity program to support faculty as they convert courses to a CBE model.

Capital Improvements ($159.1 million)
- $159.1 million for 4 capital outlay projects:
  - $43.5 million for the Tennessee Technological University Engineering building;
  - $21.7 million for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Chattanooga Advanced Manufacturing building;
  - $60.96 million for the Austin Peay State University Health Professions building; and
  - $32.9 million for the University of Memphis STEM Research and Classroom building.

Recurring THEC/TSAC Improvements ($10.4 million)
- $9.6 million for the Tennessee Student Assistance Awards (TSAA), Tennessee’s primary need-based financial aid program;
- $400,000 for the HBCU Summer Bridge Program to create summer programs that prepare students for college rigor while acclimating them to their new college environment at each of the five undergraduate Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Tennessee; and
- $363,000 to provide Contract Education funding for the Southern College of Optometry.
Non-Recurring THEC Administered Initiatives ($250,000)
- $250,000 for the Training Alignment Grant Project to align industry credentials with the workforce.

Other Non-Recurring Initiatives ($10 million)
- $10 million to the University of Tennessee to create the Oak Ridge Institute to expand research and doctoral education in science and technology fields;