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Successful Outcomes for NIU and Higher Education

• 5% increase for NIU operations
• $130 million for new capital investment over the next 6-years
• Re-appropriation of funding for the Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability
• Increased funding for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants and AIM High scholarships
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Presence of NIU Leadership in Springfield

Committee Testimonies
- Five separate appearances to provide testimony on appropriations, capital and supplier diversity
- Legislative Audit Commission
- Teacher licensure and assessment

Press Conference/Meeting Participation
- Meeting with Governor Pritzker and Public University Presidents
- Invest in Higher Education
- Build Up Illinois – Vertical Infrastructure Coalition

Hosted Events
- NIU Advocacy Day
- IL Public Higher Education Consortium Advocacy Day
- NIU / U of I Joint Caucus Breakfast
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Bill Analysis and Tracking: A Campuswide Effort

• Over 6,000 bills filed since the start of the 101st General Assembly in January 2019
  – Nearly 20% with direct and/or indirect impact(s) to various areas on campus
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Points of Leadership on Various Issues

- Developmental Education
- Illinois Innovation Network
- RISE Act
- Sale of University-Owned Property
- Teacher Licensure
- 2020 Census
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Additional Legislative Issues of Note

- Illinois to mandate FAFSA applications
- Gaming expansion and legalization of sports betting
- Minimum wage increase
- Recreational cannabis
Looking Ahead to Spring 2020

Priorities

- Bring awareness to the need for and return on continued investment in NIU and higher education
- Advance the process of funding release for NIU capital priorities
- Seek regulatory reforms to promote operational efficiencies and attainment of goals

Advocacy Collaboration

- NIU Alumni Association
- Illinois Public Universities
- Illinois Board of Higher Education