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RE: Governor's Budget Address

Below is a response from Eastern Illinois University President David Jorns to Gov. Jim Edgar's budget recommendation for higher education in general and Eastern specifically, which was announced today. This is the third year that the governor has forwarded higher education budgets to the General Assembly as recommended by the IBHE. We hope you are able to incorporate this into your coverage of the governor's budget address.

"We are extremely pleased at the priority the governor has given to education in general and public higher education specifically. This is the third year that higher education's budget request has been fully funded in the governor's proposal. For Eastern, that means a \$3.2 million, or 5.6 percent, increase in next year's budget. We strongly support the governor's budget and are hopeful the General Assembly will approve the proposal without changes," said Eastern President David Jorns.

If approved by the General Assembly, Eastern's total appropriated funds budget for fiscal year 1997 would amount to \$61,227,800.

If you need additional information, don't hesitate to call me at (217) 581-5983.