SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Gov. Dave Treen says the state budget for fiscal 1982-83 will show “substantial increases for education,” although perhaps not as much as everyone wants.

“Education has to continue to be our top priority,” Treen told the opening session of Louisiana School Boards Association convention Thursday.

Treen’s budget proposal will be released Feb. 17.

The governor listed several programs he said were particularly worthy of more money — special education, more remedial courses to give students extra help in basic skills and the Professional Improvement Program through which teachers are paid to sharpen their own skills.

Treen said PIPs, for instance, succeeded beyond his own expectations — 31,559 educators, or 71 percent of those eligible — participated, but it also wound up costing more than was anticipated — between $55 million and $60 million.

“While I get some (reports on PIPs) that are negative, the positive ones far outweigh them,” he said.

“The reports indicate the program is being received well and it’s going to have a beneficial effect on education in our state.”