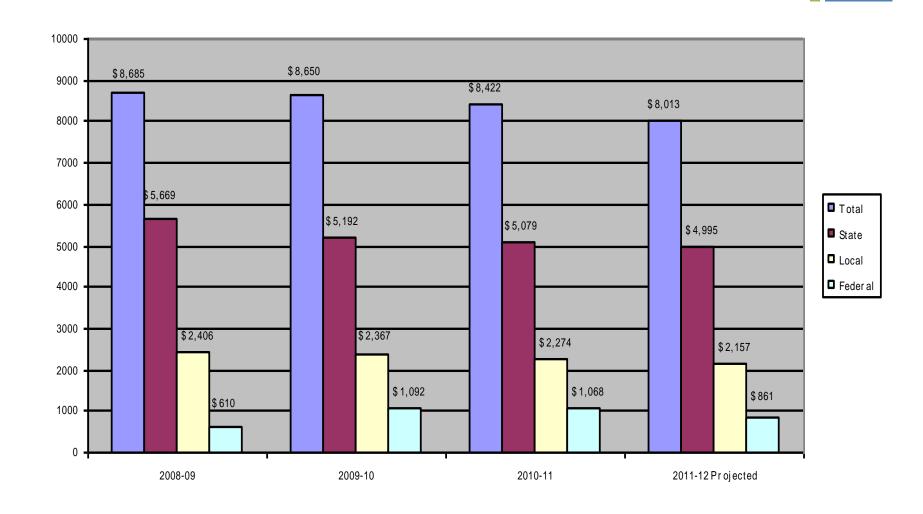


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Per-Student Expenditures





Per-Pupil Funding Changes

2008 - 2009 to 2011 - 2012

TOTAL \$8,685 TO \$8,013 a \$672 REDUCTION

STATE \$5,669 TO \$4,995 a \$674 REDUCTION

LOCAL \$2,406 TO \$2,157 a \$249 REDUCTION

FEDERAL \$610 TO \$861 a \$251 INCREASE



2011-2012 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

	<u>Positions</u>	(<u>Millions</u>)	Percent of Total
Central Position and General Operational Costs	10.5	\$ 2.1	3.6
Teacher Positions	128.0	\$ 6.2	2.2
Instructional Support Positions	s 20.5	\$ 1.5	5.2
School Administration Position	ns 7.5	\$ 0.6	2.7
School Clerical Positions (*)	32.0	\$ 0.8	2.5

^{*} Reductions to be complete by 6/30/12; the net after adding back 10 media clerical positions.



2011-2012 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

<u>(1</u>	<u>Millions</u>)	of Total
School Supplies/Materials/ Equipment Funding	\$ 0.4	3.1
Permanent Term of Employment Reduction (*)		
One-time Term of Employment Reduction	<u>\$ 0.2</u>	
Total Reductions (+)	\$12.8	

- * The permanent term of employment reduction is in lieu of eliminating additional school clerical positions.
- + These reductions are in addition to the \$13.5 million in funding reductions the two previous years. In three years, we have reduced our budget \$26.3 million out of our \$488 million budget in 2008-09. This represents an operational budget reduction of 5.3% during a period in which we grew by 1,513 students. Using the per pupil reduction in funds, we lost 7.7% during that three-year period. (Note: The WS/FCS LEA adjustment was \$15.3 million for 2011 2012)



MORE DIFFICULT BUDGET REDUCTION DECISIONS for 2011 - 2012

- Reduced planning time for high school teachers each teacher is teaching 30 minutes more per week six teachers teaching
 30 more minutes per week saves one teaching position. (35 teachers)
- Increased class sizes in middle schools (51 teachers)
- Elimination of elementary foreign language instruction (15 teachers)



MORE DIFFICULT BUDGET REDUCTION DECISIONS for 2011 - 2012

- Elimination of a media coordinator in each high school and eight guidance counselors K-12/added back a media clerk

- Fewer PE, music, and art specialists in the elementary schools (classes offered once every six days instead of once every five days) (27 teachers)

- Reductions in assistant principal positions (7.5 positions—less help with discipline, teacher supervision/support, parent support, etc.)



2012 – 2013 BUDGET OUTLOOK

- \$10.7 million of federal stimulus funds expire in 2011-2012
- \$ 2.6 million of additional LEA adjustments already adopted
- Additional costs for matching retirement and health insurance already adopted



2012 – 2013 BUDGET OUTLOOK

- Some additional state funding is projected due to enrollment growth and new schools (Walkertown High School)
- Some additional county funding is projected due to enrollment growth and a proposed funding formula (\$1.5 million)



2012 – 2013 BUDGET OUTLOOK

- Shortfall now is projected at approximately \$4 million
- The Board expects to end 2011-12 with enough local fund balance to delay, for at least one year, any additional major funding cuts

(We have, however, cut an additional 6.2 central office positions during 2011-2012 – approximately \$450K)



WS/FCS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

SHORT SESSION

- Initiate a systematic reduction in the LEA adjustment
- Additional Textbook money (may be used for software, online books, or teaching materials)
- Authorize a trial employment period (e.g., 90 days without benefits) for non-licensed employees (Districts could offer a stipend for private insurance and still save approximately 15% on all new hires for the first 90 days)



WS/FCS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

LONG SESSION

 Address structure of the teacher salary schedule (examine 15-year versus 30-year schedule coupled with performance pay)

Revisit the funding formula study commissioned several years ago—many of the recommendations promote equity and fairness in the distribution of funds to school districts





GREAT TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

- EVAAS (Three-year composite improvement of evaluation process)
- STAR³ Teacher Incentive Grant (\$20 M US Department of Ed)
- Project ENRICH (\$6 M with UNC-G)
- Piedmont Triad Leadership Academy (RttT/UNC-G four districts)
- Haberman Screening Process (Online teacher screening tool/\$10 application fee)



QUALITY STANDARDS and ASSESSMENTS

- Systems Thinking (Students use 13 systems thinking tools to better understand the standard course of study—local Race to the Top Funds)
- Professional Learning Communities (Teacher collaboration is the key to student success for all students)
- Consistent Framework for Curriculum Support (Consistent teacher training for delivering the new Common Core and Essential Standards Curriculum)
- STEM Initiative (Three district-wide magnet schools, now expanding to three more middle schools with Career & Tech Ed support)
- Global Schools Network (partnership with Visiting International Faculty [VIF] two schools for 2012 2013 at no cost)

+ TURNAROUND LOWEST ACHIEVING SCHOOLS

- Magnet Schools (Received three National Magnet Schools Grants)

School Improvement Grants (Three SIG Grants – very positive impact in first two years)

- United Way Support (\$750 K [average per year] to improve graduation rate [focus is on four high schools and two middle schools] – in three years, graduation rate improved from 70.8 to 78.8)

DATA SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE INSTRUCTION

- Learning Village Curriculum Support Repository (online lesson plans)
- Formative Assessment Management System (Districtwide Blue-Diamond tool manages quarterly student assessments)
- Early Warning Tracking System (to identify middle school students in danger of dropping out of school)
- SAS Data Warehouse (User friendly data system used by principals and central office staff)



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