



April 6, 2010

**EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE NATION  
FACE DEVASTATING BUDGET CUTS AND LAYOFFS  
IMMEDIATE FISCAL RELIEF NEEDED!**

**NATIONAL OVERVIEW**

**[Recovery Act Recipients Report Funding Continues to Support over 300,000 Education Jobs](#)**

On Jan. 30, the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board released job numbers showing that Recovery Act education funding played a significant role in stabilizing the nation's economy and in staving off a major fiscal crisis in 2009. For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 2009, grant recipients reported over 300,000 education jobs, such as teachers, principals, librarians, and counselors.

**[ARRA SAVED 343,000 K12 JOBS](#)**

According to a recent study by the Center on Reinventing Public Education at the University of Washington, *K-12 Job Trends Amidst Stimulus Funds*, "...this analysis finds that 342,758 jobs are funded by ARRA in SY10, representing an estimated 5.5 percent of current K-12 jobs." However, the study found that "public education is in the midst of its biggest employment decline in years", with "a loss to date of an estimated 87,019 positions nationwide."

**[School Budget Cuts: No End In Sight](#)**

AOL News (March 21) -- Last year was not a good year for anyone's wallet. But the recession is taking an extraordinary toll on school systems, as sweeping budgets cuts are enacted in cities and states nationwide. Experts say the budget crisis will be felt acutely this year and that it might only be the beginning.

***SCHOOL DISTRICTS FACE ADDITIONAL JOB CUTS***

Results of a national survey by the American Association of School Administrators of 453 school administrators from 45 states.

- Of our 453 respondents, 328 indicated being able to save jobs with ARRA funds. 401 report having to cut jobs in 2010-11.
- The average number of staffing positions (administrative/teaching/support) in a respondent's school district is 692.
- Respondents report being able to save an average of 20 positions per district with ARRA dollars.
- Regardless of the much needed and used ARRA dollars, an average of 13 positions were eliminated per district in 2009-10. An additional 15 positions per district are slated for elimination in the 2010-11 school year.

***CUTS TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:***

A survey by the Association for Career and Technical Education found that 64 percent of respondents said their budgets had been cut in the past two years, with 92 percent not expecting any increase next year.

***More Students, Less Money***

Inside Higher Ed, March 30, 2010

The survey of 128 community college district chancellors and campus presidents, conducted for the second year by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Campus Computing Project, finds two-year institutions to be caught in a vise of growing student demands for enrollment and continuing financial strain due to diminished state funds. The survey is to be released at the league's Innovations 2010 meeting in Baltimore today.

***STATES' FISCAL SITUATION REMAINS BLEAK***

NGA and NASBO State Fiscal Update (February 2010): "States foresee fiscal year 2011, which starts for most states July 1, 2010, to be the most difficult to date, and few see fiscal year 2012 much better."

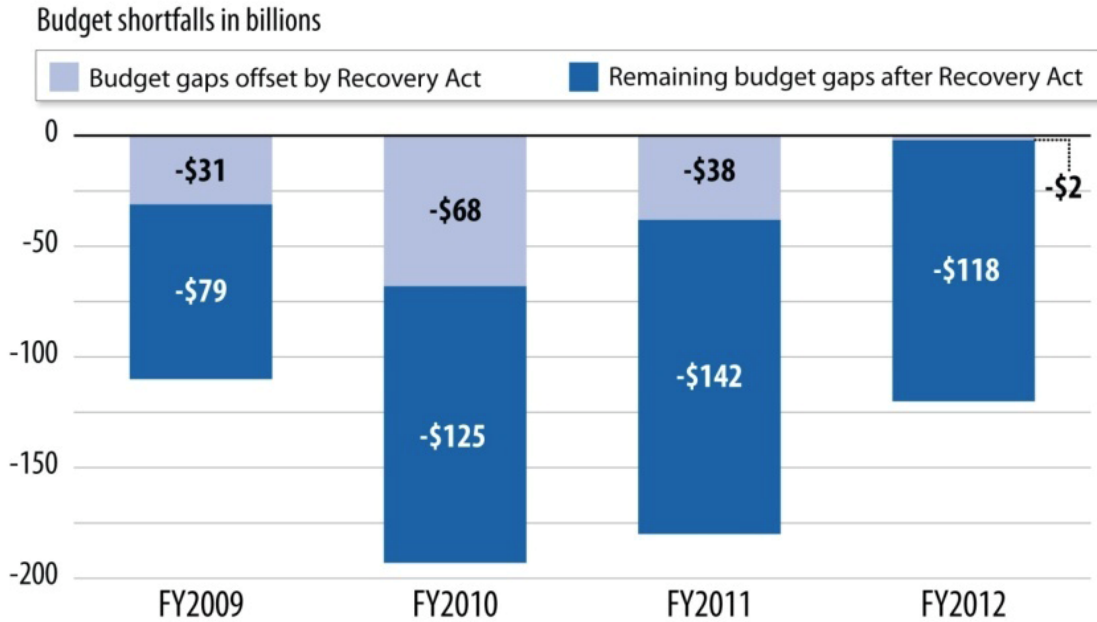
***A Ruinous Meltdown***

New York Times - Bob Herbert - Mar 20, 2010

For all the happy talk about "no child left behind," the truth is that in Arizona and New Jersey and dozens of other states trying to cope with the fiscal disaster brought on by the Great Recession, millions of children are being left far behind, and many millions of adults as well.

***CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES:***

**ARRA Reduces State Budget Gaps, But Large Deficits Remain**



Sources: Shortfalls data from CBPP; ARRA data from Congressional Budget Office and CBPP.

[States, Cities Likely to Slash Jobs As Stimulus Dwindles](#)

CNBC - [Albert Bozzo](#) - Mar 10, 2010

The worst looks to be over for private-sector unemployment, but it may be just beginning for state and local government workers.

**STATE-BY-STATE INFORMATION**

**ALABAMA:**

[Montgomery Public Schools job cuts draw criticism](#)

Montgomery Advertiser - [Adrienne Nettles](#) – March 29, 2010

On March 9, the board voted 5-1 to approve layoffs for 180 support workers, 415 teachers and 17 school-based administrators because of projected budget shortfalls in state and local school funding next school year.

[Ala. legislators consider shortening school year](#)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — March 15, 2010 - The financial crisis facing Alabama state government could mean a longer summer vacation for public school children. The Alabama Legislature is considering two bills that would reduce the number of days public schools are required to remain open to save money as schools face budget cuts that could force teacher layoffs.

**ARIZONA:**

Arizona Republic, March 19, 2010

[Cuts to All-day Kindergarten Big Problem for Schools, Parents](#)

Arizona's experiment with free full-day kindergarten is over. Lawmakers permanently cut the \$218 million in program funding to balance the budget, and now parents, districts and charter schools are struggling to find ways to keep the classes going. All-day kindergarten has been phased in since 2005. When classes start this fall, the state once again will pay only for half-day kindergarten sessions; the extra cost of a full day will likely have to be borne by parents or property-tax payers.

#### [Universities face 12 percent cut to make state budget work](#)

HOWARD FISCHER Capitol Media Services | Posted: Tuesday, March 9, 2010  
PHOENIX -- And the university system, which escaped unscathed in the basic budget proposal, would take a 12 percent across-the-board cut. That translates out to nearly \$39.3 million for the main campus of Arizona State University, more than \$32.6 million for the University of Arizona and in excess of \$16 million for Northern Arizona University.

#### *Arizona Universities Ordered to Cut Payrolls, March 13, 2010*

Arizona's public universities were ordered by the Board of Regents Friday to cut their payroll costs by 2.75 percent, [The Arizona Daily Star](#) reported. It is unclear whether institutions will cut salaries or order layoffs. In the last two years, about 2,000 jobs were eliminated and thousands of other higher education employees in the state had furloughs.

#### [Teachers seek alternatives to layoffs](#)

Arizona Republic, March 27, 2010  
Under the proposed 2010-11 budget, at least 112 teachers would lose their jobs and class sizes would increase by about three students in every grade, to save \$5.2 million.

#### [MUSD facing major budget cuts, layoffs](#)

InMaricopa.com - [Michael K. Rich](#) – March 31, 2010  
The Maricopa Unified School District will host two meetings this week to help the district formulate plans to possibly repurpose a school and lay off personnel. The necessity for the layoffs stems from a failed override initiative and cuts at the state level, which have resulted in MUSD having to cut almost \$4 million from its operating budget.

#### **ARKANSAS:**

##### [Mansfield School Agrees To Cut Staff](#)

Fort Smith Times Record - [Mary L. Crider](#) - Mar 26, 2010

#### **CALIFORNIA:**

##### [More than 23000 layoff notices issued to teachers statewide](#)

San Jose Mercury News - [Theresa Harrington](#) - Mar 15, 2010  
Education budget cuts have prompted school districts across the state to send out more than 23,000 pink slips, notifying teachers and other certificated employees they may not have jobs next year.

##### [Seismic education layoffs hits California school districts](#)

February 24, 2010

Victor Valley school district in California has cut the jobs of 181 teachers including music teachers, physical education teachers, spanish teachers, and teachers of other elective courses and teachers of some core courses as well. Seventeen principals and assistant principals also lost their jobs.

[Rallies across California protest cuts in higher education funding ...](#)

Los Angeles Times, Mar 4, 2010 ... A day of passionate protest against education funding cuts attracted thousands of demonstrators Thursday to generally peaceful rallies,

*Redlands Unified School District*

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This year I have laid off 30 teachers, closed Adult Education, and eliminated high school transportation. There are have classified layoffs due to the closing of Adult School. Our categorical programs budgets have also been significantly, so we have had some layoffs in those areas as well. We had to reassign two elementary administrators as well. It has been a very difficult time for us...

[The Daily Californian Online](#)

UC, Union Reach Contract Agreement Despite Absence of Layoff Guarantees

By [Shaunt Attarian](#)

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

After a long wait, the University of California and the University Professional and Technical Employees union have reached a contract agreement affecting salary levels and benefits, effective through the year 2013.

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Contributing Writer

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**COLORADO:**

[Falcon school district board OKs 92 job cuts](#)

The Associated Press, March 25, 2010

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The board of fast-growing Falcon School District 49 has approved a plan to cut 92 positions, but administrators are hoping attrition and retirements will make layoffs unnecessary.

[Community input sought on school budget cuts](#)

Aspen Daily News - [Curtis Wackerle](#) - Mar 31, 2010

The Aspen School District is planning for about \$800000 in budget cuts for the 2010-2011 school year. ... Considering cuts made going into this year, Sirko said the current climate is among the worst — if not the worst — she's seen in 35 years of working in

public education in Colorado. Budget cuts are expected to continue for the next three to four years, and the total reductions for some schools could hit 20 percent, Sirko said.

[Senator: Cuts have schools at 'the cliff'](#)

ReporterHerald.com, 3/29/10

Colorado lawmakers are very close to finalizing a 6.35 percent reduction for school funding for the 2010-11 school year, Sen. Bob Bacon told a group gathered Sunday.

**CONNECTICUT:**

[Norwich OKs up to 71 teacher layoffs](#) - TheDay.com, March 19, 2010

Board of education also considers closing a school to reach no-increase budget

[Milford schools warn 169 of possible layoff](#)

New Haven Register (subscription) - [Brian McCready](#) - [Milford Bureau](#) – March 26, 2010

A total of 169 nonrenewal notices were sent to city teachers Thursday, after the Board of Education's budget increase was slashed by \$2.2 million earlier this month, the acting superintendent of schools said.

[Stamford residents speak out against budget cuts](#)

Stamford Advocate - [Magdalene Perez](#) - [Wynne Parry](#) – March 29, 2010

STAMFORD -- Scores of city residents at a Monday hearing on the municipal budget railed against possible cuts for Stamford public schools and its library system.

**FLORIDA**

[Florida House budget cuts aid to education, hikes tuition](#)

Tampa Tribune - [Catherine Whittenburg](#) - [Richard Mullins](#) – April 1, 2010

House Democrats railed against the education cuts throughout Thursday's debates. Rep. Bill Heller, D-St. Petersburg, argued that the education cuts fly in the face of recommendations from business leaders to close what they describe as "the talent gap" in Florida's workforce.

[Budget shortfall bodes ill for schools](#)

By GEOFF FOX, [gfox@tampatrib.com](mailto:gfox@tampatrib.com),

Published: April 2, 2010

LAND O' LAKES - Furlough days could be mandated.

Teacher workloads could increase. Salaries may be cut, and people might lose their jobs.

**GEORGIA:**

[Schools fear budget crash](#)

By Nancy Badertscher and James Salzer, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, March 7, 2010

School systems in DeKalb County, Dublin and West Georgia's Haralson County are offering a glimpse of the future for many districts across the state. And it isn't pretty.

[GA Schools Superintendent Discusses State's Education Budget Crisis](#)

WRCB-TV – March 29, 2010

She says the 800-million dollar shortfall has backed the Department of **Education** into a corner. The Georgia School System is bombarded with teacher **layoffs**, ...

[DeKalb committee moves to cut 427 school jobs, nixes tax hike](#)

Atlanta Journal Constitution - [Megan Matteucci](#) – March 26, 2010

The DeKalb County school board will vote on a budget for next year that balances the current projected deficit with at least 427 layoffs, seven teacher furlough days and at least four school closings -- but no tax hike.

*Camden County Schools, GA*

Over the past two years, the Camden County School District faced massive budget reductions that forced them to eliminate 43 certified teaching and administrative positions. “These losses have created an overwhelming strain on the community’s ability to support education during a time when expectations and accountability for student success are extraordinary.”—*William C. Hardin, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools*

**HAWAII:**

[HI: Fewer Hawaii schools offer summer classes](#)

By Loren Moreno, The Honolulu Advertiser, March 30, 2010

The number of public schools offering traditional summer school has dropped to 37, with dozens more expected to provide "extended learning opportunities" to students who need the most help over the seven-week break

**IDAHO:**

[Idaho universities to lose \\$32 million next year](#)

By: The Associated Press | 09 Mar 2010

BOISE, Idaho - Lawmakers plan to give Idaho's four-year public universities about \$32.1 million less in total funding next year, further slashing the state share of costs for higher education.

[Idaho public schools brace for budget woes](#)

By Jessie L. Bonner, The Associated Press, The Idaho Statesman (Boise), March 31, 2010

The 2010 Legislature that ended this week leaves Idaho school districts with \$128 million less in funding when classes start again next fall, under a budget that was crafted in the thick of rising unemployment and diminishing tax revenues.

**ILLINOIS:**

['Devastating' layoffs loom in school districts statewide](#)

By Maudlyne Ihejirika, Chicago Sun-Times, March 28, 2010

In recent weeks, state education funding woes have triggered a tsunami of pink slips to thousands upon thousands of teachers and support staff in school districts statewide, with about 9,800 announced layoffs of teachers so far...When all is said and done, school layoffs statewide could top 20,000, the coalition warns.

[School groups: Education layoffs may top 20000 - Springfield, IL ...](#)

Mar 26, 2010 ... The State Journal

A coalition of Illinois education groups says more than 20,000 teachers and staff could be laid off in the next school year.

The link below is a press release announcing the results of a survey from IASA, IFT, IEA, etc, that anticipates 20,000 plus jobs being lost this year.

<http://www.iasaedu.org/images/stories/news%20release%20survey%20data%203-25-10.pdf>

[School districts prepare to cut pre-kindergarten programs](#)

March 7, 2010

As school districts across Illinois look to slash expenses for the 2010-11 year due to a lack of state funding, many are cutting - or preparing to cut — their pre-kindergarten programs.

[East St. Louis school district announces it will lay off 250 workers](#)

Belleville News Democrat – March 27, 2010

EAST ST. LOUIS -- Another Illinois school district is making massive cuts to make up for the millions of dollars owed to it by the state. On Friday, East St. Louis school leaders announced 250 employees are being laid off at the end of the school year. The cuts include 134 teachers and 10 administrators, as well as social workers, psychologists and counselors.

[Despite pleas, D204 board approves layoffs](#) - Naperville Sun – March 23, 2010

[Teacher cuts at local schools](#)

Chicago Tribune, March 28, 2010

Many area school districts are sending pink slips now to prepare for 2010-11 budgets. Specific layoffs are listed below when possible, followed by a dollar value of total cuts, including programs.

[Stark County schools approve budget cuts](#)

By Gary L. Smith, Peoria Journal Star, March 30, 2010

WYOMING, Ill. -- Stark County School District 100 joined numerous other area districts Monday night in adopting a budget-cutting plan for next year in anticipation of losses in state funding.

[Champaign lays off dozens of teachers and support staff](#)

By Jodi Heckel, The News-Gazette (Champaign) March 30, 2010

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. -- The Champaign school district laid off 96 teachers and 53 support staff Monday night.

[Dire situation might mean layoffs at NIU](#)

Kane County Chronicle - [Kate Schott Shaw](#) – March 31, 2010

DeKALB – Northern Illinois University might have to consider laying off more than 250 staff members next year if the state’s fiscal situation doesn’t approve, the school’s president said Wednesday.

[Library announces more furloughs, hours cut](#)

DesMoinesRegister.com (blog) - [Janet Klockenga](#) – March 31, 2010

The Des Moines Public **Library** has announced that because of budget **cuts**, all branches will close for eight days and employees will take unpaid leave during ...

*Addison School District 4*

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**General demographics:**

Suburban K-8 (30 miles West of Chicago); 4200 students; 1(PK-K); 6 (K-5); 1 (6-8);

Demographics: ~62.4% Hispanic, 29% White, 4.6% Asian, 2.2% Black; SES: 49.5%

Low Income, 25.2% ELL, 17% SWD

**Possible layoffs or staff furloughs:**

45 teachers, 3 administrators, 25 support staff

**Possible program cuts:**

pre-school; the entire curriculum and instruction department; elementary music program; summer school; after school tutoring

**INDIANA:**

[Union says education cuts are costing teachers jobs](#)

Louisville Courier-Journal - [Charles Wilson](#) - Mar 19, 2010

ISTA spokesman Mark Shoup said the union believes up to 5,000 teachers could lose their jobs by next fall -- about 8 percent of public school teachers statewide. And that doesn't include another 1,500 teachers the union estimates may retire without being replaced. Data posted on the state Department of **Education** Web site indicated the **layoffs** may be the most significant since the early 1980s, when enrollments declined ...

[Funding woes come down to economy, new law](#)

By Eric Bradner, Evansville Courier and Press

The dour economy is the primary culprit for the financial woes facing many Indiana school districts.

*Wabash Valley Education Center*

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**School Demographics:**

A Professional Development Director for 37 school corporations.

**Possible layoffs or staff furloughs:**

Every single district has laid off teachers and other staff (administration, custodians, bus drivers, etc.) in some format. Many are offering early retirement packages.

**Possible program cuts:**

- Special areas such as elementary fine arts (music, PE), media (library) are being eliminated or drastically reduced (Example: 30 minutes of art once a month now versus 45 minutes once a week). Middle School special classes such as general music, foreign languages, Family and Consumer Sciences and technology are also being offered less or not at all.
- All Day Kindergarten throughout the state is being eliminated or less sections offered to a limited population only (students with special needs primarily).
- Class sizes are increasing, some dramatically.
- Districts have eliminated summer school and after school tutoring.
- Field trips, and bussing for extra-curricular activities has been greatly reduced and/or eliminated completely.

All PD funds from the state have been eliminated which has impacted schools greatly. Most have put a freeze on PD and teacher trainings (especially anything that requires a sub) indefinitely.

*Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation*

**Contact:** Chris Himsel, Superintendent

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**School Demographics:**

We are an urban school district with about 70% of our students qualifying for free or reduced price lunch, 30% of our students are non-White, and about 25% of our students qualify for special education services.

**Current State:**

We are dealing with more than \$5 million in budget cuts. We fear that our 2012 budget will be far worse than the current budget since state revenues continue to fall below projections and the stimulus funds will no longer be available. The actions I have outlined above will result in the elimination of 40-65 teacher jobs and 40-65 other jobs (i.e., administrators, secretaries, custodians, counselors, social workers, nurses, paraprofessionals, etc. – all employee groups will be affected).

If the worst case scenario occurs for the 2012 budgets, then elementary students will most likely have art, music, and PE opportunities decrease by 50% (30 minutes once per week instead of 30 minutes twice per week). Foreign language, art, PE, music, and technology opportunities will most likely be reduced at the middle school. Many elective programs will most likely be eliminated at the high school level. Student support services, such as counselors, social workers, and nurses, will most likely be reduced. Class sizes in all grade levels will likely increase.

**IOWA:**

[Dubuque School Board Approves Job Cuts, High School Closure](#)

KCRG - [Katie Widemann](#) - Mar 22, 2010

On Monday night, the Dubuque school district approved major cuts, including closing the Central Alternative High School and up to 165 positions. The board also approved job

cuts district wide. Administrators will cut at least 165 positions. 88 and one half positions will come from certified staff, ...

#### [Squeezed schools pursuing teacher pay cuts](#)

By Sheena Dooley, The Des Moines Register, March 29, 2010

Officials in some Iowa school districts are asking teachers to reconsider previously agreed-to pay raises as a way to cut expenses in ever-tightening budgets.

#### [Urbandale may have to cut 20 teachers](#)

[DesMoinesRegister.com - NEWS](#) - Feb 25, 2010

A reduction in state aid to school districts could mean the elimination of roughly 20 teachers in the Urbandale school district for next school year.

#### [School board refines budget cut scenarios](#)

Ames Tribune, March 31, 2010

The Ames Community School Board reached a consensus at a work session Tuesday night on suggestions for general fund budget cut scenarios .. Among the suggested general fund cuts the board did support Tuesday are:

- Reducing kindergarten to half day.
- Trimming 50 percent of the elementary educational assistants.
- Delaying textbook purchases.
- Reducing teaching staff by about 23.5 full-time equivalents.

#### [SEP schools left with 'gaping hole' in budget](#)

Mar 31, 2010 | By KRISTA KIELSMEIER [kkielsme@dmreg.com](mailto:kkielsme@dmreg.com) ...

His recommendation would cut just over \$3 million from the district's general fund for the upcoming ...

#### [W.D.M. schools face \\$1 million budget shortfall](#)

April 2, 2010

An increase in the number of students in classrooms at Phenix Early Childhood Learning Center and a reduction in teaching positions at various schools, some in special education, will be among the ways district administrators will propose West Des Moines schools combat a \$1 million budget shortfall.

#### **KANSAS:**

##### [USD 204 teacher layoffs on horizon](#)

Bonner Springs Chieftain - [Melissa Treolo](#) - 1 day ago

Officials with USD 204 are expecting to cut another round of staff members in an effort to close an ever-widening gap created by state public education cuts.

##### [Shorter school weeks throughout Kansas?](#)

KSNT - Mar 8, 2010

Some Kansas schools have gone to a four day school week in an attempt to save money.

##### [KS: Kansas Legislature pares state aid for special-needs students](#)

By Jim Sullinger, Kansas City Star, April 4, 2010

After cutting more than \$33 million this year from Johnson County's three big school districts, Kansas lawmakers snipped an additional \$6.5 million last week.

**KENTUCKY:**

[Stumbo more hopeful House can avoid higher education cuts](#)

Courier Journal, February 28, 2010

FRANKFORT, Ky.— House Speaker Greg Stumbo said Sunday he is more hopeful the House can reduce or eliminate proposed cuts to state funding of higher education in the 2010-12 budget.

**LOUISIANA:**

[LA: Colleges brace for cuts](#)

By Jordan Blum, The Advocate (Baton Rouge), April 2, 2010

Southern University, Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette are among several colleges considering canceling summer school and laying off hundreds of employees during the next two months

[Board eyeing teacher layoff in Assumption](#)

The Advocate - [Aaron E. Looney](#) – March 29, 2010

Declines in sales tax and property tax collections, no increase in public school funding this fiscal year and an expected double-digit increase in retirement costs next year have led Assumption Parish school system officials to consider a third reduction in force since 2004.

[Regents start planning more college cutbacks](#)

By Staff Reports, The Advocate (Baton Rouge), March 26, 2010

The Louisiana Board of Regents vowed Thursday to expedite planning and implementation of anticipated budget cuts at public colleges statewide. The unanimous vote came in the wake of top legislators warning that colleges could face nearly \$300 million in additional budget cuts the next two years.

[Budget chairman warns colleges of further cuts](#)

Federal stimulus dollars will run out

The Times Picayune Wednesday, March 24, 2010

BATON ROUGE -- The chairman of the House budget committee gave a stark warning Tuesday to the leaders of Louisiana's colleges and universities: Don't expect any help from the Legislature when federal economic stimulus dollars run out next year.

[University stimulus money won't be replaced by state when it runs out, legislator warns](#)

By Jan Moller, The Times-Picayune, March 24, 2010

Rusty Costanza/ About 400 students and employees at the University of New Orleans marched Tuesday to protest the effect of state budget cuts on their campus. he chairman of the House budget committee gave a stark warning Tuesday to the leaders of Louisiana's colleges and universities: Don't expect any help from the Legislature when federal economic stimulus dollars run out next year.

**MAINE:**[University plans layoffs to cover \\$5.9M gap](#)

Bangor Daily News, March 31, 2010

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine is facing a projected \$5.9 million shortfall in the budget for the next school year, part of which will be addressed through staff reductions including eight layoffs, a UMaine administrator said Tuesday.

[Budget goes to Baldacci](#)

By Kevin Miller, Bangor Daily News, March 31, 2010

State lawmakers approved a plan Tuesday evening to close a \$310 million budget gap by reducing funding for K-12 schools, social services programs and state support for municipalities.

**MARYLAND:**[Montgomery, Prince George's slash budgets](#)

Washington Post - [Michael Laris](#), [Jonathan Mummolo](#) - Mar 15, 2010

Maryland's two largest counties outlined spending cuts Monday that would reach from children's health clinics to nursing homes, slice tens of millions of dollars in education spending and furlough thousands of public employees.

[Deep budget cuts approved for Prince George's schools ...](#)

By [Michael Birnbaum](#) Washington Post Staff Writer, Sunday, February 28, 2010

The Prince George's Board of Education on Saturday eliminated hundreds of jobs, approved lengthy furloughs, slashed bus service and expanded class sizes for all but the youngest students under a budget for the 2010-11 school year.

**MASSACHUSETTS**[Education boss decries cuts](#)

Boston Business Journal (blog) - Mar 30, 2010

The state's top education official criticized cuts to community colleges Monday, the Springfield Republican reports. Richard M. Freeland, the commissioner of higher education, said cuts to the schools "(make) no sense" given the goal of getting all high school graduates to college, the paper says.

**MICHIGAN:**[Bleak future predicted for Michigan schools](#)

By Chris Christoff, Detroit Free Press, March 8, 2010

Michigan public schools will lay off thousands of employees and more than 100 districts could be insolvent if the state doesn't find a way to plug a \$400-per-pupil funding shortfall in funding next year.

[RIVERVIEW: School district notifying 36 teachers of possible layoffs](#)

Southgate News Herald - [Jim Kasuba](#) – March 27, 2010

[Michigan Senate plan would cut university funding 3%](#)

By The Associated Press , March 11, 2010, 8:37PM

Michigan's public universities would face 3 percent cuts in state aid based on a bill moving through the state Senate.

[Layoffs looming for Whitehall teachers](#)

White Lake Beacon – March 29, 2010

The Whitehall Districts Schools board of education last Monday night voted to issue layoff notices to as many as 24 teachers.

**MINNESOTA:**

[Central Minn. schools vote for 4-day week](#)

GROVE CITY, Minn. (AP) — Another rural school district in Minnesota is asking for state permission to switch to a four-day school week in an effort to save money.

[Minn. lawmakers sign off on \\$312M in budget cuts](#)

BusinessWeek - [Martiga Lohn](#), [Brian Bakst](#) - Mar 29, 2010

Minnesota lawmakers signed off Monday on \$312 million in cuts to local governments, public colleges, farm programs and more ... The state's public colleges -- run by the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system -- would have to get by on a combined \$47 million less.

**MISSISSIPPI:**

[Larger class sizes OK'd for 13 Mississippi schools](#)

Jackson Clarion Ledger - [Marquita Brown](#) - Mar 26, 2010

Most of the districts that requested waivers could not afford to hire new teachers because of state-level budget cuts.

[School staffing cuts loom](#)

By Marquita Brown, The Clarion-Ledger (Jackson) – March 31, 2010

More than 160 teaching positions could be cut next school year in the Hinds County, Canton, Clinton and Rankin County districts.

**MISSOURI**

[Missouri colleges told to prepare for deep cuts](#)

By The Associated Press

Published: Sunday, February 21, 2010 2:03 AM CST

Missouri lawmakers and university presidents are painting a bleak picture of future higher education funding as student enrollment rises across the state.

**MONTANA:**

[Regents will consider 5 percent budget cuts at Montana colleges this week](#)

By MATT GOURAS of the Associated Press | Posted: Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Missloulain

HELENA - The Board of Regents will evaluate budget cuts of up to 5 percent for the state's colleges and universities at a meeting this week.

**NEBRASKA:**

[School aid outlook bleak](#)

Omaha World-Herald - [Joe Dejka](#) - Mar 15, 2010

Nebraska state budget forecasts are starting to paint a clear and dark picture of what could happen to school funding when the federal stimulus money runs out. The next school year looks like the calm before the storm.

[North Platte school funds to be cut](#)

North Platte Bulletin - [George Lauby](#) - Mar 12, 2010

Layoffs are expected next year in the public school system as the budget will be cut 10 percent, ...

**NEVADA:**

[UPDATE: Legislature decides higher education cut](#)

March 2, 2010 by Haley Etchison

Democrats, Republicans compromise, arrive at 6.9 percent decrease  
State higher education funding will be cut by \$46 million in accordance with an agreement reached yesterday by Gov. Jim Gibbons and Nevada legislators.

[Education cuts may never be healed after session](#)

By Emily Richmond, Nevada Appeal (Carson City), March 7, 2010

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - History suggests that Nevada's public schools may never recover from the budget cuts being required of them by legislators after last weekend

**NEW JERSEY:**

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**Statewide Summary:**

A recent New Jersey School Board Association survey of 322 school districts in the state found:

1. 93% indicate they will lay off staff; most say the layoffs will involve teachers.
2. 60% indicate staff reductions will translate to education program cuts.
3. 67% will cut extracurricular activities, such as sports, band and clubs.

Source: NJ School Board Association (March 31, 2010)

[NJ: New Jersey schools brace for cuts](#)

By Winnie Hu, The New York Times, April 2, 2010

Public schools in Montclair, N.J., would lay off as many as 70 teachers, including reading and math specialists, and would no longer offer French and Spanish classes in elementary grades. Westfield would not be able to buy library books or replace aging computers, and a popular middle school tradition — the fall play — could disappear

[Woodbridge school aid cut may prompt 4 percent tax hike, 280 layoffs](#)

The Star-Ledger - NJ.com - [Ryan Hutchins](#) – March 24, 2010

Woodbridge schools, facing a 33 percent cut in state aid, will layoff some 280

employees, raise taxes by 4 percent and spend most of its surplus under a doomsday budget being discussed by the township's Board of Education tonight.

[NB schools face layoffs, program cuts because of slashed state aid](#)

North Brunswick Sentinel - [Jennifer Amato](#)

The North Brunswick school district is facing 103 employee layoffs, fewer sports teams and limited spending as a result of a recent announcement about a reduction in state aid.

[Wayne schools weigh layoffs of teachers](#)

NorthJersey.com - [Andrea Alexander](#) - Mar 19, 2010

A sharp reduction in state school aid is forcing the district to consider deeper budget cuts that include teacher layoffs, though class size will not increase, officials say.

[N.J. colleges expect tuition increases after Christie's budget cuts \\$173M](#)

By The Star-Ledger Continuous News Desk, March 23, 2010

Jerry McCrea/The Star-Ledger Governor-elect Chris Christie (center); stands with Richard L. McCormick, president of Rutgers University (left); and Rosemary E. Jeffries, president of Georgian Court University; following Christie's meeting with the executive board of the NJ College Presidents' Council, held at Rutgers University in New Brunswick in December.

[NJ Proposes 74% Cuts in State Library Aid, State Library Faces ...](#)

Mar 17, 2010 ... For FY 2011, the state of New Jersey has proposed a drastic cut of 74% in library program funding from the FY 2010 appropriation, ...

*Vineland, NJ: The Adult Education program and 82 positions will be cut from their budget for the 2010-2011 school year.*

Source: The Daily Journal (March 31, 2010)

*Mendham Township School District*

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In NJ we are overwhelmed with budget cuts due to the financial crisis and having exhausted ARRA funds. Statewide, we are seeing a minimum of 5% total budget cuts to make up for the loss of funding. Locally, we have lost 99.7% of state aid. The only revenue that is received other than from the local tax levy is \$143,000 from IDEA and \$13,000 from NCLB.

**NEW MEXICO:**

[Albuquerque schools: 700 layoffs may be needed](#)

The Associated Press - [Tim Korte](#) - Albuquerque schools superintendent Winston Brooks says a \$43 million budget shortfall is leading to severe cuts for next school year,

including the possibility that 700 employees might be laid off. In addition, the district wouldn't fill about 500 empty positions, resulting in a cut of 1,200 employees — about 10 percent of the work force.

[NMSU faces budget challenges as economic downturn continues](#)

NMSU The Round Up - [Alexia Severson](#) – March 31, 2010

State revenues and general funding for New Mexico State University has been significantly reduced “National trends show that the economic downturn has had a major impact on higher education,” Taylor said.

[Santa Fe Public Schools faces hard choices on cuts to counter expected funding gap next year](#)

By Robert Nott, Santa Fe New Mexican, March 25, 2010

Santa Fe Public Schools administrators and Board of Education members are still waiting for concrete funding figures for next year, but the message that came out of Thursday night's budget meeting was clear...

[Regents approve 8 percent tuition hike for 2010-11](#)

By [Jon Blazak](#)

The Round Up

Sunday, April 4, 2010

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved an approximate \$600 increase in yearly student costs at a special budget meeting Thursday.

**NEW YORK:**

[20,000+ positions on chopping block in NYS schools](#)

March 29, 2010

NYSSBA and the New York State Council of School Superintendents estimate that more than 20,000 positions may be lost if Gov. David Paterson's proposed \$1.4 billion school aid cut is enacted for the 2010-11 school year. Seventy-seven percent of school districts responding to a recent survey from the two organizations indicated they would have to lay off teachers.

[Schools brace for layoffs](#)

Cara Matthews • Gannett Albany Bureau • April 5, 2010

ALBANY — Larger class sizes, fewer extracurricular activities and electives — such as music, art and Advanced Placement courses — not as many field trips, and less academic help for needy students. And massive layoffs.

[Schools: 14,800 teaching jobs in jeopardy](#)

March 22, 2010

*Another 5,000 job losses possible through attrition and non-teacher layoffs*

[78% of districts in region expect teacher layoffs](#)

Kingston Daily Freeman - [Kyle Wind](#), March 29, 2010

School officials are planning to lay off at least 1,782 teachers in the lower and Mid-Hudson Valley if Gov. David Paterson's proposed \$1.3 billion cut in education aid for 2010-11 is approved by the Legislature, a state School Boards Association and Council of Superintendents report said.

#### [Klein Warns Of Thousands Of Teacher Layoffs](#)

NY1 – March 24, 2010

Facing severe cuts under Governor David Paterson's proposed budget, Schools Chancellor Joel Klein told the City Council's Education Committee Wednesday that 8,500 teachers could soon be laid off.

#### [Buffalo schools face 680 layoffs from Paterson cuts](#)

Buffalo News - [Peter Simon](#) – March 25, 2010

The Buffalo Public Schools will be forced to lay off 680 staff members — or nearly 10 percent of its work force — if Gov. David A. Paterson's proposed state aid cuts are enacted, School Superintendent James A. Williams said Wednesday evening.

#### [NY: Teacher cuts coming in hundreds](#)

By Scott Waldman, Times Union (Albany) –April 1, 2010

Hundreds of teachers will be cut from area schools after this year, a Times Union analysis has found. There are a proposed 1,394 local school jobs on the chopping block right now. Of that number, 345 are teachers and just 25 are administrators, the analysis found.

#### [State loses out on federal school grant "Race to the Top" contest sought ideas for reform](#)

By Peter Simon, Buffalo News, 3/30/10

New York State fell far short in its bid for federal "Race to the Top" education funding on Monday, dashing hopes for a windfall from Washington that would have helped avoid extensive teacher layoffs and program cuts facing local school districts.

#### [NY: Schools fear never getting delayed aid from state](#)

By Peter Simon, The Buffalo News, April 1, 2010

The state's delay in paying \$2.1 billion in school aid was not the thing that was most worrisome to local school officials Wednesday. What concerned them far more was the gnawing fear that the state's financial crisis is so severe that the money will never be paid, or that the already-budgeted amounts will be substantially reduced.

### **NORTH CAROLINA:**

#### [NC's largest city to start laying off 600 teachers](#)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — March 24, 2010 - The school board in North Carolina's largest city has voted to start laying off about 600 teachers for the coming year.

#### [Wake schools eye budget shortfall, job cuts](#)

WRAL.com – March 23, 2010

Approximately 70 employees from instructional services, communications, chief of staff, auxiliary services and administrative services, will be laid off according to a budget presentation made Tuesday morning in a budget work session

**OHIO:****[Perrysburg Schools layoffs eyed to close \\$3.1M budget deficit](#)**

Toledo Blade - [Mark Zaborney](#) – March 26, 2010

Already, letters have gone to 64 staff members, including teachers, who might get a layoff notice after the Board of Education takes action next month.

*Elyria City Schools*

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**School Demographics:**

Elyria City Schools, a small urban, Title I school district in Ohio

**Possible layoffs or staff furloughs:**

We used our Title I ARRA funding to re-hire 10 elementary school teachers throughout our school district. These staff are used to reduce class sizes in our full-day kindergarten program and to provide much needed student intervention. When the funding runs out the teachers will lose their jobs. Our school district has stretched our ARRA allocation, \$1.56 million, to last 2 school years.

**OKLAHOMA:****[Suburban districts weigh options](#)**

By Clifton Adcock, Manny Gamallo, Susan Hylton and Rhett Morgan, Tulsa World  
March 29, 2010

As Tulsa Public Schools officials plan to cut 225 teaching positions before the next school year as a result of looming funding shortfalls, other area districts also are trying to figure out how to make it through the next two years.

**[Possible job cuts for TPS](#)**

kjrh.com - [Breanne Palmerini](#) – March 22, 2010

The school board will look at a plan that will add two to three students to each classroom, which would mean more than 220 teaching positions would not be needed during the next school year.

**OREGON:***Central Point SD 6*

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**School Demographics:**

Suburban/Rural SD in southern Oregon (97502). Just under 5,000 students; includes 5 Title I elementary schools.

The Central Point School District in southern Oregon is facing dramatic cuts for the next school, partially the result of reductions or expiration of ARRA funding.

**Possible layoffs or staff furloughs:**

The Central Point SD is currently on a four day week; all staff have taken a 10% reduction in pay (admin, licensed and classified). We expect further cuts next year (due to the loss of ARRA) and will likely see further reductions (instructional time, staff or a combination).

**Possible program cuts:**

Program cuts will likely occur in elective programs (music, art, etc.) at all levels, for the next school year. Further, Title I ARRA programs including full day Kindergarten, preschool and afterschool programs will be discontinued without Title I ARRA.

**Shortening school days, weeks, or the school year due to budget considerations:**

The school year has already been shortened and those cuts will likely extend into next year without ARRA funding.

**PENNSYLVANIA:**

[Easton Area School District Facing Possible Layoffs](#) - WFMZ Allentown, March 25, 2010

**SOUTH CAROLINA:**

[Popular Education Choice in S.C. Casualty of Cuts](#)  
By The Associated Press, March 22, 2010

**SOUTH DAKOTA:**

[SD: Lawmakers return for \\$35-\\$40M budget fix](#)

By Josh Verges, Argus Leader (Sioux Falls)

With costs increasing and no additional money coming from the state, South Dakota teachers could lose their jobs and property owners in some districts might be asked to pay more for education.

[Higher Education Hit By Budget Cuts](#)

KELOLAND TV - [Erich Schaffhauser](#) – March 31, 2010

With the state budget approved, it looks like universities will have to make cuts and tuition and fees will rise.

*Colome Consolidated School District, SD*

“The Colome Consolidated School District has made cuts in staff but has been faced with increasing class sizes for the 2010 school year. The Wood and Witten schools have seen cuts in certified staff and the Wood school has also seen classified cuts regarding paraprofessionals and building operations personnel. As a result, the multi-grade classrooms in the Wood and Witten schools have an increased number of grade levels in each classroom requiring the remaining certified staff to assume additional duties beyond their increased educational roles. The Colome schools have also faced increased class sizes in the elementary, middle school, and high school areas. Additional staff, neither certified nor classified, has been hired due to tight budget constrictions and increased overall costs.”—*Colome Consolidated School District Administrator*

**TENNESSEE:**

[Budget cuts cost campus jobs, hinder program creation](#)

Echo Online (subscription) - [Nick Doss](#) - 15 hours ago

As a result of the budget cuts, the university has cut more than 80 job positions that were vacant or in the process of being searched to be filled, as well as limiting the number of new permanent positions being filled, Brown said.

**TEXAS:**

[SJSU planning for layoffs, fee hikes and fewer students](#)

By Lisa M. Krieger

Posted: 03/25/2010 04:57:09 PM PDT

Braced for reduced state support, San Jose State University is planning early summer layoffs, boosting fees and shrinking next fall's incoming classes.

**UTAH:**

[Schools consider \\$1.2 million in budget cuts, funding for Spanish ...](#) -

San Juan Record, March 31, 2010

[SL school district faces 5.2% budget cut for 2010-11](#)

Examiner.com – March 30, 2010

The Salt Lake School Board is facing a difficult 2010-11 budget season. An estimated necessary budget cut of 5.2% is likely, most of it coming from the Salt Lake School district's maintenance and operating budget that includes teacher salaries...

**VIRGINIA:**

[Prince William school board approves \\$760 million budget, job cuts](#)

Washington Post - [Michael Alison Chandler](#) – March 25, 2010

The Prince William County School Board adopted a \$760 million operating budget Wednesday that will cut more than 200 jobs, freeze salaries and raise class sizes in many grades.

*York County School Division, VA*

As a percent of total students, the York County School Division is the most heavily federally impacted school division in Virginia. The York County School Division eliminated 23 jobs in Fiscal Year 2010 and is anticipating further reduced funding for Fiscal Year 2011 that will necessitate the loss of 55 additional jobs.

**WASHINGTON:**

*Oak Harbor School District 201, WA*

Recently, the Oak Harbor School District endured a 10% reduction in its entire teaching staff. The elimination of 30 out of 300 teaching positions has led to an average increase in class size of 3 students and the cancellation of many elective classes, summer school, and professional development opportunities. Superintendent Rick Schulte commented on how the loss of such opportunities can influence teacher effectiveness, "Middle school teachers now teach an extra 25 to 30 students every day. Teachers must use valuable planning time to supervise bus lines and lunch rooms. Three all-day staff development

and training days have been eliminated, leaving little or no time to train teachers in new approaches and methods.” In addition, numerous custodial, groundwork, maintenance, secretarial, and library aide staff positions have been eliminated. Looking ahead, Oak Harbor School District prepares to cut 15 more certified and classified staff persons in Fiscal Year 2011.

*Toppenish School District 202, WA*

Over the past two years, the Toppenish School District has been impacted by a \$7 million reduction in funding and unfunded increases. The financial loss led to a reduction in 8 teachers and administrators and 4 classified staff for the 2009-2010 school year. In an effort to continue dealing with the funding reduction, Toppenish School District anticipates more job cuts for 2010-2011, impacting 30 educators and staff. Additionally, the financial strain will affect the remaining faculty and staff by reductions in working hours and benefits.

*Mercer Island School District*

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**General demographics:**

Suburban; less than 2% FRL; Title I program.

**Possible layoffs or staff furloughs:**

We would need to eliminate 5 teaching positions from the budget should ARRA money disappear.

**Possible program cuts:**

Our autism program was enhanced with ARRA funds; consequently, if the funds disappear, the new elements of the program will be hard to sustain.

*Federal Way Public School, Federal Way*

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**School Demographics:**

Urban, Title 1, over 100 languages spoken, 35%+ transient rate, over 50% poverty rate

**Possible layoffs or staff furloughs:**

The loss of ARRA funding will result in a dramatic funding cliff in our district. ARRA dollars have help offset recent state budget reductions that have caused reductions in programs and services in our district. Based on state projections, we anticipate having to make more significant cuts for the 2010/2011 school year.

**Possible program cuts:**

For the 2010/2011 school year we anticipate that we reducing up to half over our all day kindergarten classes. In addition, we will be reducing our professional development for our instructional staff and raising class sizes.

**WISCONSIN:**

[34 teachers among 50 Menasha school staff facing layoff](#)

Appleton Post Crescent - [Michael King](#) – March 23, 2010

Menasha school district administrators have recommended the elimination of 50 jobs, including 34 teaching positions, to cover a projected deficit of nearly \$1.5 million in next year's budget.

[Newberry schools to cut 25 jobs; Lancaster also faces budget woes](#)

WIS - Mar 26, 2010

NEWBERRY, SC (WIS) - Budget cuts across the state mean at least two Midlands school districts have to take tough actions to save money, leaving dozens of people out of jobs.

[School district closes deficit by cutting teachers](#)

Reductions will save \$245,000 next year

By JANE FORD-STEWART, Posted: March 30, 2010 |

**Muskego** —The Muskego-Norway School Board hit its target Monday night of wiping out a projected budget deficit of \$435,000 for next school year, but it will mean cutting the equivalent of 5.2 full-time teachers.

[Cuts plus fees still equals tight budget](#)

Whitnall adjustments raise concern among parents and staff

By [MARK SCHAAF](#), Posted: March 29, 2010 |

Greenfield — The Whitnall School Board has approved cutting nine full-time-equivalent positions and reinstating student fees in the 2010-11 school year to help make up for an expected budget deficit of at least \$1 million.

[Kaukauna board approves teacher layoffs, other school cuts](#)

Post-Crescent East • March 10, 2010

KAUKAUNA — The Kaukauna school board has approved a list of budget reductions, which include layoffs for 27 educators filling the equivalent of 9.75 full-time positions

[School budget reductions pass](#)

School board members expressed frustration and regret March 22 but unanimously passed a \$366,600 reduction package to balance next year's budget. And there will be fewer paraprofessionals, middle school band lessons, math and reading specialists, and high school electives, including an end to Japanese foreign language after next year.

By: [Phil Pfuehler](#), River Falls Journal Published March 25 2010

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