

Dallas ISD Budget Update

for

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- Get informed
- Take action

Get informed

- Where are we now?
- What happens next?
- How to stay plugged in

Where are we now?

- Estimated state budget hole
 - \$15 to \$27 billion (over biennium)
- House Bill 1
 - Eliminates discretionary grants
 - Cuts \$5 billion *per year* from public schools (Foundation School Program)

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- But not all ISDs fare the same
 - 12% reduction for Ft. Worth
 - 5% reduction for Mesquite

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School Finance Formula	DISD Reduction
Proration	\$253 million
Percentage reduction	\$169 million
Third way	\$239 million

What would that mean for Dallas ISD?

- At the state level, far from over
- Many legislative options; examples:
 - Allocate more for public schools
 - Change the school finance formula
 - Tap Rainy Day Fund
 - Raise cap on property tax rates



What would that mean
for DISD schools?

Preliminary plan

Category	Reduction
3,100 Campus Employees	\$161 million
800 Non Campus Employees	48 million
Contracted services	10 million
Stipends	16 million
Workday reduction	3 million
Supplies and travel	3 million
	\$241 million

Other ideas

- Would require approved by legislature

Category	Reduction
10 furlough days	\$44 million
10% salary reductions	85 million
25:1 elementary	22 million

Effect on campuses

Grade level	Reduction in Positions
High schools	-32%
Middle schools	-27%
Elementary schools	-12%

Effect on campuses

Selected High Schools	Reduction in Positions
South Oak Cliff	-27%
Woodrow Wilson	-29%
Hillcrest	-30%
Skyline	-42%
Booker T. Washington	-47%
Townview Magnets	-50%

Latest developments

- Called Board Meeting on March 1
 - Budget process
 - Board involvement
 - Priorities
 - Citizens Budget Review Commission

What happens next?

- State level
- Local level

What happens next ... at the state level?

- Lawmakers work through many options:
 - Federal funding/Doggett amendment
 - Rainy Day Fund
 - New revenue estimate
 - School finance formula
 - Teacher furloughs and salary reductions
 - Elementary student-teacher ratio cap

What happens next ... at the local level?

- 3/10 Board Briefing
 - Budget 2.0 presented
- 3/24 & 31 Board Budget Workshops
- 3/24 Board Meeting
- 4/14 Board Briefing
 - Budget 3.0 presented

Take action

1. Contact your elected representatives
2. Give ideas to DFPE
3. Attend board meetings
4. Attend Lobby Day in Austin

Stay positive and respectful

Contact your Trustee

- Ask your DISD Trustee to -
 - **Ensure *every* DISD school is:**
 - Properly funded and staffed
 - Given the tools needed to educate our children
 - **Maintain DISD's commitment to outstanding magnet schools**
- Say how this would affect your family

Contact your state lawmakers

- State Representative and State Senator

www.SaveTexasSchools.com

- Make funding for public schools a priority
- Oppose unfair cuts to Dallas ISD

Send ideas to DFPE

Dallas Friends of Public Education
www.dfpe.org

- Identify non-campus spending that can be cut
- Anything less important than a classroom teacher
- Be specific

Attend board meetings

- “Come on strong and come on long”
- Wear purple
- Bring a sign
- Be a speaker

Stay positive and respectful

Attend a rally in Austin

- Save Texas Schools March & Rally
 - Saturday, March 12

www.SaveTexasSchools.com

- Alliance-AFT Lobby Day
 - Monday, March 14

<http://tx.aft.org/allianceaft/>

How to stay plugged in

- On Facebook



- Save Townview

- Save DISD Schools

- On the web

- www.dfpe.org

- www.SaveDISD.com

- dallasisdblog.dallasnews.com

Wrap Up

- **Take action**
- **Write to your Trustee and State Legislators TONIGHT!**
- **Attend board meetings**
- **It's not just about the magnets**
- **Stay positive and respectful**

Q & A