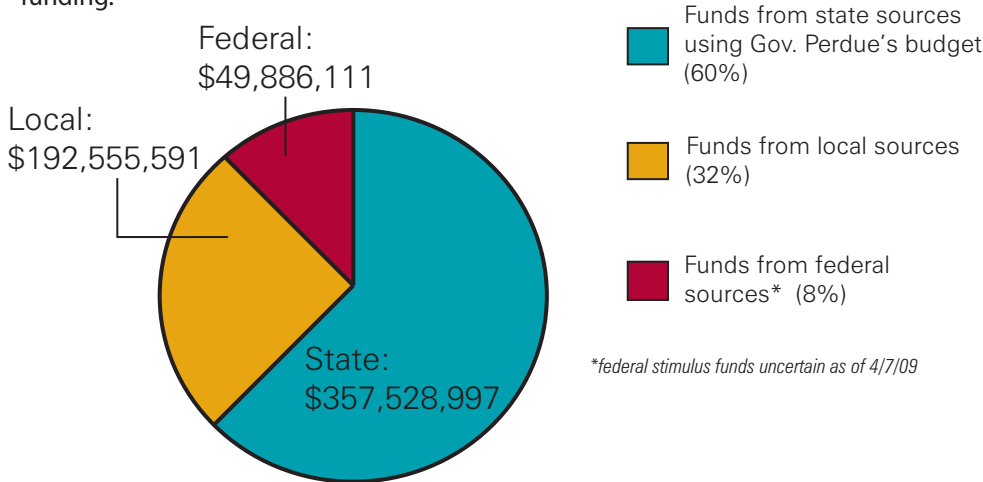


2009-10 BUDGET FACTS



Guilford County Schools (GCS) is highly regarded nationally for creating innovative programs and making gains in student achievement. Under our newly appointed superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green, GCS has the opportunity to build on that strong foundation and take our school district to the next level. However, budget proposals from both Governor Beverly Perdue and the Senate could severely hamper these plans, putting our students' right to an excellent education at risk.

Using Governor Beverly Perdue's proposed budget request as a guide, we are proposing a \$599,970,699 operating budget where 60 percent comes from state funding.



Our total proposed budget, including capital outlay and enterprise funds, such as child nutrition and ACES afterschool program, is \$651,840,823.

The State Senate's proposal reflects deeper reductions that would severely harm the quality of education of GCS students.

Adequate funding is required in order to maintain the State's vital interest in strong public schools.

If the Senate's proposed budget is ultimately approved, GCS would need to spend about \$2.3 million additional dollars out of local funds to keep all employees on a level playing field in terms of salary increases and benefits.

The harsh reality we face is that as a people-intensive business, we can't make significant cuts in our operating expenses without impacting our people.

If GCS and other districts are forced to drastically reduce staff, this has both short and long-term negative implications. The state would see an immediate further drop in revenues and rise in unemployment claims, and ultimately, our economy would suffer further from a workforce that is not ready for 21st century jobs.

SENATE PROPOSAL'S IMPACT ON THE GCS BUDGET: BY THE NUMBERS

(\$16,065,209)
Increasing class size by two in K-12, equates to eliminating salary and benefits for 298 classroom teachers

(\$471,607)
Discretionary reduction

(\$2,349,689)
Eliminating Improving Student Accountability dollars

(\$210,337)
Reduction in staff development

(\$161,349)
Reduction in central office administration

(\$136,104)
Reduction in school resource officer funding

\$1,405,147
2% salary increases for teachers, principals and assistant principals

\$466,234
Increase in employer's hospital insurance rate

\$488,870
Increase in employer's retirement rate

\$21,754,546
Total senate budget impact

17-20%
Reductions that may come from the House proposal

The state cannot afford drastic cuts in K-12 education.

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