



Action Alert

**State Senate Committee slashes education!
Your Action is Needed Today!**

**STOP SENATE EDUCATION CUTS
Call your legislators now!**

In an unexpected move Friday night, the Senate Budget & Taxation committee went much further in cutting education than the House did in its recently-passed budget-- AND made significant cuts in education funding for FUTURE years. This will reduce education funding by about \$50 million statewide and about \$9 million for City Schools next school year. Further, they propose cutting \$100 million dollars more statewide, each year, over the next two years. This would be devastating to school systems statewide. (For more detailed information on cuts read below.)

Time is Short!

***Tell your Senator and Budget & Taxation Committee members
that there should be:***

"NO MORE CUTS TO EDUCATION!"

Tell them that:

- **You oppose cuts to education funding**
- **Don't cut out the inflation factor for the next 2 years.**

Our children need your support!

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Breakdown of proposed education funding cuts

The budget passed by the House had already made cuts in funding for non-public special education placements, school improvement grants, and the Aging Schools program.

The Senate committee proposed additional cuts. Though the Governor had proposed to use federal stimulus dollars to fully fund the Geographic Cost of Education Index (from 60% to 100%), the Senate committee shifted the entire increase in GCEI (40%) to pay for school construction projects, with no net gain to school construction. In other words, the GCEI funding would be diverted to the capital budget but no new construction projects would result. This will reduce education funding by an additional \$50 million statewide and about \$9 million for City Schools.

They further propose TO CUT \$100 M. MORE IN EACH OF THE NEXT 2 YEARS by delaying the re-introduction of the inflation factor to the Thornton funding formula. In the 2007 budget cuts, the inflation factor was removed from the formula for 2 years— this new budget proposal would extend that for another two years! Freezing education funding, with no inflation increases, has led to deficits in school budgets across the state this year.

Thank You For Supporting Education In Baltimore City!