

## **PUBLICLY-REPORTED LAYOFF NUMBERS – CURRENT AS OF APRIL 22, 2010**

### ***A SNAPSHOT OF ISSUES CREATED BY STATE FISCAL CRISES AND THEIR IMPACTS ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES***

#### **ALABAMA**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

The House passed its version of the 2011 education budget the week of April 1 and it now goes to the Senate. During two years of proration and dropping education revenue, Alabama lost more than 2000 teachers. The state jobless rate more than tripled in the past three years and is as high today as it's been since the 1980s. The largest contributor to the state Education Trust Fund is the state income tax; every penny collected of it is earmarked solely for education. When the economy stumbles this revenue source falters. During the past three years, this revenue stream fell farther than any time in history. Alabama has lost more than 20 percent of its education funding in just two years. The Great Recession that began in 2007 wiped out almost \$1.5 billion in education funding. (Source: "Barebones education budget keeps teachers in the classrooms," By Rep. Alan Harper, Published: Thursday, April 1, 2010 1:10 PM CDT)

##### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 1500 teachers

##### **Program Cuts**

#### **ALASKA**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

##### **Program Cuts**

#### **ARIZONA**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 2500 teachers

##### **Program Cuts**

- All-day kindergarten on chopping block in Arizona, By Paul Davenport, The Associated Press, Arizona Daily Sun (Flagstaff), The budget-balancing plan unveiled Monday by Arizona legislators includes abolishing the state's funding for full-day kindergarten. [Read More](#)
- AZ: Universities face 12 percent cut to make state budget work, By Howard Fischer, Capitol Media Services, Arizona Daily Sun (Flagstaff), Arizona could owe the federal government almost as much money as a proposed sales tax hike would raise if voters reject it. [Read More](#)

#### **ARKANSAS**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

- Overall, there should be little change in the number of school employees state-wide. Large school districts with declining enrollments can usually absorb the loss by not filling positions without layoffs; medium and smaller districts losing students may resort to limited layoffs. Schools with growing enrollments will be adding positions. (Source: Arkansas Education Association)

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### **Program Cuts**

- While there have been several cuts in state aid to various state agencies as well as higher education, General Education (K-12) and Vocational Education have been largely spared. There have been two cuts, each around \$100 million. First, the Department of Education trimmed almost all of its balances of some \$45 million. Second, the Department of Education had to trim about \$41 million from the Public School Fund. However, all of the cuts were in supplementary school program support from the state, and there is a \$116 increase per pupil (\$52 million) going to the schools in the state in the current fiscal year. For FY 2011, Arkansas is budgeting an \$83 increase per pupil (\$37 million). If the economy worsens, per pupil public school funding in the state will not be trimmed. Additional losses will come from all other state government functions by law.

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 26,004 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- California is reducing K-12 education aid to local school districts by billions of dollars. It also is cutting a variety of other programs, such as adult literacy instruction, and is reducing funding for some grants and programs aimed at helping high-needs students.
- As a direct result of state budget cuts, the University of California is increasing tuition by 32 percent. In addition, the University of California is cutting freshman enrollment by 2,300 students, and the California State University system is cutting enrollment by 10,000 students.

*(Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)*

- According to a 2009 survey of principals:
  - 67 percent reported that class sizes have increased, with 74 percent of elementary school principals reporting larger class sizes.
  - 75 percent reported that summer school has been reduced or eliminated removing student opportunities for remediation or enrichment.
  - 75 percent reported reductions in instructional materials and supplies critical in supporting student learning.
  - 62 percent of principals reported that teachers in their schools have been laid off, threatened with layoffs or reassigned to other schools. The number of actual layoffs was four times greater at schools in poorer communities than wealthier communities.
  - 57 percent reported delaying or cutting back scheduled purchase of new textbooks.
  - 70 percent reported cuts to professional development programs to help educators build the skills they need to address student needs.

*(Source: "Educational Opportunities in Hard Times," UCLA Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access, <http://idea.gseis.ucla.edu/educational-opportunity-report>)*

### **COLORADO**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

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- Projected 3000 teachers

### **Program Cuts**

## **CONNECTICUT**

### **Background/Budget Status**

- Connecticut's Supreme Court has revived a lawsuit that challenges the state's method of funding public schools, saying the constitution promises an education that is good enough to prepare students for a job or college. The 4-3 ruling in the lawsuit means the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding can argue in Superior Court that the state's school funding formula is unconstitutional and permanently harms some students.

### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 700 teachers

### **Program Cuts**

## **DELAWARE**

### **Background/Budget Status**

- Projected \$320 million budget deficit. Decline in federal stimulus funds.

### **Layoff Information**

### **Program Cuts**

- Proposed returning 25 percent of school bus transportation costs (currently 100 percent state funded) to districts.

## **FLORIDA**

### **Background/Budget Status**

### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 5000 teachers

### **Program Cuts**

- Florida has cut university budgets and community college funding. The University of Florida has announced it will eliminate 150 positions this year, resulting in over 50 layoffs of staff and faculty. Florida State University plans to lay off up to 200 faculty and staff members. Tuition at all 11 Florida public universities will rise by 15 percent in the 2009-2010 school year.
- Public schools are being squeezed by state budget cuts and an unexpected increase in student enrollment, including an influx of Haitian students in the aftermath of Haiti's devastating earthquake. Districts have been coping by closing schools during breaks, cutting energy costs and changing transportation routes, but the next round of cuts is expected to hit classrooms.

## **GEORGIA**

### **Background/Budget Status**

- In enacting its FY 2010 budget Georgia made a \$112 million cut to the equalization component of the state's education aid formula established to help close the gap in funding between wealthier and poorer school districts. The state has since made an additional \$332 million mid-year cut to state education aid funding. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

### **Layoff Information**

### **Program Cuts**

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- Schools fear budget crash, By Nancy Badertscher and James Salzer?, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 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. [Read More](#)

### **HAWAII**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 1000 teacher cuts

#### **Program Cuts**

- Due to budget cuts Hawaii teachers must take 17 furlough days during the current school year. Classes will be cancelled on these furlough days, shortening the school year by more than three weeks. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- Fewer Hawaii schools offer summer classes, By Loren Moreno, The Honolulu Advertiser, 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. [Read More](#)

### **IDAHO**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

- The FY2011 budget will be historic in nature, as it will be the first time in the state's history that public schools will receive a smaller total state appropriation (general, dedicated and federal funds) than the previous year. The total state appropriation for FY 10 was \$1,710,854,300. The total state appropriate for FY 11 will be \$1,582,328,500. This budget represents a \$128.5 million decrease in total revenue over last year, or an average 7.5% cut for any school district that will experience student growth and an 8.5% cut for any school district that will experience a decrease in student population. (*Source: Idaho Education Association*)

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 500 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- Public schools will not suffer the magnitude of cuts that most other state agencies are enduring. But, many valuable and important programs are on the chopping block for the next school year. Districts who counted on state funding to provide for classroom supplies will now have to make tough choices about whether to spend money on those supplies, student transportation, Gifted/Talented teacher training, maintaining health insurance benefits for employees, or a variety of other options. (*Source: Idaho Education Association*)
- [ID: Board approves tuition hikes at Idaho universities](#)  
By Jessie L. Bonner, The Associated Press, The Idaho Statesman (Boise)  
The state Board of Education agreed Monday to let Idaho's public universities charge students 8.75 percent to 9.5 percent more in tuition and fees next year. [Read More](#)
- [ID: Idaho college students will pay 8.7 to 9.5% higher fees next year](#)  
By Jessie L. Bonner, The Associated Press, The Olympian  
After a nine-hour meeting Monday, the State Board of Education decided on increases of \$402 to \$470 per year for students at Boise State University, Idaho State University, the University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College. [Read More](#)

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## **ILLINOIS**

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#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 20,000 teachers
- Teaching assistants bear brunt of \$7 million in Decatur School District budget cuts, By Valerie Wells, Herald & Review (Decatur), DECATUR, Ill. -- The faces of the Decatur school board members were somber as they entered the board room Tuesday for a special meeting to make budget cuts. [Read More](#)
- Champaign lays off dozens of teachers and support staff, By Jodi Heckel, The News-Gazette (Champaign), CHAMPAIGN, Ill. -- The Champaign school district laid off 96 teachers and 53 support staff Monday night. [Read More](#)
- Devastating' layoffs loom in school districts statewide, By Maudlyne Ihejirika, Chicago Sun-Times, 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. [Read More](#)

#### **Program Cuts**

- Illinois has reduced funding for early childhood education by 10 percent. As many as 10,000 children could lose eligibility for the program as a result. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- Larger class sizes ahead as teachers collect pink slips, By Lisa Black, Noreen Ahmed-Ullah and Lolly Bowean, Chicago Tribune, As thousands of Illinois teachers receive pink slips in this spring's brutal budget season, parents can do the math: Fewer teachers equals higher class sizes. [Read More](#)
- Plains, other school districts continue to tighten belts, By Amanda Reavy and Debra Landis, The State Journal-Register (Springfield), PLEASANT PLAINS, Ill. -- The Pleasant Plains School Board has decided to pursue "natural" reductions in staff to offset a projected \$975,000 shortfall in state funding for the next fiscal year. The school district also will scale back its prekindergarten program, delay technology and equipment purchases and reduce transportation and energy costs as part of more than \$700,000 worth of cost-saving measures the board approved during a special meeting this week. [Read More](#)
- Two-year colleges are getting crowded, By Karen Hawkins, The Associated Press, The State Journal-Register (Springfield), CHICAGO -- Enrollment is up at the same time the state is facing a budget crisis that has led it to cut education funds and then fail to even hand over money the schools still have coming. [Read More](#)

## **INDIANA**

### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 3,000 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- Cuts to higher education funding in Indiana have resulted in Indiana State University plans to lay off 89 staff (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- **Full day kindergarten hurt by sour economy, cost**, By Chelsea Schneider Kirk, Gary Post-Tribune, Northwest Indiana parents who pay their school districts for full-day kindergarten may face steeper costs next year as districts struggle to find

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revenue in the wake of \$300 million in cuts ordered by Gov. Mitch Daniels.

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### **IOWA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 747 teachers and 750 ESP's

#### **Program Cuts**

### **KANSAS**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

- Because the legislature has not passed a budget, districts are struggling to budget for the next year. The situation has contributed to the passing of a bill to delay the notification date for teachers and administrators and to consideration of a bill to extend the probationary period for teachers. Some state budget suggestions would transfer the much of the responsibility for funding back to the local level. As the legislature delays setting a budget for 2010-2011, districts terminate all non-tenured staff with the hope that they can hire most of them back when they hear what the final budget numbers will be. (*Source: Kansas Education Association*)

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 8,700 teachers
- We began the year with an estimated 3,700 fewer education positions in the state. More positions have been cut throughout the year, and we have seen a projection of over 5,000 more lost positions for next year. More than a typical number of non-tenured teachers have been non-renewed. (*Source: Kansas Education Association*)

#### **Program Cuts**

- Class size numbers are increasing steadily in most districts. Kindergarten classes now have 30 students in more and more districts.
- Many programs are being cut back or eliminated. Common cuts are full-day kindergarten, art and music in elementary, foreign language, vocational agriculture, skill-building classes, and FACS. After-school programs have been reduced or cut. Many district will offer no or very limited summer school. Some districts are eliminating support positions in media centers and other venues, which restricts the availability to students. Some districts are eliminating librarians and counselors. Schools are increasing student materials fees.
- Numerous districts have shifted to four-day weeks to save money and are cutting contact days by increasing the length of day. Non-contact days are being eliminated, which impacts professional development opportunities. One district cut 25 days. Some districts made adjustments mid-year so there was little planning for the change.
- School closings and consolidations have been serious considerations for many districts. The legislature considered a bill that would have forced consolidation in many cases. A few districts do plan to consolidate for next year or soon. Quite a few districts have closed schools.

(*Source: Kansas Education Association*)

- **Kansas Legislature pares state aid for special-needs students**, By Jim Sullinger, Kansas City Star

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.

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### **KENTUCKY**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- While the Governor has previously held education harmless, it is expected that the General Assembly will reduce the number of instructional days paid (furlough) in lieu of massive layoffs. (*Source: Kentucky Education Association*)

#### **Program Cuts**

### **LOUISIANA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

- Board approves tuition increase, By Jan Moller, The Times-Picayune (New Orleans) Tuition at most Louisiana State University System campuses would climb 5 percent next year under a plan approved unanimously Friday by the Board of Supervisors. [Read More](#)
- LA: State is cutting at-risk youth services, By Jan Moller, The Times-Picayune (New Orleans). Truancy prevention, summer-school programs for at-risk youth and tax-preparation help for low-income people are among the programs the state Department of Social Services is planning to eliminate as it tries to shrink its budget in the upcoming fiscal year. [Read More](#)

### **MAINE**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 500 teachers
- University plans layoffs to cover \$5.9M gap, By Jessica Bloch, Bangor Daily News 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. [Read More](#)

#### **Program Cuts**

### **MARYLAND**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

- Maryland cut funding for a school breakfast pilot program, professional development for principals and educators, health clinics, gifted and talented summer centers, and math and science initiatives. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 3,800 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- Massachusetts enacted cuts to Head Start, universal pre-kindergarten programs, and early intervention services to help special-needs children develop appropriately and be ready for school. The state also cut K-12 funding, including spending for

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mentoring, teacher training, reimbursements for special education residential schools, services for disabled students, and programs for gifted and talented students.  
(*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

### **MICHIGAN**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

- In Michigan, which has the nation's highest unemployment rate, school districts lost 2 percent of their state money this year and could lose another 4 percent next year because of a projected government shortfall of \$1.6 billion. Most of more than \$1 billion in federal stimulus money is gone.

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 8,000 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- Michigan cut its FY 2010 school aid budget by \$382 million (2.9 percent) from the prior fiscal year, resulting in a \$165 per-pupil spending reduction. The state is reducing financial aid programs by \$135 million (a cut of over 61 percent), including a 50 percent decrease in competitive scholarships, a 44 percent decrease in the tuition grant program, and an outright elimination of nursing scholarships, the Michigan Work-Study Program, the Part-Time Independent Student Program, the Michigan Education Opportunity Grants, and the Michigan Promise Scholarships. In addition, the state reduced funding for university operations by 0.4 percent from the previous fiscal year. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- Bleak future predicted for Michigan school, By Chris Christoff, Detroit Free Press  
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. [Read More](#)

### **MINNESOTA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 350 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

### **MISSISSIPPI**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 400 teachers and 50 ESP's
- School staffing cuts loom, By Marquita Brown, The Clarion-Ledger (Jackson), More than 160 teaching positions could be cut next school year in the Hinds County, Canton, Clinton and Rankin County districts. [Read More](#)

#### **Program Cuts**

- Mississippi cut FY 2010 funding for K-12 education by nearly five percent. Most of this cut came out of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program, the state's school funding formula, used to determine adequate funding levels needed in every district in the state. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- Larger school classes sought, By Marquita Brown, The Clarion-Ledger (Jackson)  
Twice as many Mississippi school districts are requesting permission to exceed class-size limits - in part because of state budget cuts. The state Board of Education will



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decide today whether to grant class-size limit exceptions to 13 schools across eight school districts. [Read More](#)

### **MISSOURI**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

- Missouri NEA is fighting a Fair Tax proposal in the legislature. Passage would have a devastating effect on state revenue.
- State Budget Director Linda Luebbering announced today that actual revenue collections continue to fall below projections during April, a key month for state revenue. As of April 20, net collections for April have fallen 19 percent. Year-to-date collections are down 13.8 percent from last fiscal year. The average income tax refund is up nearly 8 percent compared to last year, while the average payment has fallen nearly 30 percent. Also, withholding and sales taxes remain historically weak. Through March individual withholding has declined five straight quarters and sales tax has declined 10 straight quarters. Because of the Governor's constitutional responsibility to ensure spending does not exceed available resources, additional expenditure restrictions of \$45 million are necessary. This restriction rings the total reduction for Fiscal Year 2010 to more than \$900 million. See the attachment for a list of the Governor's April restrictions.

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 700 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

### **MONTANA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

- The legislature cut the whole \$10 million At-Risk component of school funding. This funding was adopted in the 2005 special session the governor convened to provide a funding answer to the state Supreme Court's decision in an adequacy school funding lawsuit. Further, the legislature funded two-thirds of the three percent increase in FY11 basic school entitlements with stimulus money. The price tag to stay even, to keep current state funding of basic entitlements (no increase in funding for the 013 biennium) and restore the At-Risk dollars will cost about \$40 million.

#### **Layoff Information**

- All the teachers directly employed by stimulus dollars will likely be gone come the end of the 2011 biennium if no new federal stimulus dollars are made available (Source: MEA-MFT)

#### **Program Cuts**

- Eliminating \$33 million in higher education. There is simply no way the university system will be able to recover from these cuts without massive cuts to instructional budgets. A cut of this magnitude would represent just over 15 percent of all state support for higher education. Tuition would need to rise by roughly 12-16 percent per year to make up for it. Federal stimulus funds are almost going to be a necessity for two more years in Montana to get through what will be a cutting frenzy in higher education if the money doesn't appear. (Source: MEA-MFT)

### **NEBRASKA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 50 teachers

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### **Program Cuts**

#### **NEVADA**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 2,000 teachers and 700 ESPs

##### **Program Cuts**

- The governor has ordered various cuts to K-12 education, including delaying an all-day kindergarten expansion, cutting per-pupil expenditures by \$400 in a pilot program, eliminating funds for gifted and talented programs and a magnet program for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additionally, young children with developmental delays will lose more than 15,000 hours of needed services. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 300 teachers

##### **Program Cuts**

#### **NEW JERSEY**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 6250 teachers and 2250 ESPs

##### **Program Cuts**

- New Jersey has cut funding for afterschool programs aimed to enhance student achievement and keep students safe between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. As a result, more than 11,000 students will likely lose access to these programs, and 1,100 full and part time workers will likely lose their jobs. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- **New Jersey schools brace for cuts**, By Winnie Hu, The New York Times  
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.  
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#### **New Mexico**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

##### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 340 teachers

##### **Program Cuts**

- New Mexico has eliminated over 80 percent of the funding for the College Affordability Endowment Fund, a need-based scholarship program that serves 2,366 students who do not qualify for other state grants or scholarships. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

#### **NEW YORK**

##### **Background/Budget Status**

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### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 13,650 teachers and 1540 ESPs
- Budget cuts put a lifestyle at risk, by Bryan Fitzgerald, Times Union (Albany)  
TUPPER LAKE, N.Y. -- Two years ago, Shannon Kavanagh took a position as an art teacher at Tupper Lake Middle/High School. It was the same school from which she graduated in 1997, in the same town in which she first met her husband in third grade.... But now, with the couple expecting their second child in the fall, the Kavanaghs have begun to wonder whether they'll be able to stay in this town of 6,000. No matter what version of the budget eventually passes -- Gov. David Paterson and lawmakers are locked in negotiations -- Tupper Lake Central Schools will likely face a 6.35 percent reduction in aid, 3 percent more than any of the other seven Adirondack school districts. To close the resulting \$1.9 million gap, the district will need to pare 32 instructional positions, or a quarter of the district's 135-person instructional work force. [Read More](#)
- NY: Teacher cuts coming in hundreds, By Scott Waldman, Times Union (Albany)  
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. [Read More](#)

### **Program Cuts**

- At the State University of New York, resident undergraduate tuition increased by 14 percent (over \$600 per year) beginning with the spring 2009 semester. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- The State Senate has voted in support of Governor Paterson's proposed \$1.7 billion in cuts to education. The proposal includes \$1.4 billion in cuts to K-12 -- a 7.5 percent reduction in operating aid for schools. Dick Iannuzzi, NYSUT president, is predicting “a drastic reduction in electives and AP courses, the elimination of summer school and after-school programs, and much larger class sizes.” (*Source: NYSUT*)
- Schools brace for layoffs, By Cara Matthews, Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester)  
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. [Read More](#)

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 7,000 teachers
- A \$225 million discretionary cut combined with an \$80 million budget reduction and \$14 million cut to local school district central offices resulted in the loss of 4,283 jobs through rifting in K-12 public education in the 2009-2010 academic year: 2,051 classroom teachers, 1,455 teacher assistants, 219 instructional support personnel (media specialist, counselors, etc.), 4 principals, 41 assistant principals, 77 custodians, and 282 non-certified staff (including bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, etc.) (*Source: North Carolina Association of Educators*)

#### **Program Cuts**

- Last year, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a \$19 billion appropriations budget for 2009-2010 – an 11 percent decrease from the previous year. While federal stimulus money helped spare K-12 public education from \$380 million in cuts, K-12 took a \$409 million cut. The most harmful cut to K-12 was a \$225 million

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“discretionary” cut, which mandated that local school districts cull through their respective budgets and collectively return \$225 million to the state’s General Fund. While the General Assembly encouraged local school districts to use federal stimulus money to avoid cuts to the classroom, there was no real enforcement or follow up. Most districts ignored the General Assembly’s instructions and made cuts directly to the classroom, including eliminating thousands of teaching positions.

- Educators and students already report class size increases (exceeding 40 students in some classes) that result in students sharing textbooks. The state is cutting \$47.9 million in math textbook acquisitions for the current school year in grades 6-12. Next year, the General Assembly placed a moratorium on all new textbook acquisitions by cutting \$115.4 million.
- North Carolina’s K-12 public education system is on a path to destruction in the 2011-2012 academic year as state economic forecasters predict a \$3.5 billion revenue shortfall, which will drain 17 percent out of the state’s \$19 billion budget. The North Carolina General Assembly would have to eliminate almost two grade levels in order to balance such a devastating budget shortfall.

### **NORTH DAKOTA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

### **OHIO**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 800 teachers and 200 ESP’s
- The layoffs will include 545 **teachers**, 117 classified employees, 67 high school administrators and 44 K-8 administrators. These layoffs follow the board's decision last month to approve the closing of 16 school buildings as part of the CMSD Transformation Plan

#### **Program Cuts**

- OSU takes step to raise tuition by 7% by fall, By Encarnacion Pyle, The Columbus Dispatch, Most good things eventually come to an end - and so it probably will be with Ohio State University's tuition freeze, a committee of trustees said yesterday. [Read More](#)
- Ohio University proposes tuition increase, cuts, By Encarnacion Pyle, The Columbus Dispatch, Ohio University tuition, fees, and room and board would cost another \$536 next school year under proposed increases that President Roderick J. McDavis unveiled today. [Read More](#)

### **Oklahoma**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 2,115 teachers
- Massive teacher layoffs likely amid 10 percent budget cut for common education

#### **Program Cuts**

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### **OREGON**

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- Projected 1310 Teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- Average of 2 days cut from each school districts calendar year

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 1000 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

### **RHODE ISLAND**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 400 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

Rhode Island cut state aid for K-12 education and reduced the number of children who can be served by Head Start and similar services by more than 550. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 150 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

### **TENNESSEE**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 350 Teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

### **TEXAS**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

- The Texas Education Agency also has proposed a list of reductions that would be required if the 5% across the board cut is applied and a number of the cuts would have a negative impact on programs and could impact staffing.

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- Because of the shortfall in state revenues, a number of districts are considering taking local tax increases to voters this summer. Staffing could still be impacted based on the results from those elections since school districts can declare financial exigency at any time and then implement reductions in force. In any case, we do anticipate that many districts will reduce staff through attrition.”
- A five percent across-the-board budget cut reduced higher education funding by \$73 million, affecting financial aid programs for students. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

### **UTAH**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 350 teachers and 500 ESP's

#### **Program Cuts**

- College students -- Prepare for another tuition hike, By Brian Maffly, The Salt Lake Tribune, Utah college students should brace themselves for yet another year of tuition hikes, this time averaging 8.7 percent across the state's nine public colleges and universities. [Read More](#)

### **VERMONT**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

### **VIRGINIA**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

- Virginia passed a two-year state budget 4 that includes \$1.3 billion less for K-12 education than the previous biennial budget. The budget approved by the General Assembly for the upcoming biennium is \$426 million less than what was in the former Governor's introduced budget and \$1.3 billion less than the sum of the last two years budget. On a per pupil basis, the cut between funding for 2008-09 and 2010-11 is about 14 percent.

#### **Layoff Information**

#### **Program Cuts**

- Virginia's community colleges recently implemented a mid-year tuition increase in response to state budget cuts. The tuition increase will take effect during the spring 2010 semester. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)

### **WASHINGTON**

#### **Background/Budget Status**

#### **Layoff Information**

- Projected 3,000 teachers

#### **Program Cuts**

- Budget cuts reduced state funding for the University of Washington by 26 percent for the current biennium. Washington State University is increasing tuition by almost 30 percent over two years. (*Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*)
- School districts that lost \$1.7 billion in state money over the past two years are bracing for another round of cuts as lawmakers try to plug a \$2.8 billion state deficit.

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Seattle Public Schools, the state's largest district, plans to lay off nonunion staff, freeze hiring, create more efficient bus routes and increase class sizes further to close an expected budget shortfall of \$24 million.

### **WEST VIRGINIA**

**Background/Budget Status**

**Layoff Information**

- Projected 100 teachers and 120 ESPs

**Program Cuts**

### **WISCONSIN**

**Background/Budget Status**

**Layoff Information**

- Projected 1000 teachers

**Program Cuts**

### **WYOMING**

**Background/Budget Status**

**Layoff Information**

**Program Cuts**

**Total Layoffs Projected Nationwide (As of April 16, 2010): 132,676.**

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### **Miscellaneous Notes from Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**

- State education grants to school districts and education programs have also been cut in Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.
- Other states cutting higher education operating funding and financial aid include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin. The Role of Revenue Increases and Federal Dollars

Several states facing large budget shortfalls have averted deep cuts in vital services by enacting temporary or permanent revenue increases.

- In late 2007 and 2008, some ten states enacted tax increases, closed loopholes, restricted tax credits, or implemented other revenue-raising measures. Major packages were enacted in Maryland, Michigan, and New York.
- Since the recession began, over 30 states have raised taxes, sometimes quite significantly. Increases have been enacted or are under consideration in personal income, business, sales, and excise taxes. Major state revenue packages have been enacted in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.