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FY2010 PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET FACT SHEET

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Total Reductions in FY2010: \$44.2 million, or 3.1 percent

- General Fund Appropriation: \$1.2 billion
- Reductions to Budget: \$63.6 million
- ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (federal stimulus): \$145.7 million
- Funding for Growth: \$19.6 million

REDUCTIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET

Here is the breakdown of the approved \$63.6 million in budget reductions:

- **Maintenance: \$20,825,000.** Reduce discretionary funds by the amount of state lottery and state maintenance matching funds (interest portion only). Cut general fund match. Temporarily relieve state from match requirement in FY2010. Allow discretionary use of funds.
- **Transportation: \$1,700,000.** Eliminate state reimbursement for repair trips, bus driver training, test driving. Audit eligible high-density school districts.
- **Textbook funds: \$7,297,000.** Reduce state funding for textbooks by \$3,980,000 (40%). Reduce discretionary funds by the amount that school districts are required to match for textbooks (\$3,317,000), and then relieve districts of the state requirement to provide such matching funds.
- **Classroom supplies: \$780,700.** Reduce funding for classroom supplies from \$350 to \$300 per teacher.
- **Experience grid: \$6,130,000.** Freeze the experience movement on the state salary grid for one year. This will impact an estimated 23% of teachers. Teachers will still be able to earn raises through the education movement on the grid.
- **Salaries: \$26,845,300.** Reduce base and minimum salaries. Give local school districts the discretion to choose how to implement this reduction either through attrition, eliminating in-service days, or combining half-days into full days. Here is the impact, by category:
 - Administrators: \$4,272,700 (5%)
 - Teachers: \$19,257,900 (2.63%)
 - Classified: \$3,314,700 (2.63%)



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PROGRAMS PRESERVED IN FY2010

Here is a breakdown of the educational programs we were able to preserve in the coming fiscal year:

- **Technology Grants: \$9,150,000.** Schools used this funding to provide necessary technology services to students and school personnel.
- **ISAT Remediation: \$5,000,000.** This funding is distributed directly to local school districts and public charter schools to assist students who have struggled on the ISAT.
- **Gifted and Talented: \$1,000,000.** Schools can use this funding to provide advanced opportunities to students identified as gifted. Schools can also use the funding for teacher training.
- **Idaho Reading Initiative: \$2,800,000.** The Idaho Reading Initiative funds the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI), given to students in grades K-3, and also provides funding to remediate students who struggle on the IRI.
- **Idaho Math Initiative: \$3,972,500.** The Idaho Math Initiative provides funding for professional development and tools to help classroom teachers provide intervention for students who struggle in math as well as those who excel.
- **Limited English Proficient (LEP): \$6,040,000.** This funding provides additional grants, called LEP Enhancement Grants, to local schools and districts with large LEP populations. The grant funding can be used for professional development or educational programs and materials.
- **Idaho Digital Learning Academy: \$5,000,000.** Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) provides online learning opportunities for Idaho students throughout the state who need to recover credits or enroll in courses their local district does not offer.
- **Education movement on the salary grid: \$4,000,000.** Idaho teachers can still earn a pay increase by earning more education credits and moving laterally on the salary grid. Only the experience portion of the grid will be frozen in FY2010, impacting about 23 percent of Idaho teachers.
- **Growth in student population: \$19,600,000.** JFAC approved funding for growth in the number of students attending public schools next year.
- **Classroom supplies and materials: \$4,686,300.** JFAC preserved funding for classroom supplies, appropriating \$300 per teacher next year to ensure Idaho students have adequate classroom supplies and materials.
- **Textbooks: \$5,970,000.** While JFAC trimmed the funding for textbooks, they maintained \$5.9 million to assist schools in the next year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OTHER STATE BUDGETS

In this economic crisis, the Public Schools Budget is not the only state budget that will be reduced in the coming year. Most state agencies received a 6% cut to their general fund budgets in the middle of FY09. Much of these cuts will carryover into FY10. In FY10, some state agencies have received further cuts, up to as much as 28%. In addition to these cuts, all state agencies will be required to cut state employee personnel costs by 5% in the coming year.

While public schools were held harmless in FY09 due to the federal stimulus package, the State Department of Education was not exempt. In the current FY09, the Department reduced its general fund budget 7.4%. Four percent of these cuts will carryover into the Department's FY10 budget, and the Department will have to take an additional 5% reduction in personnel costs across the entire agency.