

Tracking sheet of Georgia LEAs proposed budget cuts as a result of COVID-19

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School District

Budget cut measures

[Appling County School District](#)

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Expected to make \$52 million in spending reductions. \$102 million in reserves. Freeze on salaries. Hiring freeze for central office. Delaying new textbook purchases. Travel freeze or cuts. Reviewing furlough possibilities

[Bacon County School District](#)

[Baker County School District](#)

Has adopted a tentative budget for 2020-2021, with a projected loss in state funding of \$3.5 million. Has a reserve fund of \$22 million. Superintendent Price told the local newspaper that drawing on the fund balance would keep Baldwin County from taking measures such as staff furlough days, cutting programs, cutting positions, or increasing class sizes to make up the difference

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Expects up to \$11 million in budget cuts

[Bibb County Public Schools](#)

Bibb County School Board President Morton said on May 13 that “the last thing we want to do is have to furlough employees, so we're trying to look at eliminating programs that can save us money.” However, proposals have been discussed for furlough days from one to 12. Plans to eliminate new textbooks. Possible fewer school days. Possible millage tax increase. Possible freezing of salaries, travel moratorium, and other program cuts. Appears to waiting until legislature adopts a new fiscal year budget. \$18.5 million shortfall predicted.

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Has approved seven furlough days

As of June 8, announced that physical schools will re-open in August, but no comprehensive plans has been announced.

Freeze on hiring 44 vacant teaching jobs and five administrator positions. Hiring freeze. Retiree part-timers laid off. Possible 20 furlough days. Travel freeze. Up to \$25 million in lost revenue. Local sales tax also helps fund local schools

Furloughs, pay cuts of 5.5% for staff and teachers, fewer school days

Has not ruled out hiring freeze, reductions in operating costs, and "alternative workday options." ChattCo is one of those rural districts that are heavily funded by the state. 71% of its budget comes from the state and only 11% from local funding

Considering a delayed start to school, temperature checks, reduced seating in cafeterias. Have implemented cuts to central office operations and

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Budget cut measures

freezing all new hiring. \$32 million shortfall in funding forecasted

During an online Board meeting on April 30, the system's CFO said Clarke has enough money in reserve to withstand a 10% reduction in funding in next year.

Next BOE meeting is set for June 25, at which budget issues are expected to be discussed. Superintendent Ragsdale has said the district may face an \$80 million shortfall state funding

Has implemented a hiring freeze and, according to *The Augusta Chronicle* of May 15, **intends to raise class sizes** by one student in grades K-3

Next BOE meeting on June 9. Cuts in state funding could amount to \$17 million

Expecting \$3.4 million reduction in state funding; 48% of the district's funding comes from the state

On May 5, Superintendent Cochran said that the district should be able to avoid furloughs and layoffs as long as long as the cuts do not exceed 14 percent. Will implement a hiring freeze.

Possible am/pm class shifts with smaller class sizes; consideration of virtual learning days; possible furlough days of up to 11 days and hiring freezes; spending cuts; estimated cuts to cost \$54 million

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reduction. Announced a “framework” for re-opening based on GaDOE/GDPH guidance.

Facing a possible \$13.1 million reduction in state funding

Next BOE meeting May 26, online

Seems to be waiting on the General Assembly to adopt a new budget

Reportedly will cut \$10.5 million from their budget. Possible e-learning on Fridays. Possible five-day furloughs.

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Superintendent Forrer was quoted in the local newspaper as saying: “Our options are operational cuts to substitutes, bus routes and etc., freeze step increases, cut/reduce local supplement, furlough days, work adjustment days, additional reduction in force (RIF) and any additional suggestions from the board.”

To use at least \$36 million of its \$231 million reserve fund to offset any budget cuts, which could amount to \$1 billion

Faces an almost \$7 million reduction in state funding. Superintendent Williams predicts decreases in spending in every department except instruction and is “not comfortable” recommending furloughs at this point

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District CFO say system 2020-2021 cannot truly begin until the legislature enacts a new state budget

Possibly \$22 million in budget cuts. On May 11, BOE adopted a resolution to delay adoption of new fiscal year budget until July 27

Of local education budget cuts, a representative of the district stated on May 15: "We are awaiting budget numbers from the state, which will not be available until June 11."

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Next BOE meeting on June 8

Marietta schools officials say they are not expecting layoffs or hiring freezes ahead of likely statewide budget cuts for next fiscal year, according to a May 5 story in [The Marietta Daily Journal](#). However, furloughs are possible and a reduced number of school days. In the same story, Superintendent Rivera said Marietta is not considering shortening a school work week once in-person schooling can resume

Superintendent Griffin stated to AP on 5/26 that the system will eliminate 20 instructional days, with 30-minute longer school days.

On May 15, Muscogee County School District Superintendent Lewis said: ““There remain too many unknowns at this point, such as actual state allocation and district earning information, property tax projections, the disposition of state and federal grants, and the final allocation from the recently passed Congressional CARES Act, to formalize a budget.” \$30 million reserve fund
June 9 is next NCSS BOE meeting

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Next BOE meeting is June 8

Has implemented a hiring freeze.

Has implemented a hiring freeze. Considering use district administration personnel to fill staff and teaching vacancies. On May 15, Superintendent Oatts said that there are currently no plans for employee furloughs or layoffs. As of that date, currently 39 regular education teacher vacancies and seven special education vacancies in the system. The Board voted to extend to July 16 the date for adoption of budget

Appears to delaying action until state budget is adopted. Furloughs, however, have been discussed. As of May 6, district staff says some of the options being discussed are furloughs, **increased class sizes**, reduction in central office positions, and the reduction in charter school contributions. Hiring freeze and spending freeze already in place. \$12 million in cuts may have to be made, after factoring in \$10 million from the CARES Act.

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As of May 20, has elected to defer budget decisions until after the General Assembly adopts a state budget

As of May 16, no budget has been adopted. Appears to be expecting a hiring freeze, but Superintendent Cason says he hopes to avoid furlough days

Nine furloughs in new school year, salary cuts, **increased class sizes**, fewer school days, hiring freezes, program cuts, all proposed

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