



A Real Budget for Students: 2012

*Real Cuts
Don't Push Costs
To Local Schools*

What's wrong with the original budget proposal for the Education Trust Fund?

- Plan decimates local school finances
- 49 school systems would need to borrow money to keep the school house doors open
- \$90 million short for basic personnel to keep schools operating
- \$23 million short to keep buses running and there are no funds included for fuel

*Protect Student
Learning & Services*

What choices would make the 2012 budget work?

- A temporary reduction of days in the school year
- A slight adjustment to earned teacher units (divisors) only where flexibility doesn't harm student learning
- A reduction in non-essential programs until students regain Foundation Program basics
- The flexibility for local school systems to adjust budget items and innovate to meet student needs
- A commitment to fund operations and maintenance (OCE) to allow systems to operate safe and clean schools



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RESOLVE: Keep Schools Solvent

*Refocus on
Foundation
Program
Basics*

Alabama's budget in the past two years:

- Instructional Supplies - \$0
- Professional Development - \$0
- Library Funding - \$0
- Technology - \$0
- Teaching a child to read: *Priceless*

DID YOU KNOW?

A \$652 million ETF budget hole makes a shorter school year virtually unavoidable in 2012