

Alabama Association of School Boards 2009 State Budget Cut Survey

Overall Survey Results (Conducted January 14-30, 2009; info@AlabamaSchoolBoards.org; 800/562-0601):

Total Responses : 250 (26% of AASB Membership)

Total AASB Membership : 815 Board Members & 137 Superintendents

Introduction: As you know, the Alabama Legislature needs to make difficult decisions regarding the education budget as it crafts the 2010 budget. AASB is seeking local school board members' priorities to share with lawmakers about where to cut or NOT cut state education funding. Please rate each item below:

1 * Reduce the number of state funded teacher units by raising the divisors for high school:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			41	16.4%
Cut Second			35	14.0%
Cut Last			61	24.4%
Don't Cut			113	45.2%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

2 * Reduce the number of state funded teacher units by raising the divisors for middle school:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			4	1.6%
Cut Second			52	20.8%
Cut Last			70	28.0%
Don't Cut			124	49.6%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

3 *** Reduce the number of state funded teacher units by raising the divisors for elementary school:**

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			6	2.4%
Cut Second			18	7.1%
Cut Last			81	32.4%
Don't Cut			145	57.9%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

4 *** Freezing appropriations on specific programs such as:**

1 = Cut First , 2 = Cut Second , 3 = Cut Last , 4 = Don't Cut

Answer	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI)					248	3.0
Alabama Math, Science & Technology Initiative (AMSTI)					248	2.9
Distance Learning (ACCESS)					244	2.2

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

5 *** Defer dollars for transportation fleet renewal**

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			87	34.8%
Cut Second			69	27.6%
Cut Last			41	16.4%
Don't Cut			53	21.2%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

6 * Funding for Technology Coordinators

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			31	12.4%
Cut Second			82	32.8%
Cut Last			63	25.2%
Don't Cut			74	29.5%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

7 * Funding for Counselors

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			23	9.2%
Cut Second			64	25.6%
Cut Last			64	25.6%
Don't Cut			99	39.6%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

8 * Funding for librarians

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			31	12.4%
Cut Second			77	30.8%
Cut Last			71	28.4%
Don't Cut			71	28.4%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

9 * Funding for textbooks

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			104	41.6%
Cut Second			47	18.8%
Cut Last			50	20.0%
Don't Cut			49	19.6%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

10 * Reduce facilities and maintenance (OCE)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			24	9.6%
Cut Second			56	22.4%
Cut Last			69	27.6%
Don't Cut			101	40.4%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

11 * Funding for school nurses

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			26	10.4%
Cut Second			78	31.2%
Cut Last			62	24.8%
Don't Cut			84	33.6%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

12 * Funding for classroom supplies

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Cut First			66	26.4%
Cut Second			65	26.0%
Cut Last			70	28.0%
Don't Cut			49	19.6%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

13 * Do you favor prioritizing funding within the state foundation program and either reducing funding or temporarily suspending all other programs?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			170	68.0%
No			80	32.0%
No Response(s)			0	0.0%
Totals			250	100%

