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Proposed House Cuts Go Deep

A proposal presented by the House Education Appropriations Subcommittee Co-Chairs reflects the impact of the declining revenue picture. The spending target for education is 11.1% below the Continuation budget level for FY 2009-10 and 14.0% for FY 2010-11.

Below is a list of some of the cuts outlined in the proposal presented by the Subcommittee Co-Chairs. See tomorrow's *Friday Report* for more details.

Proposed Cuts Include:

- Shorten the school year by 5 days in FY 2009-10 and 5 more days (total of 10) in FY 2010-11.
- Increase class size teacher allotment by 2 per grade (-6,005 Classroom Teachers)
- Eliminate Teacher Assistants in grade 3 (-4,663 Teacher Assistants)
- Reduce Low Wealth Supplemental Funding – Fund counties @ 90% and below. This adjustment would eliminate funding 13 LEAs (Craven, Cumberland, Davie, Gaston, Lincoln, Madison, Mitchell, Onslow, Pender, Perquimans, Union, Warren, Yancey).
- Reduce Instructional Support (- 354 counselors, media, social workers)
- Reduction to School Building Administration (-187 Assistant Principals)
- 5% reduction to Non-instructional Support (clerical and custodians)
- Small County Supplemental Funding – a reduction of \$4.5 million
- A 10% reduction to More @ 4
- Elimination of Learn and Earn On-Line
- Elimination of application fee payment for National Board
- Elimination of Literacy Coaches
- Central Office (-5.38% or a reduction of \$6.5 million)
- DPI – an 11% reduction in FY 2009-10 and an additional 4% (total of 15%) reduction in FY 2010-11. This would eliminate 52 positions in FY 2009-10 and 19 more (71 total) in FY 2010-11.

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