



2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Cap State of Georgia Local Five Mill Share at \$100 Million

All school districts in Georgia are required to locally levy five mills of property tax in order to participate in the Georgia Quality Basic Education (QBE) funding program.

Cobb's current portion of the State's local five mill requirement is \$132.2 Million and this amount is subtracted from the District's state funding. The Cobb County Board of Education petitions the Cobb Legislative Delegation, General Assembly and Governor to adjust this requirement so that the district's total is capped at \$100 Million.

Restore Austerity Reductions

The State of Georgia currently reduces state QBE funding to the District in the form of Austerity reductions. As a result of an improving state economy, the Cobb County Board of Education petitions the Cobb Legislative Delegation, General Assembly and Governor to reduce or eliminate the State of Georgia Austerity reductions. We also petition that the State Austerity reductions be eliminated when revising future K-12 State of Georgia Education funding formulas.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Mid-Year</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>FY2003</i>	<i>\$9,018,265</i>		<i>\$9,018,265</i>
<i>FY2004</i>	<i>\$10,479,762</i>	<i>\$8,556,134</i>	<i>\$19,035,896</i>
<i>FY2005</i>	<i>\$22,370,784</i>		<i>\$22,370,784</i>
<i>FY2006</i>	<i>\$22,370,784</i>		<i>\$22,370,784</i>
<i>FY2007</i>	<i>\$11,211,055</i>		<i>\$11,211,055</i>
<i>FY2008</i>	<i>\$9,442,954</i>		<i>\$9,442,954</i>
<i>FY2009</i>	<i>\$6,178,365</i>	<i>\$25,316,975</i>	<i>\$31,495,340</i>
<i>FY2010</i>	<i>\$42,407,699</i>	<i>\$43,521,811</i>	<i>\$85,929,510</i>
<i>FY2011</i>	<i>\$69,383,901</i>	<i>\$413,185</i>	<i>\$69,797,086</i>
<i>FY2012</i>	<i>\$72,384,317</i>	<i>\$168,843</i>	<i>\$72,553,160</i>
<i>FY2013</i>	<i>\$72,171,373</i>		<i>\$72,171,373</i>
<i>FY2014</i>	<i>\$65,900,761</i>		<i>\$65,900,761</i>
<i>FY2015</i>	<i>\$45,821,472</i>		<i>\$45,821,472</i>
<i>FY2016</i>	<i>\$28,518,269</i>		<i>\$28,518,269</i>
<i>Total Reductions</i>			<i>\$565,636,709</i>

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Advance Public Education through Protecting and Maintaining Local School Board Governance

The Cobb County Board of Education petitions the Cobb Legislative Delegation, General Assembly and Governor to ensure that local school districts remain responsible for the direction, advancement, and governance of their public schools.

Decrease Student Growth Percentile in the Teacher and Leader Keys Evaluation System

Teachers and leaders have a significant impact on student learning and are responsible for improving student performance; however the significant weight dedicated to incorporating unreliable and ever-changing student assessment instruments into fifty percent of the Teacher and seventy percent of the Leader Effectiveness Measure is concerning.

Reduce the Number of State-Mandated Assessments and Surveys Requiring Computing Devices

The Cobb County Board of Education has growing concerns regarding the burden that both testing and surveys are putting on the district's technical infrastructure, technical support personnel, and availability of devices for instruction and student learning.

Require Financial Impact Statement

The Cobb County Board of Education petitions the Cobb Legislative Delegation, General Assembly and Governor to require a fiscal impact statement for all legislation that impacts a school district's revenue or expenditures.

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