

GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR CUTS EDUCATION FUNDING 5 PERCENT

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL LOSE A TOTAL OF \$106,994,468

MS Code 27-104-13 authorizes the Governor to cut the budgets of state agencies when revenues fall below the estimates used by the state legislature to appropriate the state budget. In September 2009 the Governor cut state agencies, including the Department of Education, 5 percent. As a result, Mississippi local school districts will lose a total of \$103,529,838 in funds for the MS Adequate Education Program (MAEP). MAEP funds provide approximately 70 percent of local school funding. MAEP includes funds to cover base student costs and the enhancement of 5% above base student cost for children eligible for free lunch. In addition, local school districts will lose \$3,464,360 in Education Enhancement Funds (EEF). EEF include funds for buses and buildings, instructional supplies, and the refund to schools from the state of Ad Valorem Taxes. The total of MAEP and EEF losses to the school districts will be \$106,994,468.

This MAP shows the total combined losses in MAEP and EEF funds for each school district.

Total Losses for All Schools Due to Governor's 5% Cut:

MAEP: \$103,529,838
EEF: \$ 3,464,630
MAEP + EEF = \$106,994,468

This map was prepared from data released by the MS Dept. of Education Sept. 8, 2009. The data was accompanied by these NOTES from MDE:

5% Budget cut applied to Total MAEP less ARRA SFSF allocation of \$160,541,123 and \$10,000,000 of State Diverted Funds. The MAEP cut was made to state general and Education Enhancement Funds (EEF) only. ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) were not reduced. The MAEP cut was applied to Add-On programs as well as the formula amount. Since the original allocations for Add-On are estimates, cuts to districts will be revised once the Add-On allocations are revised to actual cost in February. This will ensure that each district's cut is the same percentage. EEF Buildings and Buses funds were held harmless to the extent of the current year's debt service payment for those districts that pledged funds for debt service.

