

AASBO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

One Constitutional duty each year

1/3 turnover in 2018 elections



2019

REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

How many bills introduced?

1070

How many bills enacted into law?

383

How many education-related generally?

28 general

11 local



EDUCATION BUDGET

\$7.1 billion education budget

Act 19-403

Largest ETF budget in state history

4 % Pay raise for education employees

Act 19-399



May repeat in 2020

State employees got 2% pay raise

FY19 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Education Tech & Advancement Fund

Act 19-383

\$128.7 M for this fiscal year in K-12

1. Repairs and deferred maintenance
2. Classroom instructional supplies
3. Insurance for facilities
4. Transportation
5. Acquisition or purchase of ed tech
6. School safety



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STRUCTURE CHANGE?



Governance

- Constitutional Amendment - March Primary Act 19-345

Appointed Commission on Elementary & Secondary Education
Governor appoints 9 members; 6- year terms staggered
Commission appoints Secretary
Much TBD

ALABAMA LITERACY ACT

K-3 Literacy

Act 19-523



Goal: all students read at or above grade level by end of 3rd grade

- directives for Alabama Reading Initiative funds
- K-3 targeted interventions; certification ramped up on reading
- 3rd grade retention/promotion policy begins 2021-22

COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES

Require Computer Science Courses

Act 19-389

Phase-in implementation

High School 20-21

Middle School 21-22

Elementary School 22-23

SDE establishing certification pathways



IMPACTS SCHOOLS



- Emergency teacher certificates

two-year duration
renewable one time

Act 19-364

- PLOP: 5th retirement option

draw down two-year lump sum
proportionately less monthly thereafter

Act 19-316

SCHOOL



- School Emergency Plans

Act 19-533

- 4 -tiered level to lock down protocol

- heightened awareness
 - secure your area
 - secure the perimeter
 - lockdown

SCHOOL



- Retired law enforcement as SRO/security

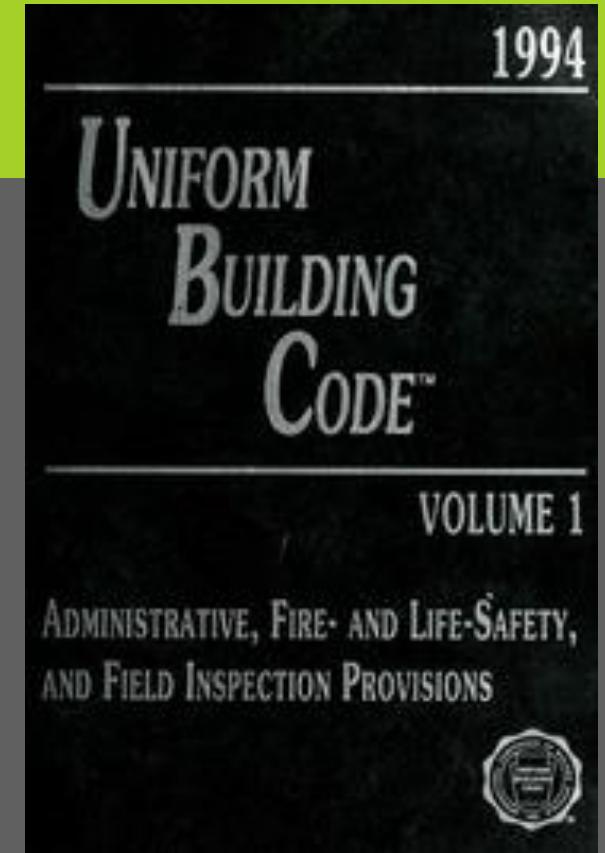
Act 19-532

Must be APOST certified OR
retired law enforcement with 20 years experience

*local boards should require APOST certification to be armed

SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Stadium bathrooms Act 19-388
building code adjustment to number required
- Career Tech facilities Act 19-524
school board determines better-suited
less bad, building code notwithstanding



RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

- Religious Release Time
permissive BOE option
to adopt policy/grant credit
- Bible Elective
Bible and religious history
electives grade 6-12

Act 19-281

Act 19-508



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointed
school superintendents
S.222

Recruit & Retain
Teachers Act: Tier 3
H.77



TIER 3 PROPOSAL

Tier 2: 20 percent cut to benefits in 2012
9 years ahead of schedule in savings

Fewer Teacher Applicants: Problem is real.

Tier 2: Retire age 62
Use it or lose it sick leave
6.0 percent contribution rate
Retirement factor 1.65 percent

Tier 3:add or after 30 years service
....allow to apply to retirement service credit
....7.5 percent contribution rate
....increase to 2.0 percent

OPEN RECORDS ACT

AGGRESSIVE REVISION ATTEMPT

Remove reasonable standard for compliance
5-day deadline, limited exceptions

Remove requirement for requests in writing
oral requests authorized

Remove reasonable penalties
\$75/day penalty from date should have released
applies to “custodian of funds”



FAILED EFFORTS

- Charters seek share of local funds
- Mandatory kindergarten
- City school system threshold



FAILED EFFORTS



- SBE term limits (2 terms)
- Yoga in schools
- Removal of religious exception for K-12 vaccination requirements (*will be back*)

SPECIAL SESSION: PRISON REFORM



2019 EDITION

School System Snapshots



BALDWIN COUNTY






SCHOOL SYSTEM SNAPSHOT: 2019 EDITION*

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Superintendent Eddie Tyler

Board Members Shannon Cauley, Janay Dawson, Michael Johnson, Andrea Lindsey, Norma Lynch, Tony Myrick, Cecil Christenberry

By the Numbers

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------|
|  | Schools ¹ | 44 |
|  | Students/ADM ² | 30,566 |
|  | Free & Reduced Lunch | 44.79% |
| | Community Eligibility Program | 32% |
|  | Number of Route Buses ³ | 283 |
| | State Funded Buses | 93% |
| | Students Bused | 14,901 |
|  | Full-Time Employees | 3,679 |
| | Teachers | 1,896 |
| | Principals/Assistant Principals | 93 |
| | Counselors | 79 |
| | Librarians | 47 |
| | Other Certified Employees | 132 |
| | Support Personnel | 1,432 |

¹ Schools with enrollment and Career Technical Education

² Average Daily Membership

³ Data collected in FY16 and used for FY17 funding

* Calculation excludes Transportation Fleet Renewal and PSF Capital Outlay

* THIS REPORT INCLUDES FISCAL YEAR 2017 DATA.



\$25,439,423

Cost of One Month's Operation⁴

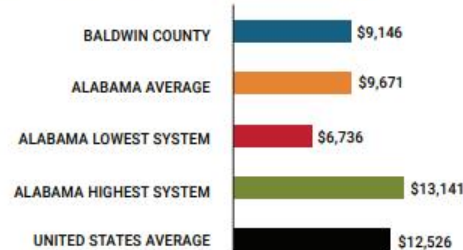


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Number of Months Reserve Balance

Compare Your School System

Total Per-Pupil Expenditures (PPE)



Baldwin County Rank

Among 137 Alabama School Systems

Federal PPE Rank **126**

State PPE Rank **121**

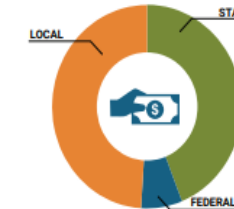
Local PPE Rank **33**



OVERALL SYSTEM RANK 97

School System Revenue

How was your school system funded?¹



| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----|
| \$156,754,897 | STATE | 44% |
| \$25,694,989 | FEDERAL | 7% |
| \$176,902,875 | LOCAL | 49% |
| -\$36,606,310 | Local 10-Mill Match | |
| \$140,296,565 | AVAILABLE LOCAL REVENUE | |

VALUE OF 1-MILL
For Your School System

\$3,660,631

School System Spending

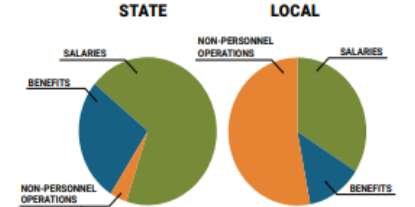
How did your school system spend state & local dollars?¹

| | STATE SPENDING ^{2,3} | LOCAL SPENDING ² |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SALARIES | \$125,797,010 | \$24,619,162 |
| BENEFITS | \$48,910,932 | \$9,608,454 |
| NON-PERSONNEL OPERATIONS ³ | \$8,861,624 | \$38,101,014 |
| TOTAL | \$183,569,566 | \$72,328,630 |

¹ Revenues and expenditures may contain nominal variances

² Does not include debt service or capital outlay

³ Includes 10-mill match



ONLY 5% OF STATE FUNDING GOES TO
NON-PERSONNEL OPERATIONS

State Instructional Support

| | FY08 | FY19 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Classroom Materials & Supplies | \$525 | \$536 |
| Technology | \$350 | \$300 |
| Library Enhancements | \$200 | \$96 |
| Professional Development | \$90 | \$90 |
| Textbooks | \$75 | \$70 |
| Common Purchases | \$200 | \$0 |

SYSTEM DEBT

TOTAL DEBT*
\$166,029,655

DEBT PER STUDENT
\$5,432

* The debt totals in system audit reports may differ due to audit adjustments



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[Alabama's Budget Fact Book](#)

[Alabama Tax Guide](#)

THE MAIN THING

