



St. Johns County School District 2017-2018 Budget Impact

The St. Johns County school district is the top performing district in the state based on state assessment data for the last 8 years in a row. The school district is also the fastest growing in the state. We have added over 11,000 students over the last ten years or 42% growth.

2017-2018 Budget Stats

- In 2007-08, St. Johns County received \$7,202.43 per student. Ten years later, St. Johns is being funded at \$7,067.20 per student, a DECREASE of \$135.23 per student.
- The FEFP cuts the Base Student Allocation \$27.07 statewide. In a fiscal year where the State has a budget surplus, we cannot support a budget that cuts the BSA for the first time since the great recession.
- The budget agreed upon in conference is predicated on a \$535.1 million reduction in the FEFP resulting from a .316 rollback of the Required Local Effort (RLE) millage or 6.7%. Outside of the FEFP, \$213 million is being provided for Best and Brightest Teacher bonuses and \$200 million in incentive funds to attract out-of-state charter operators (Schools of Hope).
- Even if Districts are given access to some of the \$200 million in charter incentive funds, because of our academic success, St. Johns County will not receive a penny of these funds because they are only for persistently low performing areas.
- If these funds were instead redirected to the FEFP, it would result in over a 2% increase in funds per student.

Breakdown of new funds

- Under the agreed upon FEFP the school district will receive \$10,858,041 in new dollars. \$9,865,811 is reserved to serve the additional 1,396 students the district will be required to serve next year.
- Additionally, a legislatively mandated increase in the district's FRS rates will cost the district \$770,000.
- This leaves approximately \$200,000 dollars left for the school district to pay increasing healthcare, electricity, fuel costs and to provide over 2,000 teachers a well-deserved pay increase.
- Last year the district received a .72% increase in funds and had to cut \$3 million dollars from the operating budget in order to balance it. With only a .37% increase in funding, we will no doubt have to make additional multimillion dollar cuts to the budget in order to balance it.

	2007-2008	2017-2018	Difference
# of Students	27,867	39,472	11,605
BSA	4163.47	4,133.51	-29.96
Funds per FTE	7,202.43	7,067.20	-135.23
Safe Schools	21.09	14.86	-6.23
SAI	223.73	193.62	-30.11
Reading	44.74	45.55	0.81
ESE	345.99	322.24	-23.75
Transportation	251.36	230.89	-20.47
Instructional Materials	109.07	87.1	-21.97
Teacher Supply	18.23	16.19	-2.04