

URGENT ALERT

Please contact your legislators TODAY. Tell them NO to Education Cuts that are in Governor Blevins proposed budget. The Governor is imposing a 4.5% cut during the current school year and has proposed an additional 9% cut for Kentucky Department of Education in his 2016-2018 biennial budget recommendation.

Kentucky's per pupil expenditure is \$1,260 less than the national average. Only 15.8% of students go to a district at or above the national average.

Since FY2008, P-12 education in KY has been cut 12.1% per student. (10th worst in the nation)

Since FY2009, P-12 education has been reduced approximately \$300 million over 7 mandated cuts.

Reductions in the next biennium will not only result in a reduction of programs and services but will impact local school district personnel. We do not want to see cuts in Preschool, Textbooks, Safe Schools, Gift and Talented, Extended School Services, Professional Development and our Family Resource/Youth Service Centers.

Please call (800) 372-7181 and ask legislators to restore funding cuts to the Kentucky Department of Education. Ask the operator to connect you with your representatives and also the leadership in both the Kentucky House and Senate.

We need to invest in our children who are our future. *Everychild, one voice.* Let's make this happen.