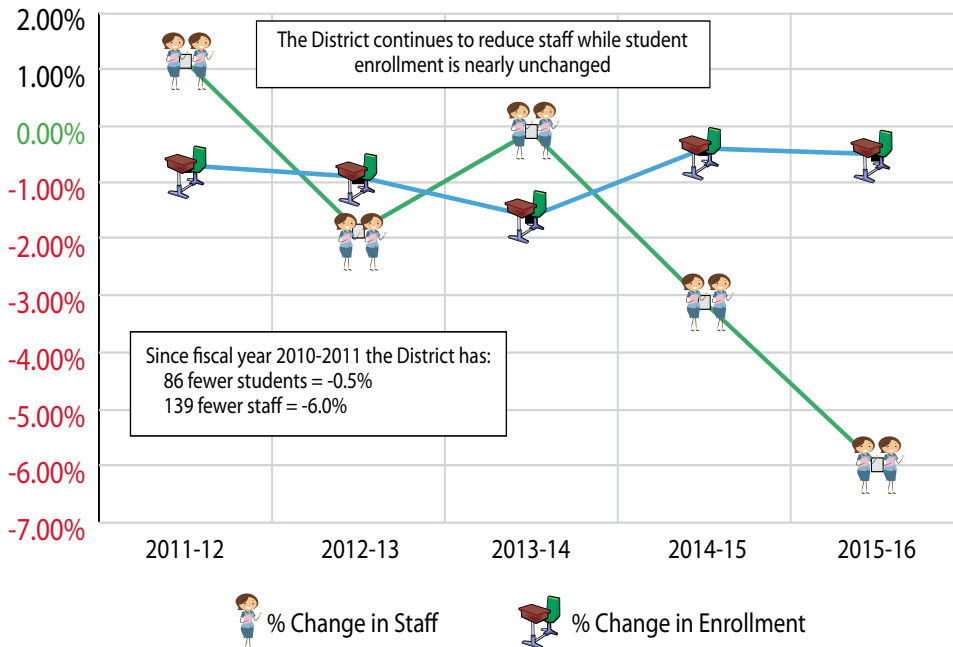


Cedar Rapids Community School District Budget at a Glance

Enrollment & Staffing Comparisons 2011-2016



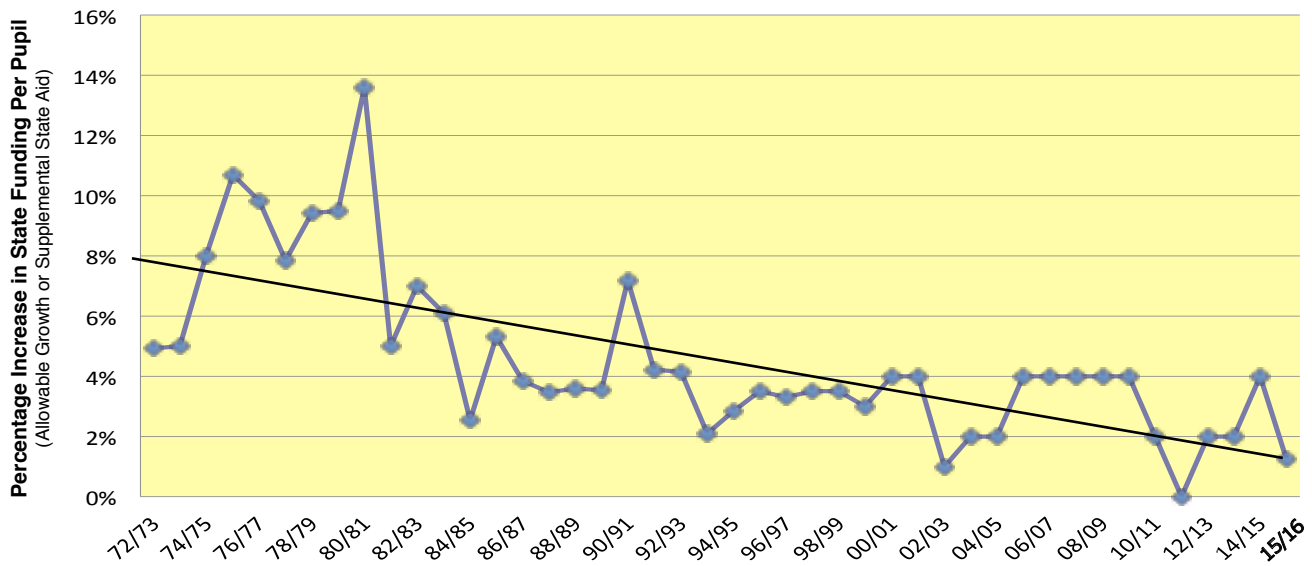
Supplemental State Aid Levels

3.72% - Needed to maintain staff and services at existing levels

2.45% - Governor's recommendation would require \$2 million in cuts to staff and student programs

2.0% - House recommendation would require \$2.7 million in cuts to staff and student programs

Iowa Per Student Funding History



District Data 2015-2016

The mission of the Cedar Rapids Community School District is to develop 21st century learners and productive, responsible citizens.

2ND LARGEST
school district
in State of Iowa

16,267
AK-12TH GRADE STUDENTS
792
PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

4TH
LARGEST
employer
in Linn County

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Cedar Rapids Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (employment only), marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (students/program only) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. District employees with questions or a grievance related to this policy should contact Jill Cirivello, Director of Human Resources, 319-558-2421; jcirivello@cr.k12.ia.us. Students and others should contact Ken Morris, Manager of Student Equity, 319-558-1504; kmorris@cr.k12.ia.us. The District mailing address is 2500 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-1015.

Budget Q & A

What is Spending Authority?

Spending authority is similar to the 'okay' your mom gave you as a child to take \$10 and go to the grocery store to purchase items on the list. You were to bring home the change. You weren't allowed to buy anything that was not on the list despite having change in your pocket. So, while a school district may have sufficient "change in our pocket" (known as our General Fund Cash Balance), we are only allowed to spend the dollars that the State grants us permission (authority) to spend. Funding for Iowa's public school districts is based on spending authority.

How is Spending Authority determined?

To determine the spending authority, we multiply the number of students served each fall - those who reside in our school district - by the Supplemental State Aid (SSA) funding number set for that year by the Iowa Legislature.

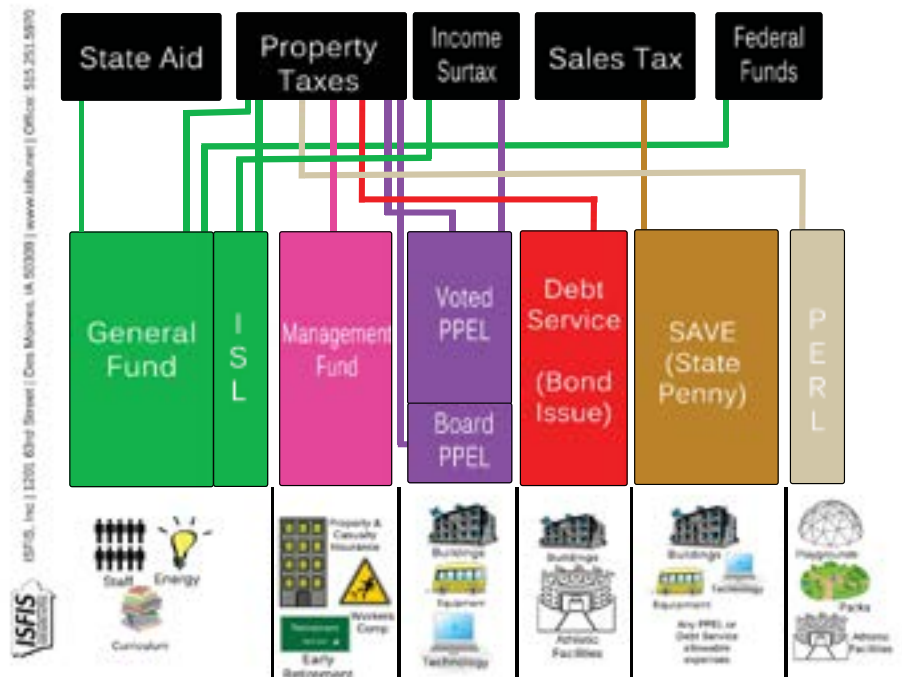
What impact will this year's SSA have on the District budget?

Fiscal year 2017 begins on July 1, 2016. It is likely that additional General Fund budget reductions will be needed. The extent of these reductions will be determined by the level of SSA. The District's "breakeven" SSA need is 3.72% for 2016-17. At the Governor's recommended 2.45% we will be facing approximately \$2.0 million in cuts to staff and student programs.

Can't the money come from another fund?

The General Fund "spending bucket" supports the District's instructional programs. This spending bucket alone will be the focus of reductions. There are other "spending buckets" that make up the total budget of the school district but these cannot be used for General Fund purposes. These are:

- Infrastructure (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy and Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Funds)
- Food and Nutrition
- Day Care
- Activities Fund (student co-curricular activities)
- Debt Service Fund (long-term debt)
- Management Fund (early retirement benefits and property casualty insurance coverage)



How can you help?

Contact your state legislators to insist they support Iowa students through adequate Supplemental State Aid. The Cedar Rapids Community School District requires a minimum of 3.72% for fiscal year 2017 in order to maintain our current education programs and avoid negative impacts on our students.

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