

# The 20% Cut

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“If the federal government doesn’t provide more aid, New York’s financial plan this week will forecast 20% cuts to schools, local governments and hospitals,”  
-[Governor Andrew Cuomo, Syracuse.com 4/20/20](#)

Budget director Robert Mujica told The Associated Press that the state has withheld \$300 million in education funding – a fraction of \$26.4 billion in total school funding. Mujica said the state won’t be withholding school aid due at September’s end, despite concerns from some school leaders. [APnews.com, 9/16/20](#)

11/16/20 still using delayed payments, will not say cuts



## So what's really going on?

	2019-20 Aid Due in 2020-21	2019-20 Aid Received	2020-21 Aid Due	2020-21 Aid Received	Aid Not Received
July	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
August	\$160,478	\$128,382	\$0	\$0	\$32,096
September	\$601,535	\$481,228	\$1,576,746	\$1,576,746	\$120,307
October	\$0	\$0	\$318,707	\$318,707	\$0
November					
Total	\$762,013	\$609,610	\$1,895,453	\$1,895,453	\$152,403

# NYS Education Funding Fast Facts

\$26 Billion

GEA = \$2.6 Billion

20% = \$5.2 Billion

**\$1.1 Billion**

Federal CARES money was intended to help schools cover the costs of COVID-19. NYS used the money to supplant NYS efforts to support the 20-21 budget.

# WFL BOCES Component Districts

25

Districts

35,260

Students

\$848,486,662

Annual Budget



**\$848,483,662**

Budgeted to support our schools

**\$428,753,327**

In state aid

**20%**

Potential cut

**\$85,750,665**

In actual dollars to be cut

**10.54%**

Average budget reduction

# Impact

## 1,511 Teaching Positions



# Other Impacts

- School resource officer
- International Baccalaureate programs
- Advanced placement programs
- Music programs
- Art programs
- Universal Pre-K
- Increased class sizes
- Athletics
- Maintenance equipment
- Foreign languages
- Career and Technical education
- Transportation limits
- Attempts to freeze salaries
- Electives
- Extracurricular activities

## Diverse Fiscal Demographics

35,260 students  
\$848,486,662 Annual Budget

3 small cities  
5 larger than 2,000 student  
9 1,000 to 1,999  
11 less than 1,000

5 with a CWR less than .5  
10 with a CWR greater than .5 but less than .6  
10 with a CWR greater than .6

13 districts with more than 50% of students getting free or reduced Lunch  
12 districts with less than 50% of students getting free or reduced Lunch

# The 1st Problem

District	Lyons	Canandaigua	Wantagh UFSD
Annual Budget	\$24,719,112	\$77,702,662	\$79,806,470
Total NYS Aid	\$17,383,652	\$27,514,365	\$17,646,667
Aid as % of Budget	70.32%	35.41%	22.11%
20% Cut =	\$3,476,730	\$5,502,873	\$3,529,333
Cut as % of budget	14.06%	7.08%	4.42%

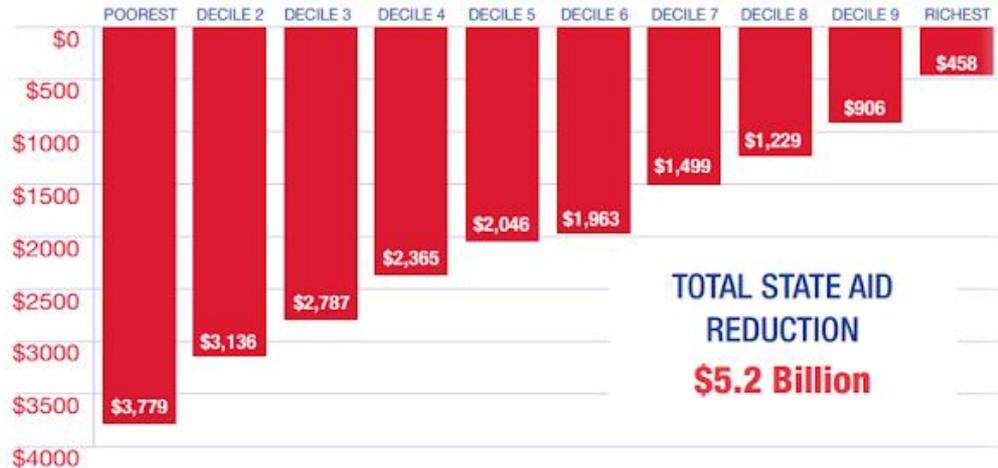
# The 2nd Problem

The Poorest 10% of schools receive \$3,779,000,000  
20% cut = \$ 755,800,000

Richest 10% of schools receive \$ 458,000,000  
50% cut = \$ 229,000,000

## No matter how it's distributed, a 20% state aid loss is untenable.

### 20% "Across the Board Reduction" – Per Pupil Aid Reduction by Combined Wealth Ratio Deciles



### Adjusting for Wealth is Also Problematic

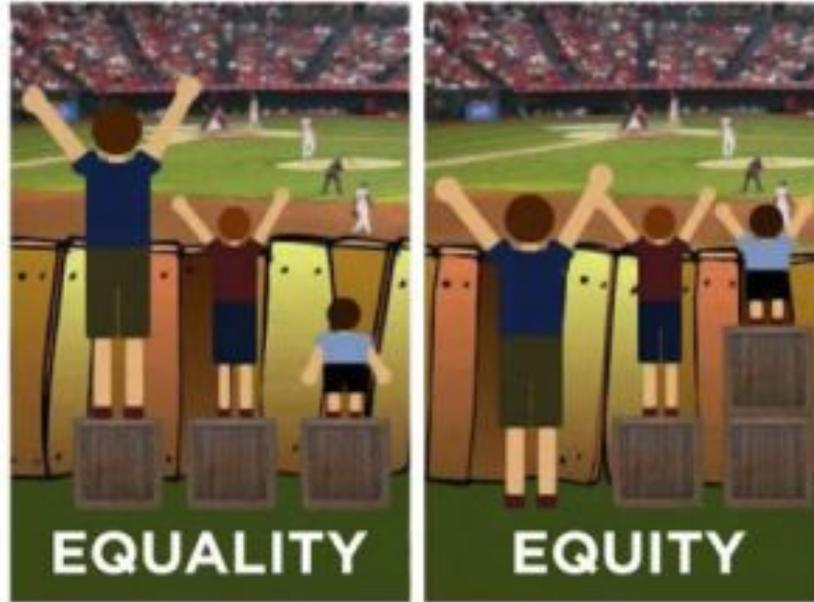
If some districts are to receive less than a 20% reduction based on need, then other districts, including those who are *average wealth would have to see a reduction far greater than 20%*. Consider, for illustrative purposes, that to save \$5.2 billion, it would require cutting all aid to districts with fewer than 44% of their students in poverty — *45% of districts would not receive a single dollar of state aid.*

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# Equal is not Equitable



# Take Aways

1. 20%, \$85million or 1,511 teaching jobs mid year would be devastating.
2. If there are cuts they need to be equitable, not equal. Equitable is hard.
3. We are on hold, waiting for Washington
4. Talk to your representatives state and local. Its a quick and easy phone call.