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**Highlights from The Schoolhouse Squeeze and Cutting Class to Make Ends Meet  
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- State funding per student declined on average 15.3 percent in inflation-adjusted dollars between fiscal year 2002 and fiscal year 2014. State funding per student in Cobb County declined 16.9 percent over this period.
- The statewide QBE cut for fiscal year 2014 is \$1,051,425,164. The QBE cut for Cobb County is \$65,900,761.
- The statewide QBE cut per student for fiscal year 2014 is \$633. For Cobb County it is \$599.
- The cumulative statewide QBE cut from 2003 through 2014 is \$7,662,644,092. The cumulative QBE cut for Cobb County for this period is \$491,296,767.
- Over 45 percent of Cobb County's students are economically disadvantaged. This is an increase of 21.3 percentage points since 2002.
- Cobb County's tax digest (the value of its taxable property) fell 17.8 percent between 2008 and 2012 as did the value of its tax digest per student.
- Local revenue per student declined 12.3 percent between 2008 and 2012.
- Seventy-one percent of districts that participated in the GBPI survey have cut the school calendar to below 180 days. Cobb County students are in school 175 days this year.
- Ninety-five percent of districts, including Cobb County, have increased class size since 2009. This is tied to the loss of 1,380 teaching positions in Cobb County since 2009.
- Nearly 80 percent of districts will furlough teachers this year including Cobb County, which will furlough teachers 5 days.
- At least 70 percent of districts used reserve funds this year or in the previous two. Cobb County is one of 78 districts that have had to use reserve funds in each of these years.