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## TENURED STAFF AT BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LAYOFFS



Birmingham's Board of Education will reconsider layoffs to Birmingham's public schools that could affect even tenured staff members. Paul Hubbert, the executive secretary for the Alabama Education Association, will hold a press conference in Birmingham on Tuesday, requesting that all school systems hold off on layoffs until the final passage of the federal Education Jobs Bill, a bill which may add funds to the system, saving many of those jobs. Among those being considered for layoffs are custodians, secretaries, maintenance workers and cafeteria workers. Craig Witherspoon, a Superintendent for Birmingham's public schools has already identified 21 positions to terminate, which would amount to a savings of \$900,000. This will be the third time the measure will be considered by the board.

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