

## COBB COUNTY CUTS TEACHERS



The odds are good that unless you live in the state of Georgia you do not know where Cobb County is. The area does not get a lot of attention or fuss, but now it is looking to cut down on their already modest school system in order to fix the problems in their budget. The school system is looking to cut down on about 200 teacher jobs in order to cut down on the budget deficit. If all of the recommended cuts go through the way they are planning to cut a lot more than that. Another 350 staff positions could be on the chopping block and there will be a total of three extra furlough days for the schools, once again shorting the school year. The school district is doing all of this to shore up a \$62.4 million deficit in their coming years budget. Of course this is not nearly as bad as the cuts that are coming to educators in the state of California. That states school system in that state made massive cuts. For those of you who missed out on our [earlier coverage](#) here is an excerpt that will get you up to speed on the epic level job cuts that are coming in the near future for California educators: "It looks like things are getting much, much worse for the schoolteachers in the state of California. We have been talking a lot, in the last couple of weeks and months about the kinds of cuts that are being made to the schools in the state. In a lot of cases those cuts are being made in generic terms we know how many workers are going to be let go, but we do not know how many of them will be classroom teachers. Today we had some light shed on those numbers. According to information released by the California Teachers Association an estimated 19,500 classroom teachers were given layoff notices over the past couple of weeks. The layoff notices had to be given by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March in order to be legal under the laws of the state of California. So if an educator did not get a layoff notice by that date then they are free and clear, at least until next years deadline. The cuts, which are coming because of the need to cut 20 Billion in funding from the state education budget. Unless the schools get a tax increase from voters in the near future, which is on the ballot, the schools will have to make these cuts, which average out to about \$370 per student in the state. The only good news for schools is that the number of enrolled students at California schools is, depending on where you live, either staying stable or shrinking." So, it looks like while the situation is bad, it could have been much worse in the end. As the money from the federal stimulus wears off and the states have to figure out there own budgets it seems like education is taking massive cuts all around.

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