

FY 2016 Quality Basic Education Formula Adjustment Survey Results Summary

Only the school district responses are considered in the Summary and Results below. The commission charter school responses are maintained separately.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 94% of all school districts reported either decreasing, eliminating, or avoiding furlough days in FY 2016.
- 58% of all school districts had already eliminated furlough days in FY 2015.
- Approximately 27% of all school districts reduced class sizes.
- Approximately 20% of all school districts reduced, eliminated, or maintained zero furloughs AND reduced class sizes.
- Approximately 37% of school districts indicated salaries were increased or one time supplements were awarded.

RESULTS

Furlough Days

- **107** (59%) of the school districts eliminated furlough days in FY 2015.
- **55** (31%) of the school districts reduced furlough days in FY 2016 compared to the number of furlough days in FY 2015.
- Of those 55 school districts, 29 reduced the number of furlough days to ZERO in FY 2016.
- **136** (76%) of the school districts did not have furlough days in FY 2015 or FY 2016.
- **18** (10%) of the school districts did not reduce the number of furlough days that were reported for FY 2015.
 - o Of these 18 districts that did not reduce the number of furlough days,
 - **3** districts reported that furloughs were actually increased.
 - Meriwether, Miller, Oglethorpe
 - **14** districts reported that furloughs were maintained at the same level as FY 2015.
 - Chattooga, Gilmer, Glascock, Habersham, Hancock, Jackson, Jefferson, Jenkins, McDuffie, Quitman, Sumter, Treutlen, Turner, Thomasville City.
 - Turner also had a deficit fund balance reported in FY 2014.
 - **6** of the 14 districts that did not eliminate furloughs did report that **additional furlough days were avoided**.
 - Glascock, Habersham, Hancock, McDuffie, Sumter, Thomasville City
 - **1** district reported that the amount of furloughs for FY 2016 had not yet been decided.
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- In Summary, 168 (94%) of the school districts reported decreasing, eliminating, or avoiding furlough days in FY 2015. 12 (6%) school districts maintained the same level of furloughs in FY 2016 as reported in FY 2015. Of those 12 school districts that did not decrease, eliminate, or avoid furloughs:
 - o 3 districts indicated an increase in furloughs.
 - Meriwether, Miller, Oglethorpe
 - o 2 districts offered increased salaries:
 - Gilmer (one time bonus), Jefferson (bus driver supplement)
 - o 2 districts reduced certain class sizes:
 - Jackson, Treutlen
 - o 1 district added instructional days (operating costs increased):
 - Chattooga
 - o 3 districts indicated the districts are still trying to recover/recoup previously lost funds and rebuild the diminished fund balance levels.
 - Quitman, Turner, Jenkins
 - o 1 district indicated the budget decision on whether or not to furlough was not yet made.
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Class Sizes

- **52** (29%) school districts reduced their class sizes in FY 2016 compared to the class sizes in FY 2015.
- Of the **52** districts that reported a reduction in class sizes, **38** of those districts also indicated furlough days were eliminated.

Increase Salaries

- **67** (37%) school districts indicated that employees received some sort of salary increase or bonus in addition to T&E funding, during FY 2016.