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Update: The number of positions reduced has been updated as of June 22, 2018 to reflect 550.5.

**Latest CCSD Budget reductions result in loss of 550.5**
  
**school positions**

*District remains focused on filling teacher vacancies*

**LAS VEGAS** – The Clark County School District (CCSD) has completed reductions of approximately \$68 million from its 2018-19 general operating fund in order to present a balanced budget in accordance with state law. The balanced budget was approved by the Board of School Trustees on May 21, 2018.

Still, Chief Human Resources Officer Andre Long emphasized that CCSD continues to hire for some positions opened by retirements and other openings, especially teaching positions.

“CCSD still has almost 800 open teaching positions, and we encourage teachers who are considering moving to Clark County or others interested in entering the teaching profession to join our team,” Long said. “We look forward to welcoming new teachers to continue the recent momentum we have seen in increasing student achievement.”

In order to be transparent with the community and communicate the effects of the latest budget reductions, the District is releasing additional information about how schools decided to accommodate the reductions needed to balance their school strategic budgets with their respective School Organizational Teams

Central Service departments were asked to reduce their 2018-19 budgets by approximately \$15.5 million to accommodate increased employee costs in their areas. Schools reduced funding by approximately \$47 million because they had the majority of employees whose costs increased. School reductions included:

Total amount reduced by high schools	Approximately \$17.6 million
Total amount reduced by middle schools	Approximately \$10.7 million
Total amount reduced by elementary schools	Approximately \$18.8 million

School-by-school reductions to positions accompany this release.

In general, reductions were made to school supply budgets, site-based programs, licensed personnel positions, administrative positions and support staff positions. Here are the most common reductions:

Number of schools that reduced licensed personnel, including teaching positions	260 schools
Number of schools that reduced supply budgets, including funds for anything from textbooks and technology to general supplies	218 schools
Number of schools that reduced support staff personnel, including office staff, custodial positions, teaching aides, etc.	82 schools
Number of schools that reduced site-based programs, including intervention programs	60 schools
Number of schools that reduced administrative personnel, including deans or assistant principals	57 schools

Total school-based positions reduced for 2018-19 school year due to recent budget reductions:

Number of licensed positions reduced districtwide	398
Number of support staff positions reduced districtwide	102
Number of administrative positions reduced districtwide	50.5
<b>Total number of positions reduced districtwide</b>	<b>550.5</b>

The reductions in positions resulted in a spring surplus process for licensed personnel, support staff and administrative staff. As of today, fewer than five teachers have not yet been reassigned to an open position. Fewer than 20 support staff have not yet been reassigned, and all administrators have been reassigned to an open position. Human Resources will continue to work to place affected employees in open positions that they qualify for.

“We are heartened that we were able to reassign almost all employees affected by this reduction to open positions created by retirements and other openings,” Long said.

This is an unfortunate situation due to increasing employee costs and other costs that are outpacing growth in school funding. Still, CCSD has been proud of recent academic achievements gained despite budget reductions.

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