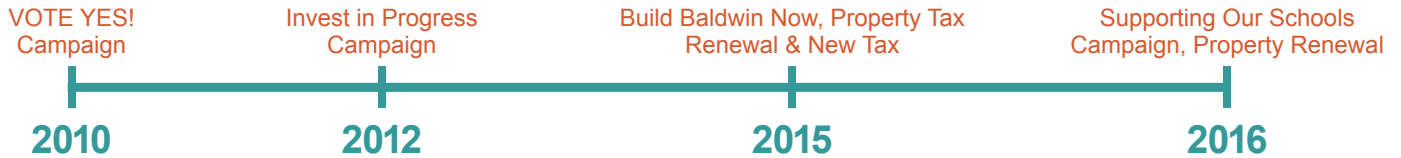


BALDWIN COUNTY'S GREAT CONVERSATION FOR STABLE FUNDING OF YOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

You have been to the polls **FOUR TIMES** in the past **SIX YEARS** to protect your schools from funding cuts.

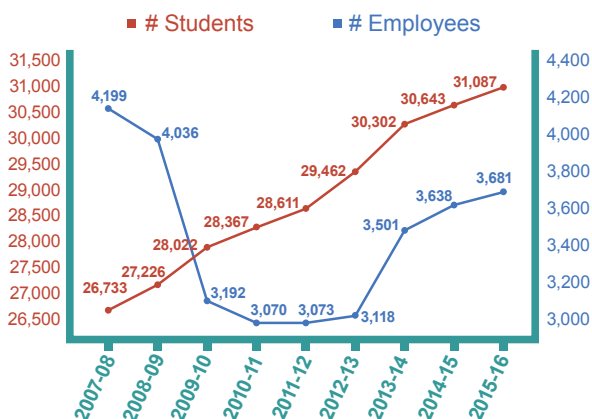


Despite those efforts, your children receive less money per student for public education than in 2008.

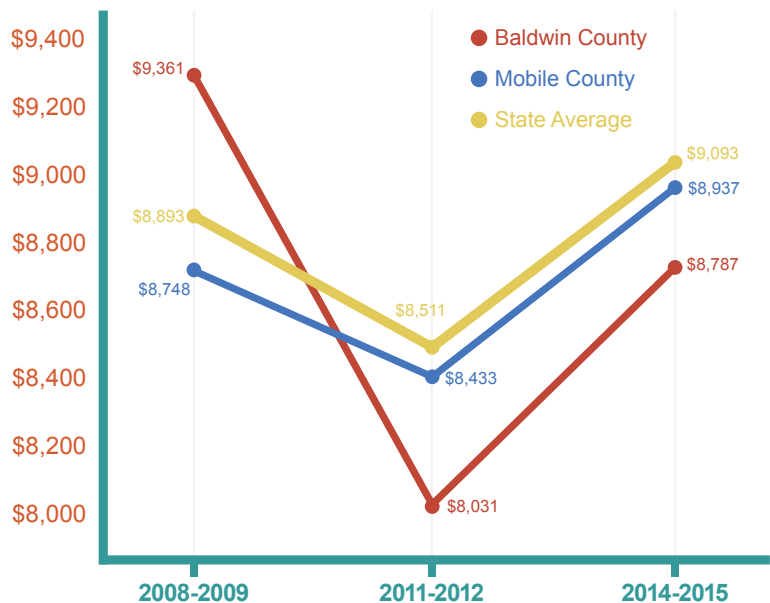
WHY?

The State gives fewer of your dollars to K-12 education.

- **ALABAMA HAS CUT \$1,082 PER STUDENT** since 2008.
- State funding is based on previous years enrollment. Therefore, the district has to cover the cost to educate new students (**525 NEW STUDENTS/YR. – 10 YR. AVG.**). The state does not provide additional funding for growing systems.



PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES



Baldwin County has almost **4,500 MORE STUDENTS TODAY** than in 2008. Yet shrinking funds mean we have **533 FEWER EMPLOYEES.**

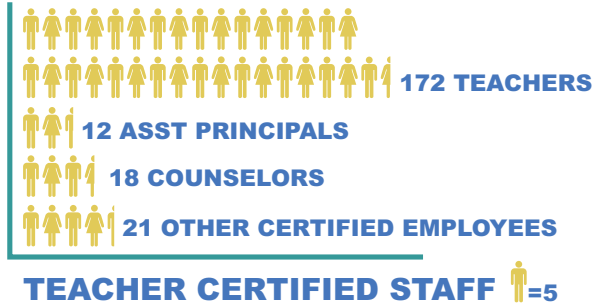
State & federal mandated costs continue to rise and needs continue to expand.

- Close to **50%** of new student enrollment is for **SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**. Baldwin County is a district recognized for providing quality services for Special Needs. **TOTAL COST IN 2017 = \$33.4M**
- **47% (OVER 14,165)** of Baldwin County students qualify for free & reduced lunches compare to 36% in 2007. School cafeterias serve approximately **4 MILLION MEALS ANNUALLY = \$17M**
- Employer funded benefits have **INCREASED 300%** in the last two decades. **TOTAL COST TO THE SYSTEM IN 2017 = \$64.9M**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

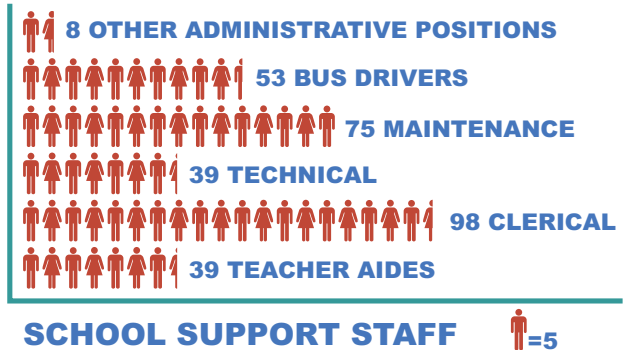
- Current funding is unstable.
- Threats of the penny tax going away will result in your schools losing close to **\$40 million** in funding.
- **535 TEACHERS** and **SUPPORT PERSONNEL** will lose their jobs.
- As the county's largest employer, this means a **\$47 MILLION** dollar economic impact, creating a recession in Baldwin County.
- Extracurricular activities such as athletics, career tech and fine arts will be eliminated.

BUDGETED STAFF FOR FY 2017 WITH PENNY TAX = 535



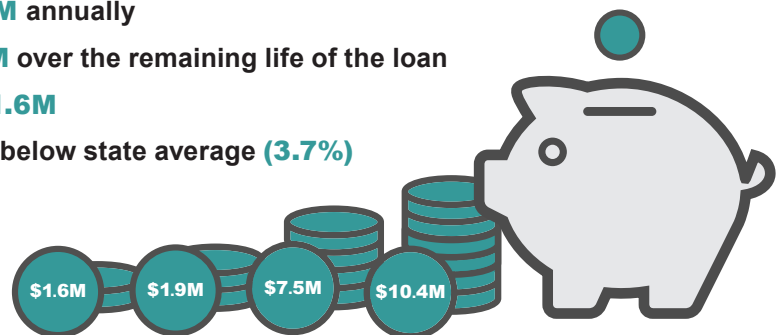
WHAT DOES THE PENNY TAX PAY FOR?

- Employs **535** teachers and support personnel
- Provides supplements for extracurricular and athletics
- Rebuilt state mandated cash reserves of 2 months operating expenses from \$750,000 to **\$45M**
- Maintenance and current capital projects to expand existing schools



WHAT IS THE DISTRICT DOING TO SAVE MONEY?

- Every department cut costs 5% from their overall budget = **\$1.9M**
- Eliminated computer lease payments = **\$7.5M** annually
- Refinanced 2007 capital bond saving **\$10.4M** over the remaining life of the loan
- 10-year bus lease will be paid off in 2017 = **\$1.6M**
- Maintained administrative costs (**2.6%**) well below state average (**3.7%**)



WHAT IS YOUR SOLUTION TO CREATE STABLE FUNDING?

The Board of Education is not authorized to affect revenue for schools.
THAT AUTHORITY LIES WITH YOU.

Your options include:

- Make penny sales tax permanent.
- Increase property taxes.
- Do nothing.

