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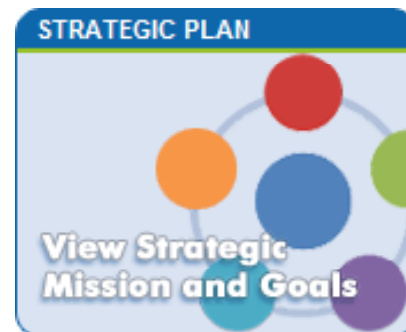
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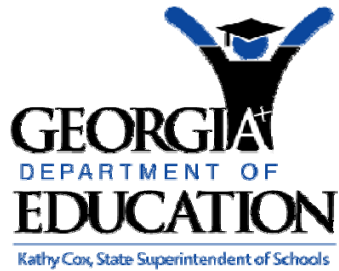
A Strategic Plan for Improving Education in Georgia

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Strategic Goals

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FY 2009 Supplemental Budget

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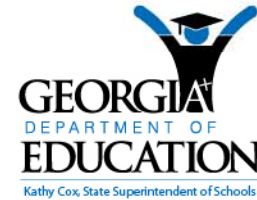


FY 09 Supplemental Budget

Reductions by Program (\$491,651,631 Total Reduction)

- State Health Benefit Employer Contribution = \$382,944,905
(77.9% of FY 09 Supplemental reduction)
- Others handled mostly through hiring freezes and reductions in contracts

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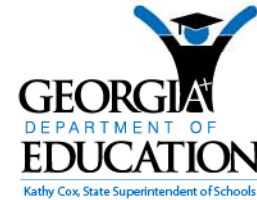


FY 09 Supplemental Budget

Program Eliminations

- Academic Coach Program
 - Eliminates Mentor Teacher program (\$200,000)
- Central Office
 - Eliminates teacher liability insurance effective February 1st (\$136,364)
- Drop-out prevention
 - Eliminates start-up funds for JROTC programs (\$240,000)

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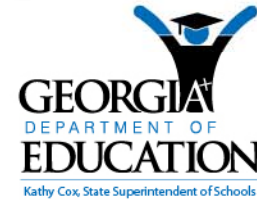


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Program Eliminations

- Foreign Language
 - Eliminates funds for virtual elementary foreign language (\$384,375)
- QBE Program
 - Removes additional QBE enhancements (\$50 million)

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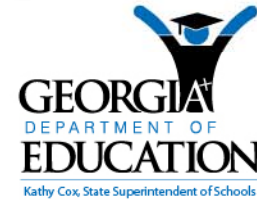


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Enhancements by Program

- Equalization - \$7.98 million increase
 - Increase for mid-term adjustment
- Georgia Virtual School - \$930,180 increase
 - Funds for 1,500 additional slots
- Local 5 Mill Share – QBE - \$1.07 million increase
 - Adjusts funding for schools systems with declining tax digests
- QBE
 - Mid-term adjustment for 0.23% enrollment growth - \$77.87 million
 - Dual enrollment courses - \$1.39 million

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No Changes by Program

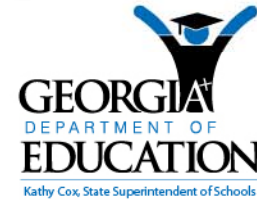
- Agricultural Education
- Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS)
- Georgia Youth Science and Technology
- National Board Certification
- National Science Center and Foundation
- Nutrition
- Preschool Handicapped
- Pupil Transportation
- School Nurses
- Severely Emotional Disturbed
- State Interagency Transfers
- State Schools
- Technology/Career Education
- Tuition for the Multi-Handicapped

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FY 2010 Budget

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FY 2010 Recommended Budget

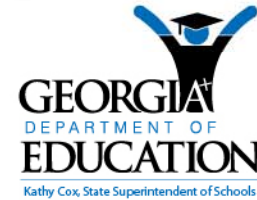
■ Quality Basic Education Program

- QBE funding - (\$197.20 million reduction)
- 0.23% enrollment growth - \$66.46 million
- Dual enrollment courses - \$1.39 million

Transferred Funds:

- ETTCs - \$2.75 million
- RESAs - \$12.47 million
- Graduation Coaches - \$49.23 million
- Class Cards - \$11.47 million

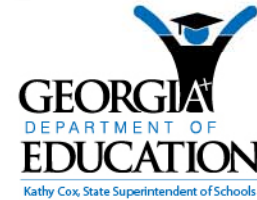
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- Equalization – (\$112.37 million reduction)
 - Revises grant to move from 15 mills to 12 mills
- Local 5 Mill Share – QBE (\$6.65 million reduction)

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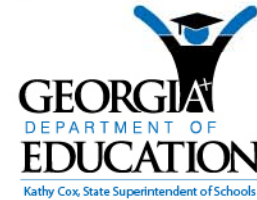


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Capital Outlay Program - 100% funding of requests:

- Regular	\$105,205,000
- Exceptional Growth	\$111,310,000
- Regular Advance	\$78,690,000
- Low-Wealth	\$12,000,000
Vocational Equipment	\$7,000,000
Facility Improvements at State Schools	\$3,990,000
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$318,195,000

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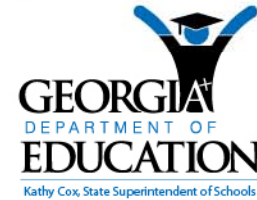


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Program Eliminations

- Academic Coach – (\$5.24 million)
- Georgia Youth Science and Technology – (\$250,000)
- National Board Certification – (\$12.29 million)
- National Science Center and Foundation – (\$750,000)
- School Nurses – (\$30 million)

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Enhancements by Program

- Georgia Virtual School
 - Funding from ETTCs for additional 1,500 courses (\$930,180)

- School Improvement
 - Transferred funds from Math and Science Mentor Program and Teacher Success/CLASS Keys from Academic Coach (\$2.26 million)

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