

Dear Education Committee, Mr. Ardell, Mr. Swallow,

I went into our RSU 29 Budget reductions list and wanted to include this data for your reference. In my testimony I provided, I mentioned cutting 30 positions in 5 years. These are the positions RSU 29 eliminated to try to not increase additional local to an extraordinary amount.

Unfortunately if LD 2226 or any adjustments to EPS does not find its way into an updated State budget formula, RSU 29 is looking at reductions in more positions and even athletics.

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<b>RSU 29 Past Position Cuts</b>	<b>Year</b>
Pre-K position reduced from 3 to 2	2020-2021
Kindergarten position reduced from 6 to 5	2020-2021
First grade position reduced from 6 to 5	2020-2021
Kindergarten position reduced from 5 to 4	2022-2023
2nd grade added position (6) reduced back to 5	2022-2023
1st grade position reduced from 5 to 4	2023-2024
2nd grade position reduced to 5 to 4	2023-2024
SS Position reduction (shift to other grades)	2023-2024
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9-12 Math Position (eliminated)	2023-2024
9-12 Science Position (not filled) shift to open position	2023-2024
7-8 Science Position (shift to ELA position opening)	2023-2024
Alternative Education for Middle School reduction	2023-2024
Ed Tech Position reduction	2023-2024
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7-8 Teaching Position (ELA Staff Reduction)	2023-2024
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Bus Driver Position	2023-2024
Director of Operations	2023-2024
Physical Education K-12	2024-2025

Music K-12	2024-2025
1/4 English Position	2024-2025
Special Education SEL position reduction	2024-2025
7-12 Math Position shifted to middle school (reduce HS)	2024-2025
7-12 Social Studies combination of two openings to one	2024-2025
Reduce SS 4th grade position, person moved to HES	2024-2025
Reduce SS position by 1, shift to fill 4th grade opening	2025-2026

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