

Your Homework

To help tell your local story and to have basic financial data and facts at your fingertips when you reach out to legislators, please fill in the areas highlighted below.

You can use [this online calculator](#) created by the Colorado School Finance Project to fill out the following items by selecting your school district in the dropdown box (cell B7). Then finding the following details in the spreadsheet for your school district:

- My district currently receives % of its budget from the state share. (cell C11)
- If the state were fully funding the School Finance Act, my district would receive more in funding to support our students and families. (cell F12)
- Based on current student numbers and demographics, if the state share decreases by the following amounts, it would have the following impacts:
 - **Current BS Factor:** (cell F12)
 - **5% Additional Cut:**
 - new cut (cell E14)
 - total state share withheld (cell F14)
 - **10% Additional Cut:**
 - new cut (cell E16)
 - total state share withheld (cell F16)
 - **15% Additional Cut:**
 - new cut (cell E18)
 - total state share withheld (cell F18)
 - **20% Additional Cut:**
 - new cut (cell E20)
 - total state share withheld (cell F20)
- Schools are considered essential services through the Governor’s executive orders. They are still operating using remote learning and incurring costs. After removing any savings we have experienced (transportation and operation costs), our district is spending current reserves (one-time money) to fill the following unbudgeted needs: [use the chart below to help calculate those costs]

Unbudgeted Costs	Unbudgeted Savings
Emergency feeding for community: \$ _____ PPE and cleaning costs: \$ _____ Fee reimbursements: \$ _____ Tuition-based programs: \$ _____ Digital learning expenses (curriculum, devices, subscriptions, new broadband expenses): \$ _____ Other: \$ _____	Transportation (fuel, etc.): \$ _____ Operations (building costs): \$ _____ Other: \$ _____

- **Based on potential cuts to the state share, what decisions would your board have to make in order to balance its budget:**
 - **5% cut scenario:**

 - **10% cut scenario:**

 - **15% cut scenario:**

 - **20% cut scenario:**

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