

Reasons business managers provided for lower spending increases than anticipated

1. The hold-harmless provisions for equalized pupils have essentially phased out.
 - a. Staff lay-offs
 - b. Cut 760,000 throughout all districts in one SU
2. Equalized pupils were expected to be flat and the plan was to level fund spending per pupil
 - a. Projected to cut 1.9 million
 - b. EqPup count came in higher, so “only” cut 1.3 million (this is one of the newer unified unions)
3. Districts used fund balances
4. Changing to unified union structure accounted for approximately half the decreases – attrition, staff and grade movement between schools, etc.
5. Governor’s letter and Secretary’s discussions and letters coming out early, regarding the dire nature of the Ed Fund, had an effect.
6. One large pre-existing supervisory district met the legislatively recommended health benefit standards in negotiations, saving 400,000.