



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: January 21, 2025

New Business

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

John Hudson, Budget Director

Contact(s):

Subject: Education Reduction

Brief Summary:

Given the effects of Helene, the County continues to restrict spending and reduce the budget where available. Per NCGS 159-13(b)(9), a reduction to the local current expense funds of our K-12 education partners can only take place where "prevailing economic conditions" cause a general reduction in county expenditures. Buncombe County has directed staff to reduce general fund expenses, targeting 4% overall. Therefore, this amendment seeks to reduce the local current expense appropriations for Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools in the amounts of \$718,577 and \$3,971,874, respectively, for a total of \$4,690,451, or 4%. These dollars will shift to the General Government functional area, outside of any department's operational budgets. Should the federal or state government appropriate funds that can be used for this purpose, then another amendment may be brought forward to restore funding to the school systems.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented