

## **Survey Results: 3 Years of Budget Cuts to Colorado School Districts**

At the end of 2011, the Colorado School Finance Project (CSFP) surveyed school districts regarding their district budget reductions over the past three years (2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12).

Findings from school districts who responded were:

1. Over 70% of districts have reduced their reserves.
2. Furlough days (reduction of pay and teaching days) have been implemented in 15% of districts.
3. Districts have reduced or not increased compensation in 95% of districts for one or more years.
4. The number of districts moving to a 4 day week has increased 15% in the past 10 years.
5. Over 85% of districts have increased class size, combined grades or eliminated programs in the past 3 years.
6. Staff reductions:
  - a. retirement
  - b. non-renewals
  - c. program reductions
  - d. increased class size
  - e. combined grades

(No percent is available as most districts have used multiple measures for reducing staff.)