

District Responses - What would you do with a \$100M Buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor?

In early March 2018, the Colorado School Finance Projected asked Colorado's K-12 Superintendents and CFOs how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Following are their responses.

Link to this report:

<http://www.cosfp.org/HomeFiles/NegativeFactor/District-Response-Buy-Down-Budget-Stabilization-2018.pdf>

Shared Tuesday - March 27, 2018 - Day 14

Day 14: We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Northeast CO K12 : Add cameras to buildings for video security where vandalism occurs. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

San Luis CO K12 : We would pay our teachers what they are worth. Currently, our district is one of the lowest ranking in teacher compensation. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Front Range CO K12 : We need additional supports for mental health issues and safety. Also during the down times we reduced our counselors in the elementary schools and need to restore based on the mental health needs. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

We'll be back posting tomorrow - day 15. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Shared Monday - March 26, 2018 - Day 13

Day 13: We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Front Range CO K12 : Purchase instructional resources. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

San Juan CO K12 : Raise teacher and classified salaries. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Keep our elective programs like art, Career TechEd, etc. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Front Range CO K12 : Increase starting wages to be competitive to hire the best teachers possible. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

ICYMI: Colorado Legislative Council Staff's school district map of Negative Factor Per Pupil Funding Decrease FY 2016-17 #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

[Link to Legislative Council Staff's School District Map of the Negative Factor Per Pupil Funding Decrease, FY 2016-17](#)

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Shared Friday - March 23, 2018 - Day 12

Day 12: We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Front Range CO K12 : Additional classroom staff #coleg #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

San Luis Valley CO K12 : Add additional special education teacher at the elementary level. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Northeast CO K12 : Secure resources to better address increasing Student Mental Health issues. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

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Front Range CO K12 : Reduce class size. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

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Shared Thursday - March 22, 2018 - Day 11

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San Luis Valley CO K12 : Expand the number of students we serve in summer school by providing stipends to teachers and parapros #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Front Range CO K12 : We have 30 kindergarteners in many of our classes which is unacceptable. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Outdated, antiquated science lab setup that is unsafe and doesn't meet student needs, and the need for enhanced counseling services. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Central Mountains CO K12 : Increase student / school safety measures #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Offer programs we have taken away over the years #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Front Range CO K12 : Attract / retain teachers and staff #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

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Shared Wednesday - March 21, 2018 - Day 10

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Western Slope CO K12 : We would possibly replace a failing roof, failing boilers and broken windows. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Urban CO K12 : These funds would help us partially fund 1:1 devices at all school sites. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Western Slope CO K12 : School Safety, Recruiting teachers, Increase beginning salary for teachers, Maintenance projects #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Suburban CO K12 : Hire tutors to support scholars who are receiving interventions and make Technology Upgrades #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Central Mountains CO K12 : We will be required to provide a higher and higher salary match for much needed additional counselors we have been able to afford through our Counselor Corps grant and would leverage extra dollars to support this. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

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Shared Tuesday - March 20, 2018 - Day 9

We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Western Slope CO K12 : We would continue to restore staff that has been cut over time. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

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Suburban CO K12 : It helps with the bleeding that is likely going to come from reserves and one time money: CTE & Innovative Pathways - Safety & Security - Mental Health #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Central Mountains CO K12 : In a rural district that has funding challenges and challenges of a growing enrollment we would upgrade the bus fleet and purchase additional classroom space. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : We would be able to update school vehicles that are on their last leg. We have one vehicle that is reliable, so our district pays mileage instead of breaking down to buy a new suburban, and/or car. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

Southeast CO K12 : We would seriously look for a full-time certified counselor who has expertise in social/emotional needs of children. This has become a major issue. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo #kidsmattertoo

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Shared Monday - March 19, 2018 - Day 8

We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Suburban CO K12 : Hire Social Workers, Trauma Care Specialists, Behavioral Specialists. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Southwest CO K12 : Use the money for teacher recruitment and retention. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Front Range CO K12 : We walked 66 teachers and 46 other staff out the door in 2011 and have not hired any of them back other than for class room growth. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Suburban CO K12 : Provide a more "integrated services" model-ensure that each of our schools have mental health support, speech therapists, counselors, ELL interventionist and more SPED support. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Western Slope CO K12 : Increase staff pay - critical to staff retention given the extremely high cost of living and high cost of health insurance in our district. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

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Shared Friday - March 16, 2018 - Day 7

We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Front Range CO K12 : Deferred maintenance, which is significant across the district! #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Western Slope CO K12 : We would purchase additional STEM equipment for our STEM Lab. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Central Mountains CO K12 : Top priority is to replace one of our small student transport vehicles. We are using Suburbans, while technically safe, are definitely in need of replacement. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Hire a much needed elementary teacher to help level off class sizes that have grown over 25 per room. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Southwest CO K12 : The additional funding will help hiring two SROs for school safety and purchase additional equipment for first aid and security of our buildings. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

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Shared Thursday - March 15, 2018 - Day 6

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San Juan CO K12 : We would bring back the programs that funding has forced us to cut over the last several years to be a fully functioning school, not just the bones of a school. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Make much needed technology upgrades in infrastructure. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Urban CO K12 : Cover the lack of funds each year for IDEA and Title 1 with General Fund dollars to support needed programs. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Central Mountains CO K12 : We could re-instate education programs that our students want and need. #k12needsco #coleg

Suburban CO K12 : Compensation for teachers. Hire additional teachers. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

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Shared Monday - March 12, 2018 - Day 5

We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Report of all posts: How Colorado's K-12 Superintendents and CFO's would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor) - updated daily. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Link to this report: <http://www.cosfp.org/HomeFiles/NegativeFactor/District-Response-Buy-Down-Budget-Stabilization-2018.pdf>

Suburban CO K12 : Improved student safety systems such as intercom systems, physical safeguards and camera systems. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Southwest CO K12 : Add back the staff that has been cut. Retain existing staff. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Central Mountains CO K12 : take on crucial capital projects that are currently on hold or by necessity have been kept on the back burner. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : hire another Counselor to help with the flood of mental health issues we are currently seeing in our youth #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

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Shared Friday - March 9, 2018 - Day 4

We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Math intervention resources and training for all staff. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Front Range CO K12 : Reduce overcrowding in schools. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Northeast CO K12 : Purchase new textbooks and instructional materials. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Suburban CO K12 : We have an immediate need for boilers - additional facility repairs. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

On Monday, we'll be back with more responses from Colorado's school districts about how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Shared Thursday - March 8, 2018 - Day 3

We asked Colorado's K-12 superintendents how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). Their responses are posted using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

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Central Mountains CO K12 : Growing district - we need to begin to address deferred maintenance. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Southwest CO K12 : Invest in school safety personnel - most pressing need. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Northeast CO K12 : Hire and support teachers to better address achievement gaps within our student populations. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Southeast CO K12 : Update aging technology and security. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Colorado's Budget Stabilization / Negative Factor decreases funding to school districts. The following map (from Legislative Council) illustrates the Per Pupil Funding decrease for FY2016-17 across the state. #coleg #edcolo #k12needsCO

[Link to Legislative Council Staff's School District Map of the Negative Factor Per Pupil Funding Decrease, FY 2016-17](#)

Shared Wednesday - March 7, 2018 - Day 2

We asked CO K12 districts how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). We will post responses using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Central Mountains CO K12: Rural district with expansive transportation needs: update student transportation and van fleet #k12needsco #coleg #edcoE185

Eastern Plains CO K12 : Hire an English Language Learner teacher #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Suburban CO K12 : Add staff to better address coping skills support. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Look for more responses from school districts on twitter tomorrow. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

Shared Monday - March 5, 2018 - Day 1

We asked CO K12 districts how they would spend a \$100M buydown of the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly the Negative Factor). We will post responses using #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

All Regions CO K12 : Mental Health & Security Concerns - expand services, hire counselors, building safety / security #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

All Regions CO K12 : Recruiting teachers. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

All Regions CO K12 : Improve teacher pay. #k12needsco #coleg #edcolo

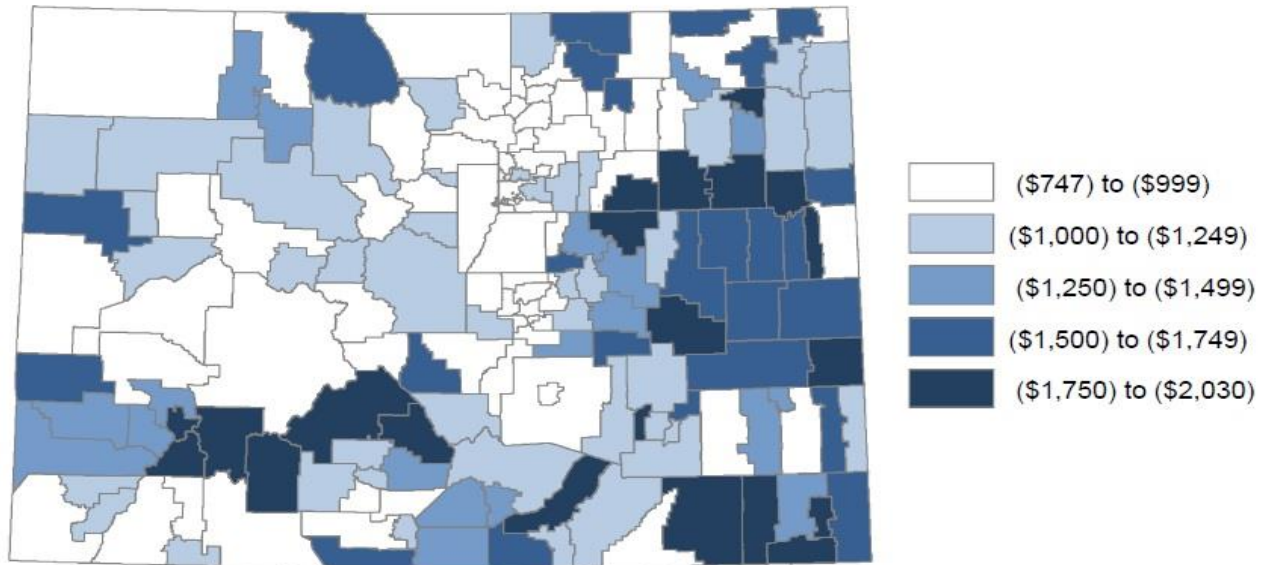
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Colorado Legislative Services - April 2017

School district map of the Negative Factor Per Pupil Funding Decrease for FY 2016-17, April 2017.

Figure 8
Negative Factor Per Pupil Funding Decrease, FY 2016-17



Source: Legislative Council Staff.

The responses above are posted on social media: @COSFP and Facebook: Colorado School Finance Project

This information is shared with school districts, education organizations, State-wide elected officials and their staffs, State board of education, CDE and others interested in Colorado's PK-12 school finance and legislation.