

Comments from Iowa Superintendents on School Funding

“If we wanted to fund education fully, we would need 6% for at least two years in a row to catch up for 0%, 10% ATC and low allowable growth rates in the past years. Schools have managed their budgets very well, but now it is getting to a hurting time for the school.”

- Brian Rodenberg, Superintendent, Midland CSD

“As good stewards and leaders who were asked to make difficult decisions around limited resources, Humboldt accepted these decisions and has made big cuts and will have to cut more if nothing is done. ... Both the reform proposals and the regular school program are too important to play them against one another.”

- Greg Darling, Superintendent, Humboldt CSD

If Republicans insist on 0% allowable growth this year: *“We are opening a new building this upcoming fall. I will not be able to hire the additional staff needed to operate it or teachers to teach.”*

- Dan Mart, Superintendent, North Polk CSD

“Please understand that with 0% AG, our budget guarantee will be higher which means an increase in property taxes for our patrons.”

- Doug Tuetken, Maquoketa Valley CSD

“We did our part to get leaner in the tough times. Now it is time to return to more typical funding levels as the state is demonstrating recovery.”

- Brad Buck, Saydel CSD

“With the history of low allowable growth over the past several years, combined with declining enrollment, our district does not have many options in reducing expenditures. Any cuts at this point take opportunities away from kids.”

- Tim Kuehl, Gladbrook-Reinbeck CSD