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District schools face large state cuts

The state budget cuts \$6.2 million from CHCCS for 2011-2012 year.

By Chelsey Dulaney
Senior Writer

Over the past three years, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has seen millions cut from its state funding — with much of the load borne on the backs of teachers.

And after the passage of a 2011-2012 state budget that decreased education funding across the board, the district found that it would again be facing multi-million dollar cuts, this time totaling \$6.2 million.

Mia Day Burroughs, vice-chairwoman of the district's Board of Education, said while the district does not expect to cut any teacher positions, staff will not receive a pay increase for the third consecutive year.

"(The state) has been making decisions that make the job of the classroom teacher more difficult," she said. "Over time, they're going to get tired. Over time, it may affect their ability to come in with a big smile everyday."

Jamezetta Bedford, chairwoman of the board, said the \$6.2 million cut was more than expected.

"It's been three years in a row that have been very tough," she said.

The district will absorb about \$1.3 million of the state cuts and

use \$3.6 million, or about 40 percent, of its saved fund balance to cover the budget shortfall.

But if the state continues to hand down cuts of this magnitude, the district will face difficulties, Bedford said.

"We could probably hang on for two more years, but after that we're going to hit a funding cliff," she said.

The absorbed state cuts will include reductions in supplies, mentor pay and textbooks.

"We've been able to protect the classroom, but we cut everything else to the bone," Bedford said.

With increased county funding of \$6 per pupil, the district is faced with a gap of \$333,000 that they have yet to cover.

District spokeswoman

Stephanie Knott said the district will make up for this gap by taking measures that include eliminating a print shop position, reducing lead proficiency stipends, eliminating a psychologist position and reducing half an Exceptional Children curriculum lead teacher position and half a Pre-K secretary position.

The school board is slated to officially adopt its budget July 14.

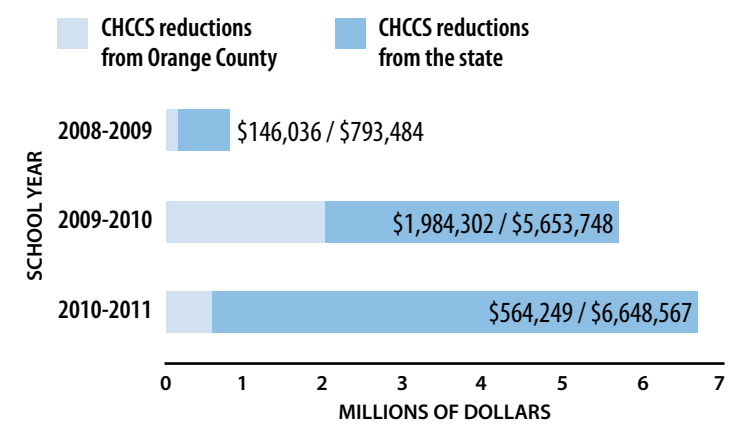
The district usually receives more than half of its funding from the county and slightly under half from the state, Burroughs said.

But recently, it seems the state is reducing its commitment to education, she said.

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EDUCATION FUNDING REDUCTIONS

With education spending in North Carolina taking a hefty cut for the third year running, local entities like the Orange County Board of Commissioners are bearing a larger portion of funding for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.



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Carolina Performing Arts driven by relationships

By Tariq Luthun
Arts Editor

When it comes to reeling in world-class performers, few rival the reputation held by Carolina Performing Arts.

On Tuesday, tickets for individual CPA season performances go on sale. The season's lineup, which was announced in April, features a wide array of artists from around the world.

The arrival of big names in Chapel Hill has become commonplace during the past seven years, a direct result of the efforts of Emil Kang, UNC's executive director for the arts, and his staff.

"Imagine a funnel. Then dump in eight billion things and what comes out of the bottom is the program for the year," Kang said.

The office of the executive director for the arts was created in 2004 by then-Chancellor James Moeser, with Kang serving as the office's first director following a stint as the president and executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Kang said he enjoys the work he does and is grateful for the organization's success, but feels the behind-the-scenes work is taken for granted.

"These things don't just come out of the blue. There is a process behind them," Kang said. "I don't think people see that often."

The office started with \$1,200 in 2004, Kang said. Since then, the CPA has expanded and currently operates on a budget of more than \$4 million, with roughly one-third coming from the University last year.

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UNC reviews athletic support

A report on student athletes will be completed this summer.

By Andy Thomason
Summer Editor

As University administrators craft a response to the NCAA's notice of allegations, mixed reactions have poured in from students and faculty.

But one view has been widely held — things could be worse.

"Within the broad range of what it could have been, I thought it was sort of in the middle," said Steve Reznick, a psychology professor and chairman of the faculty athletics committee, a University committee charged with advising Chancellor Holden Thorp on the operation of the athletic program.

"They did not find a culture of corruption, they did not find any reason to criticize (head football) coach (Butch) Davis for having done something wrong," he added.

But as administrators prepare to appear before the NCAA for a hearing on Oct. 28, a group of faculty is writing a report that will recommend changes to the academic support system for student athletes at UNC.

The report is still in the drafting stage, and will be completed later this summer, said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Owen and John Blanchard, senior associate athletic director, are in charge of the group drafting the report.

Blanchard said the work, which began in November, is more than halfway done.

Owen and Blanchard would not comment on recommendations featured in the report.

"It's in draft form, and I'm not willing to share it until all committee members have had a chance to weigh in on it," Owen said.

UNC's academic support system for student athletes has been in the spotlight lately, as the allegations revealed tutor Jennifer Wiley provided \$3,500 of extra benefits to football players.

"I don't know her and I don't

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New leader of Reese Felts begins tomorrow

John Clark joins the project after leading WRAL.com to success.

By Colleen Volz
Staff Writer

In the late 1990s, John Clark found himself in online journalism when the Internet was moving from a crawl to a walk.

Now, after developing a nationally recognized news website, Clark said he hopes to continue breaking boundaries in his new position as executive direc-



John Clark begins his new job as executive producer of the Reese Felts Digital News Project tomorrow.

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He assumes the position tomorrow.

"It's a dream job for me," Clark said. "I love teaching, especially with the notion of journalism and technology together."

The digital newsroom is

the product of a \$4.1 million gift from the estate of Reese Felts, an alumnus of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Clark, general manager of WRAL.com, said he does not have a specific agenda for when he takes over, adding that he will gain a lay of the land before he offers any major advice or suggestions for the newsroom.

"My role really is to support them, to give them guidance, question them, let them run with the ball," he said.

Clark said he first became attracted to the journalism field

by following how news was progressing on the internet.

"I saw a completely different way of doing media," Clark said.

Sara Peach, who has served as interim executive producer for the digital newsroom since April 28, said she approved of Clark's ideas to integrate more work with mobile devices and to consider a new business model.

"Our mission is to experiment with new forms of storytelling and to conduct research," Peach said.

"We can take the lessons that we learn from producing these stories and distribute that back

to the industry."

The grant that funds the project — the largest in the school's history — is expected to fund the newsroom for five more years. After that, the project will most likely try to find other grants to keep it running, Peach said.

Clark will succeed Monty Cook, who resigned in November amid allegations of sending sexually explicit texts to a student employee.

Clark grew up on a farm in Townsville. He attended

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UNC's baseball team was knocked out of the College World Series on June 22.
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Habitat for Humanity of Orange County kicked off its A Brush With Kindness program on Saturday.
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GREEN ENERGY
Environmental leaders are opposing two bills on Gov. Bev Perdue's desk they say will hurt the state's environment, while the renewable energy industry is growing all across North Carolina. Page 5.

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JUNE 30, 1905
Albert Einstein introduced the theory of special relativity in a paper entitled "On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies."

DUST TO DUST
Born: June 30, 1985
Michael Phelps
Olympic swimmer
Died: June 30, 2001
Chet Atkins
American guitarist
Cause of Death: Cancer