

2009 -2010 School Budget Highlights



Two Aspects of the General Purpose Budget

- The Balanced General Purpose Budget
- The Unfunded Budget Requirements

What is the “Balanced General Purpose Budget”?

The budget that can be funded based on
revenue forecasted.

What are the “Unfunded Budget Requirements”?

Needed school system resources that cannot be funded without a change to the current revenue stream.

The Balanced GP Budget

Includes:

*Resources to open two new schools:

West Creek High School

Rossview Elementary School

Personnel resources for student growth of 655 students

*2% COLA and Health Insurance costs



The Balanced GP Budget

Does not include:

- Restoring any of the \$5.3 million in severe reductions from last year (technology, supplies, library books)
- Expanded Programs required to continue meeting ever increasing Federal “No Child Left Behind” targets
- Expanded Programs needed for at-risk students and the 100% Graduation Initiatives
- Personnel to build a model Career Technical program needed to support new industrial and commercial growth coming to the county



Unfunded Budget Requirements

Divided into 4 Tiers

73% of Tier 1 and 2 are restoration of items cut in last year's budget – primarily technology

All of Tier 1 and 2 can be funded by maintaining the current tax rate for schools (\$1.02) with new assessment dollars.



Unfunded Budget Requirements

- **Tier 1 Contains These Items:**
 - Five days on Principals' Calendar
 - Algebra Rescue/Cognitive Tutor Program for middle schools
 - Instructional Supplies Restored to 75% of full funding
 - Library Books Restored to 75% of full funding
 - Read 180 Teachers for Middle and High School
 - Student Calculators for mathematics classes in high school
 - Virtual High School Teacher

TOTAL COST OF TIER 1 IS \$1.2 MILLION



Unfunded Budget Requirements

- **Tier 2 Contains This Item:**
 - Restore classroom technology to a 6-year cycle (Where we were two years ago.)

Total Cost of Tier 2 is \$1.9 million

Maintaining the current rate of \$1.02 fully funds Tier 1 & 2 and restores critical resources to the schools.



By keeping the tax rate the same for schools, these items can be funded and 58% of the severe cuts (\$5.3 M) made last year can be restored.



Unfunded Budget Requirements

- **Tier 3 Contains These Items:**

- 7 Career Technical Education Teachers
- Additional Guidance in Elementary
- Training for non-teaching staff
- A Director of Elementary Schools
- Funding to begin development of an International Baccalaureate Program
- Network Technicians for Growth
- Consulting Teacher for non-core subjects
- Software for the Read 180 program in middle school
- Professional development specialist for classified employees
- Staff development training for principals on teacher selection and development
- 5 social workers
- School web page supplements for maintaining school web pages

Total Cost for Tier 3 is \$2.5 Million or 8.8 pennies on the dollar



Unfunded Budget Requirements

- **Tier 4 Contains This Item:**

Restore classroom technology from a 6 to a five-year cycle.

Total cost for tier 4 is \$703,100 or 2.4 pennies on the property tax rate



Questions...

On the Balanced General Purpose Budget or
the Unfunded Budget Requirements?

Budget Assessment: Trends in Local Support of the School System's Budget

BUILDING SCHOOLS

Building new schools has been a funding priority for local government, and the acceleration of future growth of the county will require continued efforts at funding new facilities to insure a planned, thoughtful approach.

MAINTAINING SCHOOL FACILITIES

Funding for maintaining existing buildings through capital projects has been inadequate to properly maintain the county's \$700 million investment in facilities.

PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE LOCAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

Local funding for general operation of schools has not kept up with students' needs and the gap between local and state efforts has widened over the past several years.



Building Schools

Right now, our 20-Year Facilities Plan is on time with four new facilities complete over the last three years fully funded:

West Creek Middle School

West Creek Elementary School

Rossview Elementary School

West Creek High School

(Phase One Architect fees for Montgomery Central High School and Carmel Elementary – ready for phase two architectural funding)



Maintaining School Facilities

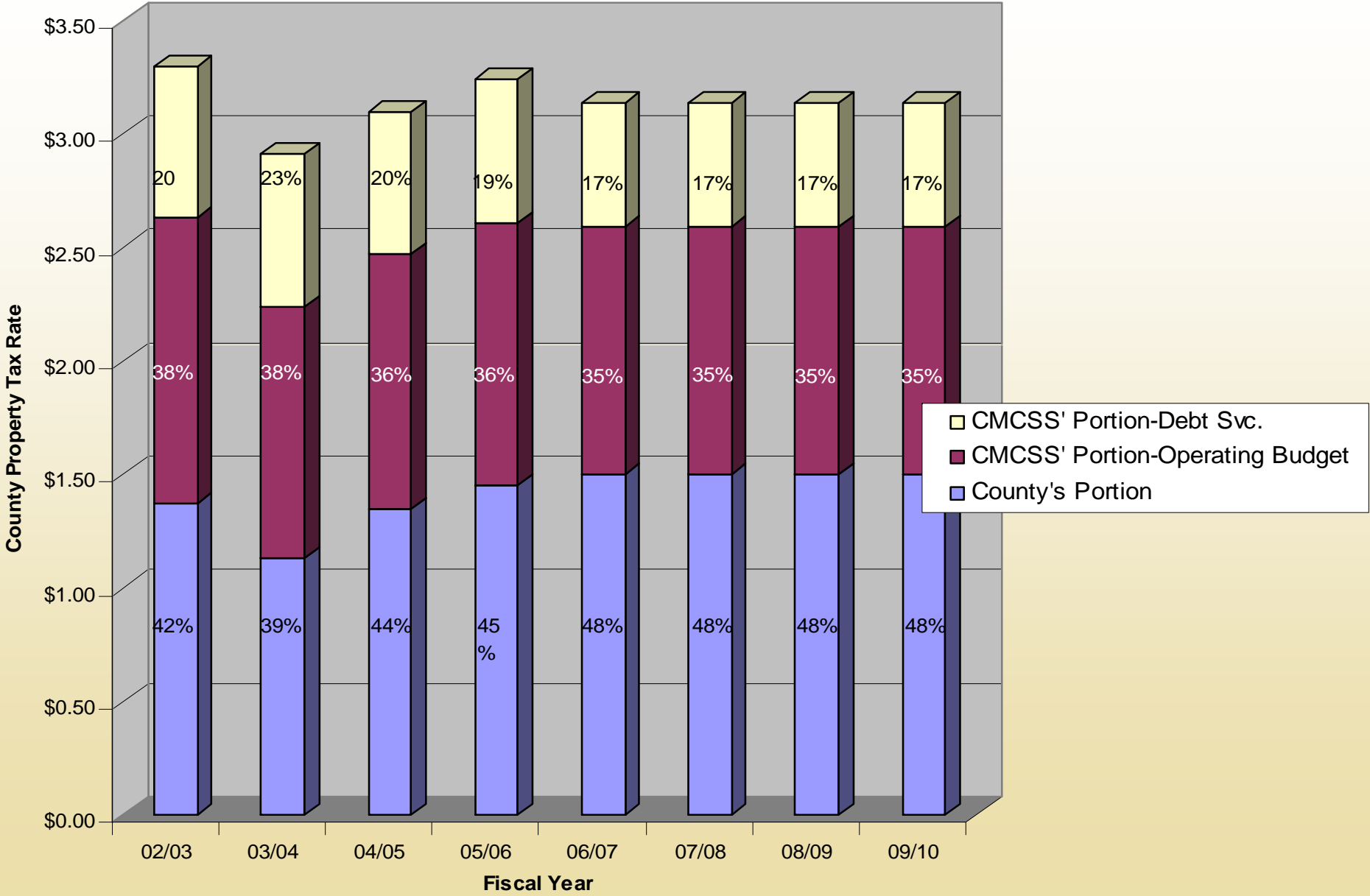
- **Less than half** of the Capital Project requests has been funded each year for the last decade, putting facilities at risk.

Funding Schools Adequately: Meeting Student Needs

- Percentage of local support compared to state support has declined year after year.
- CMCSS' per pupil expenditure is \$600 per child less than the Tennessee average -- or \$17 million dollars less per year.
- 12% of students are not graduating from high school
- Moving from low former state standards to high state/national standards in curriculum in 2009-10
- Percent of property tax rate going to schools has DECLINED or FLATTENED for several years



Local Property Tax Apportionments



Local County Support for Education Funding

	Local Funding %	Local Funding % (State Average)	Difference of CMCSS to State Average
2000	37.7%	42.7%	-5.0%
2001	36.9%	43.5%	-6.6%
2002	37.2%	N/A	
2003	37.1%	N/A	
2004	35.5%	42.1%	-6.6%
2005	35.3%	43.4%	-8.1%
2006	35.5%	43.1%	-7.6%
2007	32.5%	41.3%	-8.8%

The Bottom Line

- Keep the tax rate for schools at least the same (\$1.02) so we can fund Tier 1 and 2 of our Unfunded Budget Requirements
- Consider increasing the tax rate by another 11.2 cents to fund Tiers 3 and 4 of our Unfunded Budget Requirements
- Fully fund the Capital Projects request to protect the county's \$700 million investment
- Continue to support the school construction and major renovations of schools as you have in the past.

