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Statewide education groups concerned about \$300 million cut to K-12 education

COLUMBUS — Three statewide education management organizations have reacted to today's announcement that \$300 million would be cut from K-12 education foundation funding in the current school year. The Ohio School Boards Association, Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials said today that while they understand the state is in a difficult situation, they are deeply concerned by the news that school districts will be hit with significant reductions so late in the school year.

The groups said they will need to see the details of what the reductions will mean for individual districts, but the loss of state funds will undoubtedly create challenges for many districts. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a negative effect on the economy, schools also will begin to suffer losses in local tax revenues in the coming months. The news about the cuts in state funding was daunting for the organizations' members to hear.

With the reality of decreased state revenue collections during these difficult times, coupled with the prospect of ongoing economic struggles, the organizations stated that they, along with their counterparts at the national level, are urging the federal government to come forward with additional funds to help offset these and any future cuts Ohio is forced to make to education funding.

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