

5% Base Budget Reduction Form

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AGENCY CODE & NAME: 51130 Montana School for the Deaf & Blind

		Minimum Requirement		
		General Fund	State Special Revenue Fund	
TARGETED REDUCTION TO EQUAL 5% OF CURRENT BASE BUDGET		\$	291,780	
Priority	SERVICE(S) TO BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED	General Fund Annual Savings	State Special Revenue Annual Savings	THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED <u>ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION</u>:
1	Student Services Program (2 positions)	\$ 58,297	\$ -	This action could impact the school's ability to provide adequate supervision of students placed in this program.
2	Education Program (2 and 1/2 positions)	\$ 160,445	\$ -	<p>If a position were eliminated from Outreach Program, it will cause a redistribution of the caseload of the position eliminated to other consultants. The net impact will be to reduce services to sensory impaired students enrolled in local districts. The majority of special education teachers in the state have generic endorsements with no specialized training in teaching sensory impaired children. Districts without the services of teachers with specialized training may find it difficult in meeting the educational needs of their students with reduced services from the MSDB.</p> <p>Reducing teaching positions on the school's campus will impact the school's ability to meet the educational needs of students served in the campus program. If students can not be served due to the elimination of a teaching position and the school recommends placing the child back in their local school district, state and federal law/regulations require the school to reconvene Evaluation Report Teams involved in drafting each child's Individual Education Plan. If parents do not agree on changing the placement of their child, they have the right to appeal the decision through the Office of Public Instruction and into the court system. While this is taking place a "stay put" provision under federal law requires the MSDB to continue the provision of educational services to these children.</p>
3	Operating budget reduction (General Services/Education)	\$ 73,038		Reducing the operating budget in the maintenance program would impact the school's ability to maintain campus facilities and grounds. This would result in more deferred maintenance and costlier repairs having to be made in the future. A reduction in the operating budget in the Education Program would impact the school's ability to purchase educational supplies and books which in turn will impact educational services provided to students.
4	TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 291,780	\$ -	
	DIFFERENCE	0	0	