

What will our children lose?



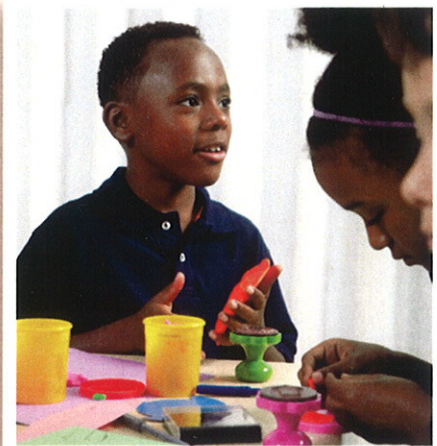
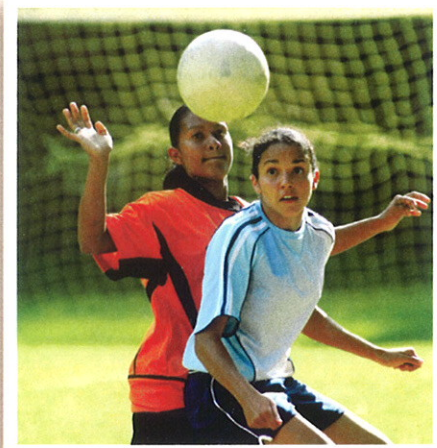
More than any of them can afford. In fact, if the State decreases education aid by 14% – the gap that close to a half billion dollars in Federal funding has filled for the last two years, and one that continues to grow with inflation – **it'll be our kids who will suffer the most.**

Our school districts have continued to take drastic measures to maintain level funding and keep increases to a mere 1%. But it's the Federal stimulus plan that runs out in July 2011 that's going to have the biggest impact on our schools. Not to mention the burden on our local taxpayers.

The 14% shortfall is just a fraction of Connecticut budget expenditures. And while only a small portion of spending would have to be redirected to fill this gap, our children will be the ones to pay a huge price if something isn't done.

Here's what they'll be losing:

- Being prepared for a future full of unlimited opportunities in a global market.
- A competitive edge when state-of-the-art technology falls by the wayside.
- Teachers to inspire them and support their success.
- A healthy start when physical education and health programs are scaled back.
- A clean, safe school that's not in disrepair when there's no money to maintain it.
- Individual attention as their class sizes increase.
- The opportunity to explore their creativity in art classes – when there aren't any.
- A chance to find their voice or their inner musician when there are no more music programs.
- Becoming a team player when there are no athletic teams.
- A world language when their programs are cut.
- Something to keep them out of trouble after school when there is nothing for them to do after school.



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