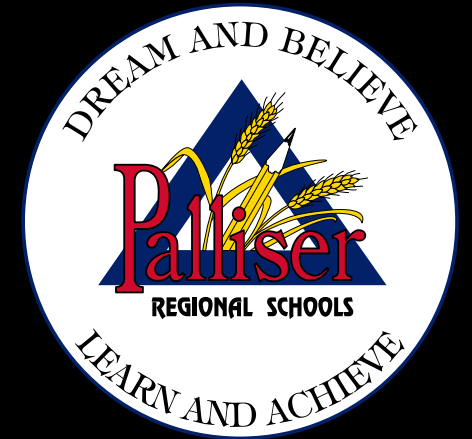


# **Cuts to Education Funding will hurt our students and our schools**



**Let's look at the impact**

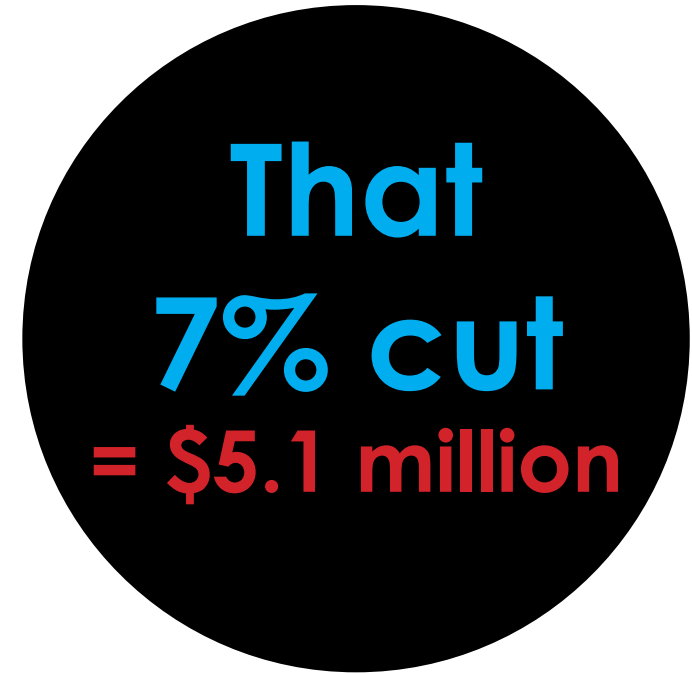
# Fiscal Responsibility

Alberta Education could ask all school divisions in the province to cut budgets by 5%.

For Palliser Regional Schools, this means cutting \$3.6 million.

But we also have a contractual obligation to honour.

In reality, Palliser would be facing a 7% cut.



**That  
7% cut  
= \$5.1 million**

Where will a cut of \$5.1 million hurt us? Everywhere.

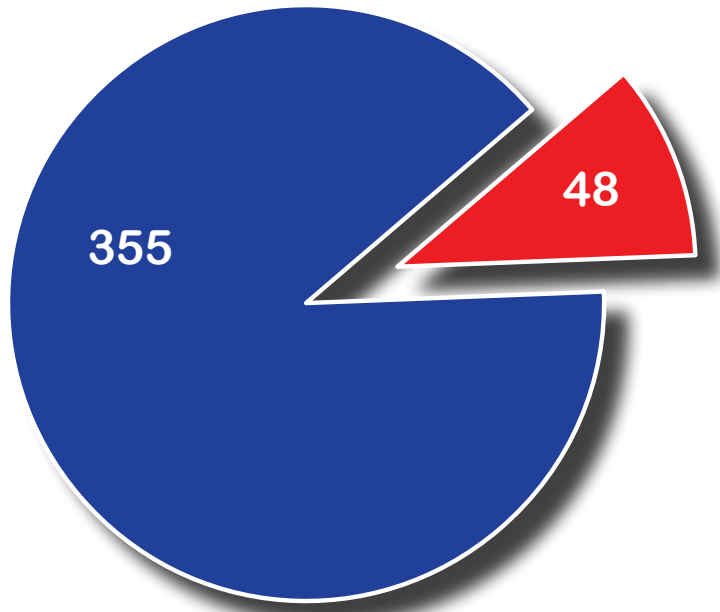
Palliser pools resources and provides centralized services to all schools. School budgets are based on needs. It's not as simple as basing a budget on student numbers alone. As a result, when the budget crunch hits, it hits everyone.

Every school. Every community.

Every service we provide.

\$5.1 million is more money than most of us can imagine.  
How much is it, *really*?

**Teaching Positions**  
(full-time equivalent with benefits)



To account for \$5.1 million, we'd need to eliminate **48** full-time teaching positions, leaving **355** teachers.

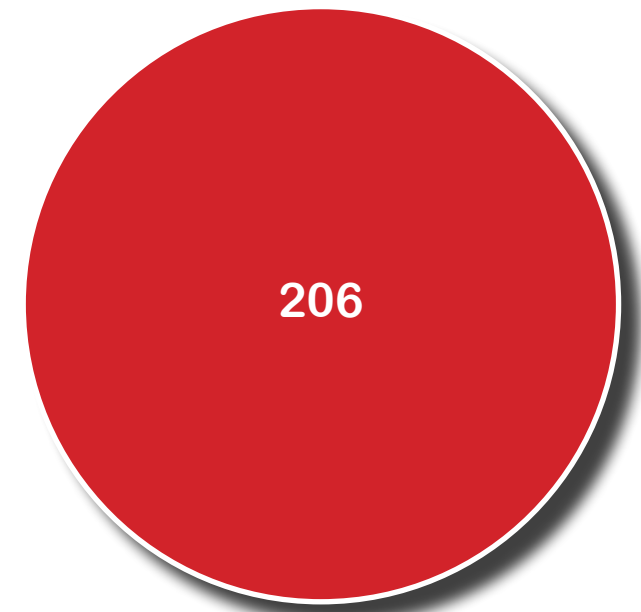
OR

We could eliminate **every** educational assistant in the system

OR

**every** position housed in Central Office in Lethbridge and still not save the full **\$5.1 million.**

**Educational Assistant Positions**  
(full-time equivalent with benefits)



# Stay informed. Use your voice. Be heard.

The provincial budget will be announced March 26, 2015.

What's at stake is class size, supports for students and the quality of education for our next generation of leaders.



**For more information:**  
Palliser Regional Schools <http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca>  
Alberta Teachers Association:  
<http://www.bettereducationtogether.com/>  
Government of Alberta: <http://alberta.ca/Budget.cfm>

**SEND A MESSAGE  
TO YOUR MLA  
RIGHT NOW.**

Classes are still too large.  
There is still a lack of support for  
inclusion. And under funding is still  
a huge issue. If you're as frustrated  
as we are, click here now >

