

**Wake County Public School System  
County Appropriation and Fund Balance History**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
<b>COUNTY APPROPRIATION</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>						
County Appropriation	\$108,497,000	\$117,937,000	\$133,584,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$149,410,000	\$181,140,514 <sup>2</sup>	\$183,280,000 <sup>3</sup>
<i>% Increase</i>	14%	9%	13%	12%	21%	1%
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>						
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>						
Appropriated July 1	\$2,800,000	\$2,860,050	\$4,766,308	\$9,512,872	\$1,483,360	\$6,881,704
Additional Appropriations	\$6,875,676	\$9,660,223	\$9,923,707	\$6,467,866	\$6,112,440	
Undesignated	\$18,747,973	\$19,874,910	\$13,486,465	\$17,156,880	\$15,000,000	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
Appropriated July 1	\$375,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,189,187	\$1,516,640	\$3,441,573
Additional Appropriations	\$3,486,836	\$1,800,838	\$1,928,027	\$853,320	\$4,829,981	
Undesignated	\$1,861,037	\$2,302,203	\$373,810	\$730,541	\$1,000,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>						
Appropriated July 1	\$3,175,000	\$2,860,050	\$4,766,308	\$10,702,059	\$3,000,000	\$10,323,277
Additional Appropriations	\$10,362,512	\$11,461,061	\$11,851,734	\$7,321,186	\$10,942,421	
Undesignated <sup>4</sup>	\$20,609,010	\$22,177,113	\$13,860,275	\$17,887,421	\$16,000,000	
Undesignated fund balance as a percent of subsequent year's operating budget.						
	3.7%	3.5%	2.2%	2.6%	2.3%	

**Fund Balance/Appropriate Fund Balance/Unappropriated Fund Balance**

Year-end fund balance of school districts are the results of the recognition of revenues in excess of amounts estimated and expenditures that are less than the total amount of appropriations. The total fund balance of a school district's general fund is made up of two parts: Reserved Fund Balance and Unreserved Fund Balance. The reserved portion of the fund balance is made up of moneys that may be used only for very specific purposes and is, therefore, not available to be used to supplement the budget in the subsequent fiscal year. The unreserved portion of the fund balance is the amount which is uncommitted and is, therefore, available to be used to supplement the budget in the next fiscal year. It should be noted, however, that a part of this unreserved fund balance may be retained by the district and not used to supplement the budget in the next upcoming year. This retained portion is called the unappropriated fund balance. The remaining portion of the unreserved fund balance that is used to supplement the budget as the appropriated fund balance.

<sup>1</sup> In February 2000, the Wake County Finance Department requested a reimbursement of \$969,728 for overpayment of the county appropriation. The overpayment was due to tax collections being less than original projections for fiscal 1999. Per the agreement between the Wake County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Educations, we returned these funds to the county. This figure has not been adjusted. In 1999-2000, county staff determined that WCPSS was actually due additional dollars for 1998-99. \$1,105,198 was distributed to WCPSS in 2000-01.

<sup>2</sup> The county appropriation for 2000-01 consists of \$162.6 million from the tax rate dedicated to schools of \$0.286, \$5.5 million from the shift of one cent from the building program to the operating budget, \$4.9 million from an increase in property taxes due to WCPSS (recurring), \$1.1 million from Wake County fund balance (nonrecurring), and \$7.0 million from unallocated capital budget (nonrecurring).

<sup>3</sup> Wake County released an additional \$9,720,000 from Education Reserve on July 9, 2001.

<sup>4</sup> Administration recommends maintaining a fund balance of 2.6 percent of the gross operating budget for 1997-98, and increasing by 2/10 percent each year thereafter.