



# Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation

*Non-Profit Advocate Of Lower Property Taxes In Atlanta/Fulton County*

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A stylized, grayscale illustration of a city skyline, likely Atlanta, featuring various skyscrapers and buildings. The foreground shows a road with white lane markings and a street signpost. The overall style is modern and graphic.

**Atlanta Taxpayers Are Being  
Over-Taxed By The Proposed  
APS Budget!**

**The Atlanta Public Schools (APS) are – by far – the largest component of our Property Tax.**

**During the last week of April, APS advertised (by law) its General Fund Budget for 2010/2011, a budget totaling \$589,025,888. The appropriations are included in eight categories, i.e., Instruction, General Administrative Services, School Administrative Services, Student Transportation, Business Services, Maintenance & Operations, Support Services and Unfunded Pensions.**

**If one divides the APS General Fund Budget of \$589,025,888 by the 2010 student enrollment of 47,789, the Cost-Per-Student is a whopping \$12,325. For any comparison, Superintendent Hall has cautioned “comparing APS with Districts having similar demographics.” The only School District with similar demographics is DeKalb County Public Schools which has 76% black students compared to APS 86%, 10% white students compared to APS 8%. The student enrollment in DeKalb County Public Schools is 102,000.**

**On a Cost-Per-Student basis, here is a Budget Comparison, showing the APS higher costs in each category:**

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Atlanta Public School Cost Per Student</b>	<b>DeKalb School Cost Per Student</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Difference in APS Dollars</b>
Instruction	\$7,705	\$6,648	\$1,057	\$58,159,213
General Adm. Services	\$249	\$118	\$131	\$6,260,359
School Adm. Services	\$835	\$688	\$147	\$6,977,194
Maint. & Operations	\$1,401	\$769	\$632	\$30,188,113
Support Services	\$777	\$277	\$500	\$23,894,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,966</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$2,466</b>	<b>\$125,479,379</b>

**On these five categories alone, Atlanta taxpayers are over-paying \$125,479.379 in school taxes! At a time when 192,083 wrong-to-right erasures were revealed by the Governor’s Oversight Committee, the Atlanta taxpayers should insist that the APS Budget be in line with a comparable School District whose students out-perform APS in the SAT scores with few wrong-to-right erasures in CRCT achievement tests.**

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# Call to Action!

**Atlanta taxpayers should protest the proposed APS Budget by emailing the following members of the Atlanta Board Of Education:**

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**Please see our petition on the next page regarding massive erasures during the CRCT!**

*Unite the Fight To Bring Better Government  
to Atlanta and Fulton County!*

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\$25 Senior\_\_\_ \$50 Family\_\_\_ \$100 Patron\_\_\_ \$200 Corporate\_\_\_ \$1000 Business Leader\_\_\_

In addition, I enclose a **tax-deductible** contribution of: \$100\_\_\_ \$500\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_

*If you prefer, you can charge your membership or a donation online at [www.fctf.org](http://www.fctf.org)*

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# **FCTF Petition**

## **192,083 ERASURES!!**

**If apparent massive cheating is confirmed , I feel, by signing the petition below, that the Superintendent and her Senior Staff should resign or be fired by the Atlanta School Board of Education, In addition, the Principals and Assistant of the 58 schools where the massive erasure-cheating took place, should be summarily fired by the Atlanta Board of Education.**

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