

**Balancing the Governor’s Budget**

Declining revenue nationwide has made additional state budget cuts a realistic possibility. As a member of the West Virginia Governor’s Committee for Reelection, you have been asked to prepare a recommendation citing where to make additional cuts in the overall state budget. The governor has asked you to focus primarily on education and so the additional cuts must come from either public (secondary/K-12) education or higher education. Using ONLY the documents found in the document library, please prepare a detailed recommendation of the advantages and disadvantages of additional cuts to both areas and determine which area would be able to best accommodate any additional cuts.

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