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**Statement from Bill McNeal, Executive Director  
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School Administrators understand the challenge of achieving a balanced budget during difficult recessionary times and appreciate the efforts of the Governor and lawmakers to protect K-12 classrooms. However, with discretionary reductions of \$225 million in 2009-10 and \$304.8 million in 2010-11, even with the integration of federal stimulus funds, larger classes in grades 4-12 will be unavoidable. Administrators will continue to make every effort to protect the classroom and keep educators employed.