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It's no small feat to educate a child

The Foundation for Education and Teaching is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization created to identify, facilitate, fundraise and fund projects that will enhance the educational excellence within schools in Southeast Alabama. Our primary mission is to fill the needs of our local teachers that are not completely met by or through the annual budget.

With the increasing economic struggles in our state and country, our school systems have been adversely affected to a degree not seen in the lifetimes of many of our school administrators. While no one has been spared the severity of these economic times, the one place we cannot afford to "cut back" is within our education system. Our teachers and their classrooms are no place for budget cuts and "make-dos." With your help and partnership, FEAT wants to step in and help bridge the gap for our public education teachers.

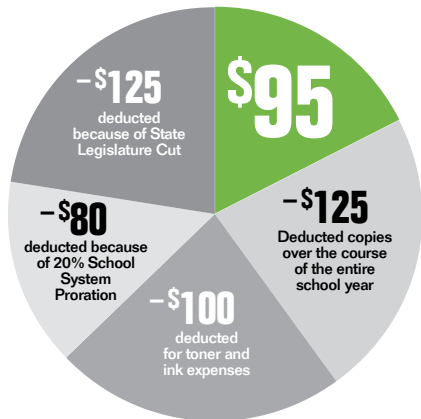
Our teachers have had their instructional (fee replacement) monies cut from the recent amount of \$525 per school year to \$400 by the Alabama State Legislature. With the December announcement by Governor Riley, of the 12.5% proration with respect to the state's education budget, our schools and teachers are being forced to endure additional reductions to what little monies they have.



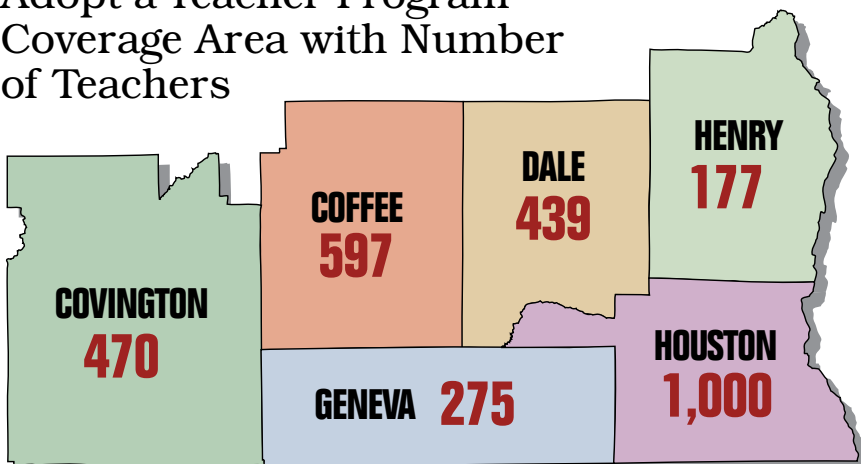
FEAT had developed an Adopt-a-Teacher program and here is how it works. To help the budget shortfalls F.E.A.T along with your participation will place a \$100 Teacher Tools gift card into the hands of all 2,958 K-12th grade public school teachers in the 6 most Southeast Counties in Alabama. This means that we must raise \$300,000 to make this project a reality. It is important to note that these funds will not go to the school systems or to the schools – they will be placed directly into the hands of the classroom teachers who need the help the most. 100% of the money donated will be devoted to this project.

Adopting a teacher is simple: Donation forms are available from your county advocate or directly from our website. No donation is too small. Our teachers are in need of this money NOW – this school year – as well as for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

In years past teachers were allotted **\$525** for classroom supplies. Recently the monies have been cut more than once and in some cases teachers are left with less than **\$100** to spend in their classrooms for the entire school year. A typical breakdown is shown here:



Adopt-a-Teacher Program Coverage Area with Number of Teachers



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