

Lee Schools Final Budget 2024-2025 Budget Cuts, Privatization and Replacing Retired Pension Bonus Staff					
Category	Budgeted Amount	Cut 10% Administrative	Privatization Savings 18.5%	40% Savings Replacing Retired Pension Bonus staff	Total Savings
Replace 491 Lee Schools Pension bonus employees with Entry Level Staff	\$31,164,262			\$12,465,704	
General Administration	\$10,989,307	\$1,098,930			
School Administration	\$71,039,222	\$7,103,922			
Fiscal Services	\$6,537,397		\$1,209,418		
Food Services	\$67,960,482		\$12,572,689		
Central Services	\$133,266,158		\$24,654,239		
Pupil Transportation	\$65,922,950		\$12,195,746		
Operation of Plant	\$134,383,911		\$24,861,024		
Maintenance	\$22,817,508		\$4,221,239		
Administrative Technology	\$10,879,231		\$2,012,658		
Community Services	\$18,704,037		\$3,460,247		
Savings		\$8,202,852	\$85,187,260	\$12,465,704	\$105,855,106
Budgeted Surplus					
Unappropriated Surplus	\$522,396,852				
Restricted Surplus	\$9,000,000				
Contingency Surplus	\$29,500,000				
Total Surplus	\$664,017,936				

Reason Foundation <https://reason.org/> The three most common areas of privatization are in maintenance, transportation, and food service delivery. Savings differ for each. However, savings typically range from 12 to 25 percent. $37/2 = 18.5\%$

<https://reason.org/commentary/privatizefor-the-kids-of-cours/> There are twelve different maintenance services school districts identified as privatization opportunities. Those include HVAC maintenance, grounds keeping, and janitorial services. On average, districts that fully outsourced their grounds keeping saved 25 percent. Surveys confirmed that privatization is becoming critical in the provision of non-core services. <https://www.mackinac.org/S2020-11>

Two-thirds of school officials rated privatization a

success, <https://www.leeschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=192921306>

<https://tripedippers.org/fl-lee-county-schools-cash-outs-q1-2025-report/>

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