

Dr. Adams Calls Budget Cuts Toughest Ever

By C.B. Hauser
Special to the Chronicle

Superintendent James A. Adams is not the villain he was labeled in recent newspaper articles prompted by his budget proposals.

Adams said of his proposed budget, "This is the most difficult budget to prepare that I have seen in 10 years as a superintendent."

He listed his goals as:
- to continue essential programs as nearly as possible.

- to include inflationary increases only for fuel, utilities and insurance (all other accounts will remain at this year's level.)

- to reduce staff as enrollment declines and financial circumstances dictate, and
- to provide a 5 percent cost-of-living salary increase to correspond with projected state increases.

Adams faces financial in his present situation because of runaway inflation, years of deficit spending at the national level, and efforts by the present federal administration to halt the rate of inflation, to cut taxes and deficit spending, and to reduce the federal deficit.

At the federal level the president is seeking to cut from 25 to 30 percent of the funds it allocates to educational programs. If these cuts are approved, federal funds coming into the local school system will be reduced from \$8.3 to \$5.7 million in 1981-82. This amounts to a cut of 30 percent and it will result in a significant reduction in the school's federally funded employee positions and programs.

The system gets 60 percent of its funds from the state. The situation at the state level is more uncertain than it has been in recent years. However, unofficially, the system has been told to expect a 6 percent cut in state funds

for next year. This reduction in state funds will affect textbooks, staff development, the primary reading program, reduce the school calendar, increase class size and eliminate community schools coordinators.

The county government provided \$28.6 million or 34 percent of the 1980-81 school budget. In view of the current situation, it was decided in the budget making process that it would be unrealistic to ask for an increase in local funds of more than 6 percent, although the inflation rate is around 14 percent.

The proposed reductions in local funds will involve substantial cuts of both classified and professional personnel as well as cuts in equipment, material and supplies.

Personnel reductions due to cuts in funds at all three levels will create 22 positions. It is anticipated by the school system that these reductions can be accomplished by attrition without having to lay off employees with one exception.

The strings program is the only program recommended by the administration for elimination.

Dr. Adams indicated that he was particularly concerned about the cuts in the Child Nutrition Funds. These cuts include the elimination of reimbursement in cash and commodities for paid lunches, reduced reimbursement for reduced-price lunches and the elimination of the special milk program. These cuts will price many children out of the school lunch program.

A spokesman at the central office said that Dr. Adams is distressed over the fact that the budget cuts have been placed solely on him, that he is doing accused of acting arbitrarily with respect to cuts and that he is insensitive to the

needs of people.

Dr. Adams hopes that all of the proposed budget cuts will not materialize. As bad as the situation is with respect to federal funds, a spokesman said "that the local school system may not be in as bad a condition as most school systems for they depend more heavily on federal funds."

"If you are concerned about these budget cuts," the spokesman concluded, "get in touch with your elected representatives at all levels and make your concerns known."

NAACP From page 1

crease of 55 percent over previous years. The NAACP also called on its constituency to lobby for state legislation that would "outlaw paramilitary training camps for the purpose of training people in racial violence." In recent months, widespread reports have indicated the existence of a network of guerilla fighter training camps scattered from California to Connecticut purportedly operated by members of the Klan.

The Board's action follows the establishment of a "Klan Alert" program earlier this year aimed at defeating members of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups seeking elective office.

Neal From page 1

al spending is too high, and that taxes must be cut. "Unless inflation is controlled," he warned, "money realized from a tax cut will not be saved and invested to make for more productivity. It will be spent now, for it makes no sense to save if one does not know what prices will be in the future."

Neal said the Student Loan Program had gotten out of hand and accused some people of borrowing at the low government rate of 5 percent and then investing the money in the money market where an 18 percent return can sometimes be realized. He also called for a strong defense but control on cost overruns.

WISE UP!

Don't be the last one in the community to know what's going on.

Find out about meetings, social events, Church happenings, entertainment, books, television programs, people, sports, insightful editorials, cooking tips, recipes...AND MUCH, MUCH MORE in the CHRONICLE.

CALL US...
WE CAN TURN YOU ON!
722-8624

WE'VE GOT THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

MAKE MONEY FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION BY SELLING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE WINSTON-SALEM CHRONICLE

Feel the satisfaction of knowing you're selling a quality product of service to the families in your community. The Winston-Salem Chronicle is your community newspaper.

Winston-Salem Chronicle

Freedom From Page 1

tucky State University and Howard University Law School. She is the Chief of the Complaints Branch of the (FCC).

Russell is recognized for serving as the director of the commission's historic Minority Ownership of Broadcast Facilities Conference. As a result of that conference, the (FCC) developed Tax Certificate and Distress Sale Policies which directly

favor minority entrepreneurs' ownership of broadcast facilities.

In addition to membership in the District of Columbia, Indiana and Supreme Court Bar Associations, the National Association of Black Women Attorneys, Russell is the National Parliamentarian for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Budget Cuts From page 1

group on the local level to achieve the same thing. "We must come up with innovative and creative ideas because the cuts are necessary and I support them," she added.

The board will discuss the budget on April 27 and will vote on final approval on May 4. The budget will then go to the County Commissioners, who will take action in June.

The Winston-Salem Chronicle is published every Thursday by the Winston-Salem Chronicle Publishing Company, Inc., 516 N. Trade St. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. Phone: 722-8624. Second Class postage paid at Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. Subscription: \$9.60 per year payable in advance (N.C. sales tax included.)

PUBLICATION USPS NO. 067910



Please send me more information on fund-raising with the Winston-Salem Chronicle.
Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT
WINSTON-SALEM CHRONICLE
P.O. Box 3154
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102

