

Contingency Budgets

If the proposed 2010-11 budget is defeated, Broadalbin-Perth can hold another vote and offer residents either the same or a revised budget, or it can adopt a contingency budget that would place a state-mandated cap on the district's spending increase. If the budget is defeated twice, the district must adopt a contingency budget. For 2010-11, district leaders expect contingency budget spending increases to be capped at -0.4%, unless the State Legislature takes action to change it to 0% or higher.

According to state law, if the proposed budget is defeated by voters and the district adopts a contingency budget it would have to make specific cuts to the proposed budget that include student supplies, certain equipment and certain salaries. In addition, any community groups that would like to use the district's facilities would have to pay for any costs associated with that use, such as overtime for custodial staff.

Some expenditure items are exempt from the state-imposed spending cap under a contingent budget. These exemptions include tax certiorari and other legal settlements, debt service such as mortgage payments, and costs associated with increased enrollment. Also under a contingent budget, the percentage of the budget devoted to administrative costs cannot increase from what it was in the prior year's budget or the last defeated budget, whichever is lower.