

Budget cuts delayed for C.R. schools

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The plan to cut \$105,000 in salaries for extracurricular activities at the Cedar Rapids public high schools and middle schools has been put on hold, but it may be only a temporary reprieve.

Principals and athletic directors at the three high schools and six middle schools were originally told by the Cedar Rapids Community District to submit plans for their budget cuts by May 11, but that is no longer the plan.

"Proposed reductions to Schedule C contracts have been put on hold for further review," Marcia Hughes, the community relations supervisor for the school district, told the Metro Sports Report in an e-mail Thursday.

Schedule C contracts are for coaches and teachers who are involved with sports, fine arts, music, drama, yearbook and other activities. The Schedule C contracts are specifically for those activities and do not include a teacher's base salary.

Jefferson, Kennedy and Washington originally were told to cut \$25,000 apiece from their Schedule C contracts for the 2012-13 school. The six middle schools - McKinley, Wilson, Taft, Roosevelt, Franklin and Harding - were told to cut \$5,000 apiece.

Scott Kibby, the activities director at Jefferson, estimated he would have to cut five to seven positions to reduce his budget by \$25,000. Randy Krejci, the principal at Harding, said he probably would have to cut two positions. Based on those estimates, a total of 27 to 33 positions would have been eliminated at the nine schools.