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Presentation reveals JCPS budget cuts

Report says Boeing knew of plane's problems

Part in UPS aircraft had been flagged years ago

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The UPS plane that crashed into an industrial site near the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport in November featured problems with a part that aerospace company Boeing had flagged 14 years earlier, officials with the National Transportation Safety Board stated in a report released Jan. 14.

In a February 2011 letter to airlines, Boeing noted failures with parts of the pylon, a structural component that connects the engine, during four incidents on three MD-11 airplanes, which is the same model of the UPS plane that crashed Nov. 4. After takeoff, the pylon and left engine UPS Flight 2976 detached from the wing, resulting in a catastrophic crash that killed 15 people, including the three crew members aboard the plane.

The MD-11 planes Boeing studied showed fatigue cracks on a part the pylon known as the spherical bearing race, which allow bearings to ride back and forth during operation. NTSB investigators reported similar cracks in preliminary findings of the UPS Flight 2976 crash.

Following its initial study, Boeing said it would update its maintenance manual to include inspections that would ensure the spherical bearing race would remain functional.

NTSB officials said they are still reviewing the inspection techniques used by Boeing for its MD-11 planes, how UPS incorporated the information of the Boeing letter into its own practices and the "correspondence history between Boeing and the FAA leading up to issuance of the Service Letter and thereafter."

The update NTSB officials released Jan. 14 also included images of cracked bearings that showed signs of fatigue and overstress from UPS Flight 2976, which were taken inside the agency's

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Jefferson County Public Schools Superintendent Brian Yearwood says 300 central office positions and about 190 positions across the system are being cut under the budget proposal.

JCPS Superintendent Brian Yearwood talks about the financial issues the school system is facing at a public forum at Shawnee Academy on Dec. 3, 2025. Yearwood's budget proposal includes \$142 million in cuts. MATT STONE/COURIER JOURNAL

Board members say impact on students would be 'unavoidable'

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Hundreds of Jefferson County Public Schools employees are set to lose their jobs and two schools will close if cuts proposed by Superintendent Brian Yearwood are approved.

JCPS released initial details about a proposed 2026-27 draft budget, which

includes \$142 million in cuts, on Jan. 14, a day after Yearwood outlined some of the cuts at a meeting with the district's principals.

Slides from a presentation Yearwood gave at that meeting were leaked to the media ahead of a Jan. 14 Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee meeting, where Yearwood gave what appeared to be the same presentation.

Yearwood has repeatedly said at

least \$132 million in cuts will be needed to balance JCPS' books. According to a press release, the district plans to cut \$44 million from its central office by reorganizing its leadership and eliminating about 300 positions; \$41 million from "school budget funds that are not directly tied to student instruction;" and \$30 million from ongoing

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Trump threatens to invoke Insurrection Act in MN

Second ICE shooting in 7 days raises tensions

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President Donald Trump on Jan. 15 threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act, which would give him power to deploy armed forces domestically, as tensions ratcheted up yet further in Minnesota following a second shooting involving a federal agent.

The agent shot a person in the leg in Minneapolis on Jan. 14 after allegedly

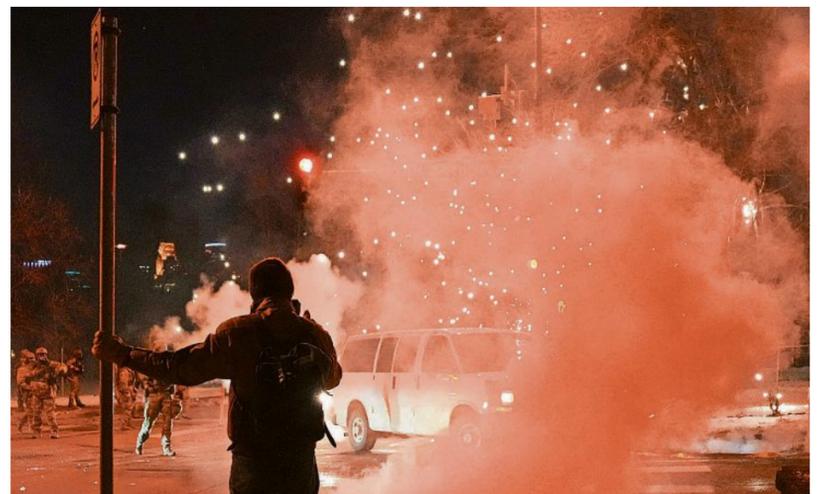
being assaulted during an arrest, the Department of Homeland Security said.

"If the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don't obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrectionists from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E., who are only trying to do their job, I will institute the INSURRECTION ACT," Trump wrote in a Truth Social post.

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said that she has discussed the use of the Insurrection Act with Trump.

"He certainly has the constitutional authority to utilize that," she told reporters. "My hope is that this leadership

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A person stands near tear gas smoke Jan. 14 in Minneapolis as tensions rise after federal immigration enforcement agents were involved in a second shooting in seven days. LEAH MILLIS/REUTERS

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