

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING CRISIS FACTS

Billions have been cut from K-12 schools

- Since 2008, California public schools have lost \$20 billion in revenue.
- Since 2008, more than 40,000 educators have lost their jobs.
- California schools are among the least funded in the nation, trailing \$2,850 less per pupil than the national average.
- California public schools rank 47th out of the 50 states in per-pupil funding.
- 56% of the funding for K-12 education comes from the state's General Fund. If the Legislature doesn't prioritize school funding, students suffer.
- Even with the revenue from the passage of Proposition 30, school funding is still 9% below the pre-recession 2007-08 funding level.

The state's disinvestment impacts every student in every classroom

- 50th in students-to-librarian—last out of the 50 states!
- 49th in students-per-counselor
- 47th in per-pupil spending—\$2,850 LESS than the national average
- 47th in students-per-teacher
- 47th in students-per-principal

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

1972: 19TH

1985: 26TH

2006: 29TH

2010: 46TH

2012: 47TH

CALIFORNIA'S SPENDING PER STUDENT:

We spend \$2,850 per student less than the National average — about \$71,000 less per classroom than the average school in America.

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Students lose with inadequate school funding

- Inadequate funding limits student learning opportunities.
- Inadequate funding negatively impacts programs and services that advance student learning and bolster academic achievement.
- Even with the tax revenue from Proposition 30, school districts may still need to limit programs and services to students in order to maintain a balanced budget.

Reduced funding and resources impact students

- Fewer adults-per-student limit one-on-one help for struggling students.
- Fewer adults-per-students increase class sizes.
- Fewer teachers and resources limit the scope and depth of learning opportunities.
- Fewer adults-per-student increase safety and security concerns.