

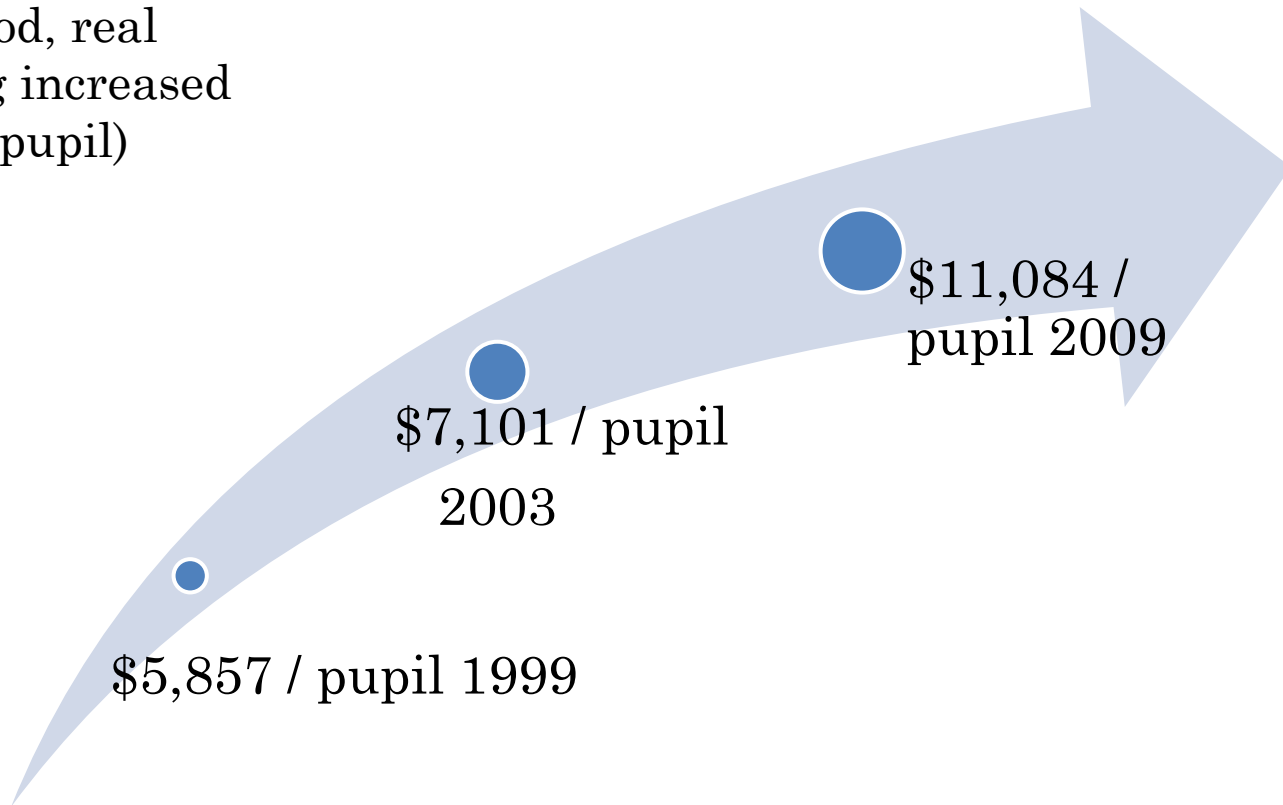
# **Do School Districts Need More Money?\***

**\* To be successful educating students**

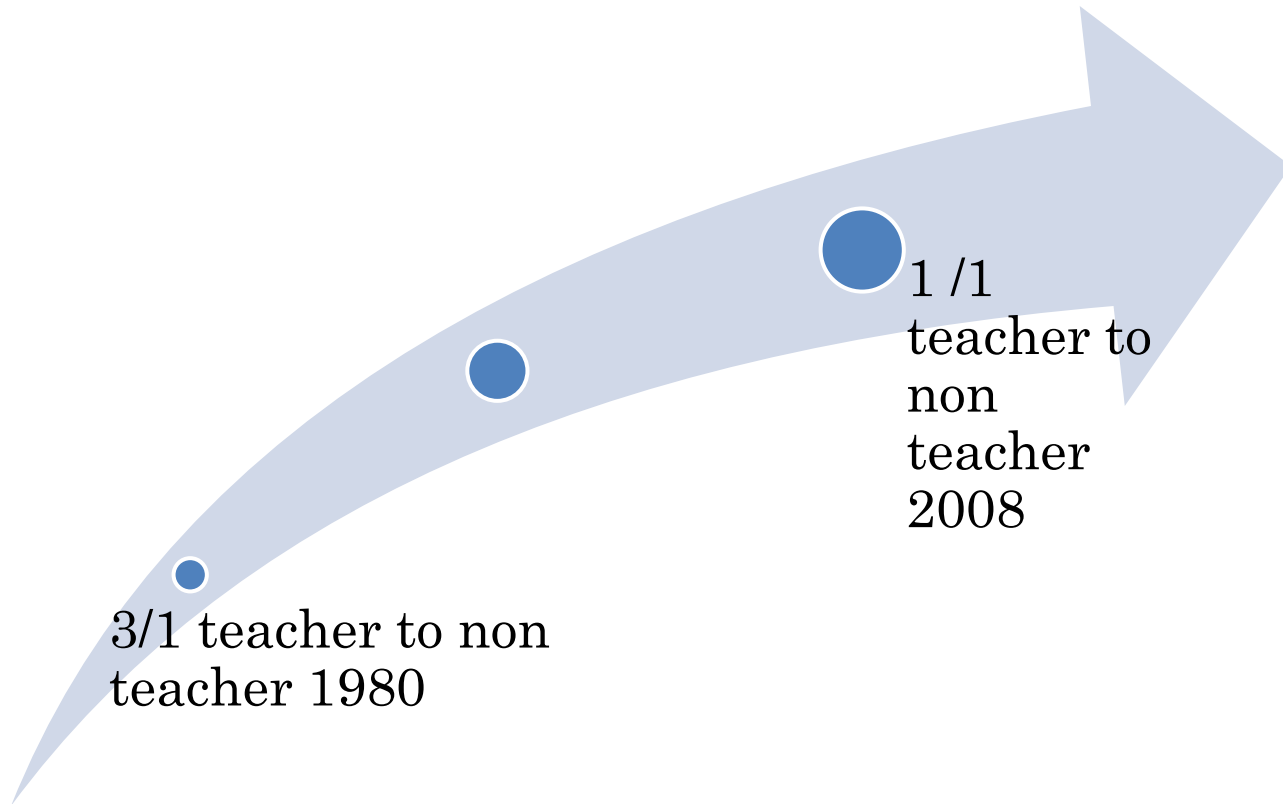


# Current Reality

(Inflation 29% during this period, real spending increased 47% per pupil)



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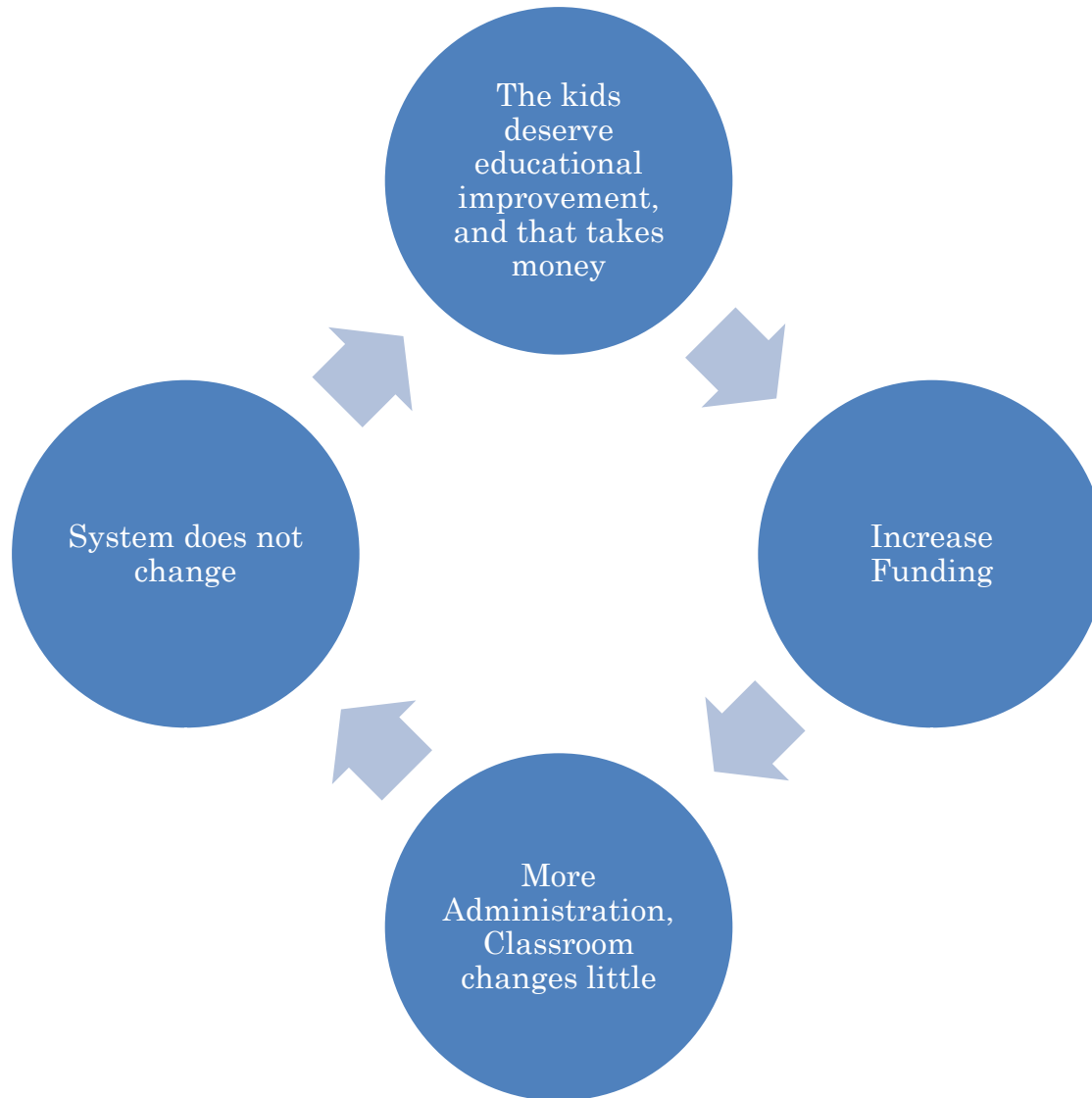
A new poll from the University of Texas' Government Department and the Texas Politics project

- Result: 49 percent said "not very good" or "terrible,"
- Here's how the poll question is worded and the responses:
  - Would you say that the quality of K-12 public school education in Texas is:

4%	Excellent
42%	Good
38%	Not very good
11%	Terrible
5%	Don't know/Refused/NA



# EDUCATION POLICY FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS



# Current Reality

- Each ISD is virtually a sovereign nation
- Student funding is roughly \$11,000 per student, +/- \$250,000 per classroom
- Median teacher salary is +/- \$47,000
- ISD's have few limitations from the state
- ISD's can charter all they want, even the entire district
- Collective bargaining is illegal



# Do School Districts Need More Money?

Perhaps:

But

Not to keep doing the same thing, the same way,  
with the same people



# What Actually Makes Schools Excel?

- Great Principals who control the budget
- Excellent teachers
- Parents with expectations of achievement
- Consequences to students





# What I Think We Can Do That Best Serves Taxpayers and the Kids

- Empowered and capable Principals control budget and hiring
- Parents can choose any public school
- Principals compete for students and are rewarded for student achievement



# I Believe

- Innovation and competition is the answer
- We owe it to the kids to make public education excellent
- ISD's should set up markets
- If status quo continues, radical legislative reform will be the result



# How it Can Happen

- Focus on the kids
- Partner with business and concerned parents
- Create a market instead of a bureaucracy

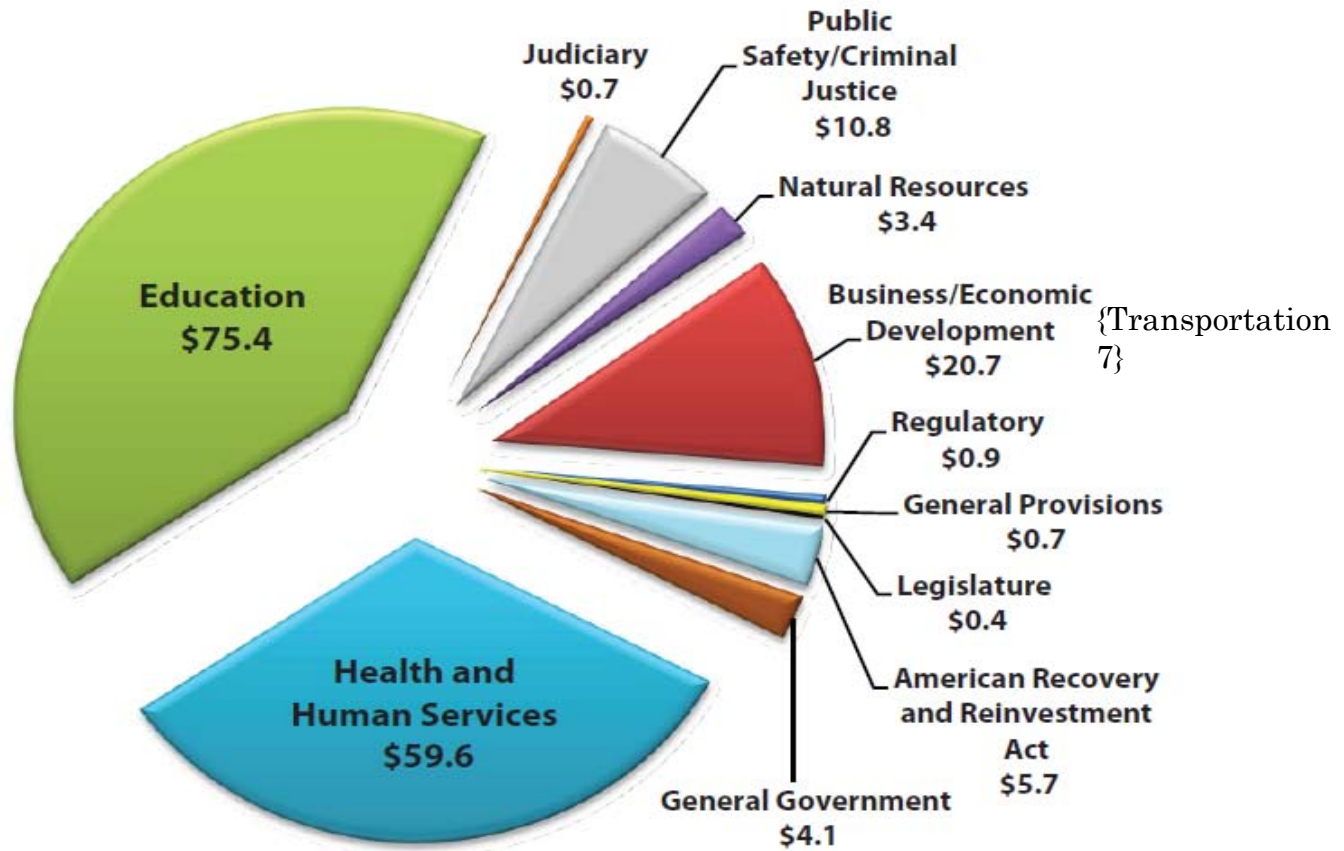


# By The Way

- All broad based taxes are born disproportionately by low income earners



## 2010-11 Texas Budget (in billions)



**Average percent of income paid to each specific tax...**

<b>Income Decile</b>	<b>Sales/ Use Tax</b>	<b>Franchise Tax (Business Income Tax)</b>	<b>Gasoline Tax</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Sales/Use Tax</b>
1-Lowest 10% income earners	9.2	1.5	1.8	1.4
2	4.1	0.6	0.8	0.7
3	3.2	0.4	0.6	0.6
4	2.9	0.4	0.6	0.5
5	2.7	0.3	0.5	0.5
6	2.5	0.3	0.4	0.5
7	2.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
8	2.1	0.2	0.4	0.4
9	2	0.2	0.3	0.4
10-Highest 10% Income earners	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.3



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<b>10-Highest Income</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Lowest / Highest</b>	<b>6.6 X</b>	<b>7.5 X</b>

