

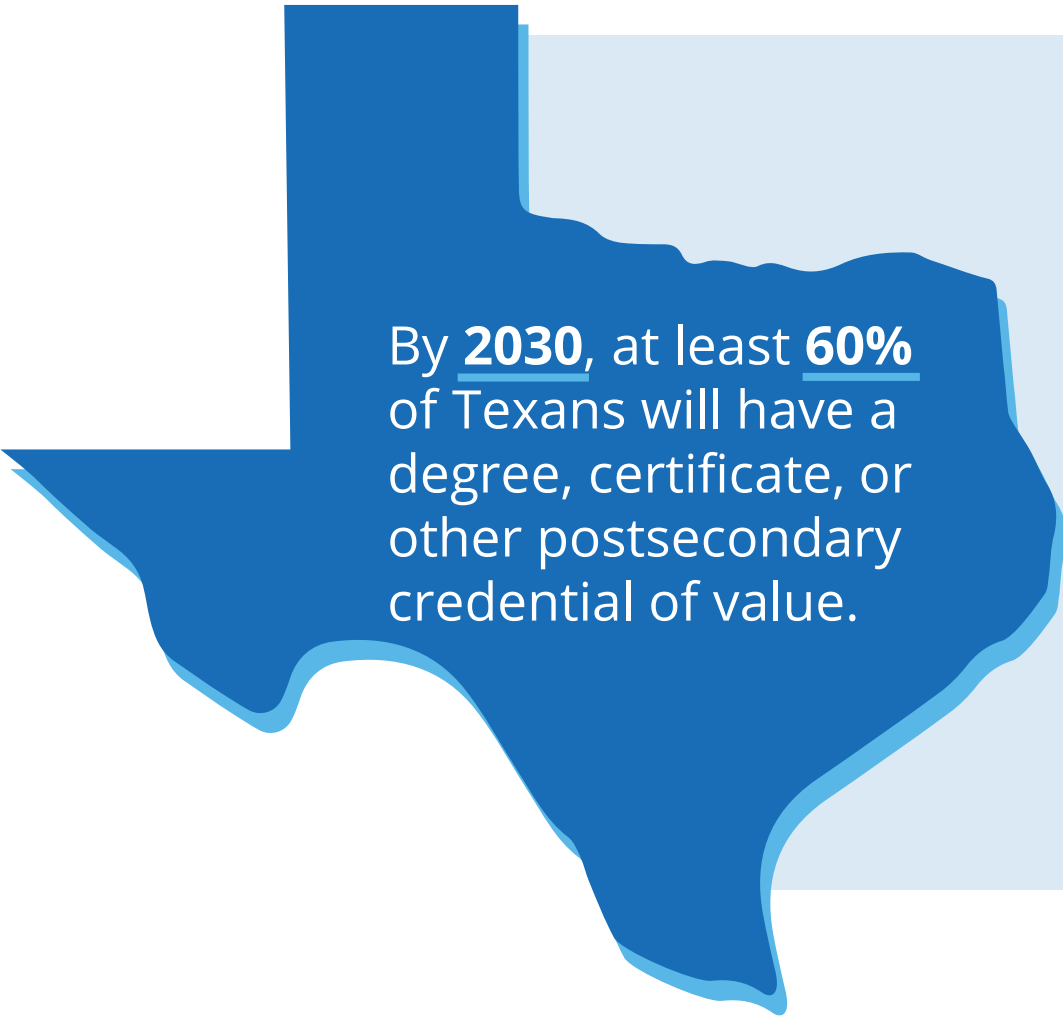


# The State of Public Education

Texas Taxpayers & Research Association

*November 17, 2023*

# Pursuing our vision for Texas students



By 2030, at least 60% of Texans will have a degree, certificate, or other postsecondary credential of value.

At K-12  
Graduation

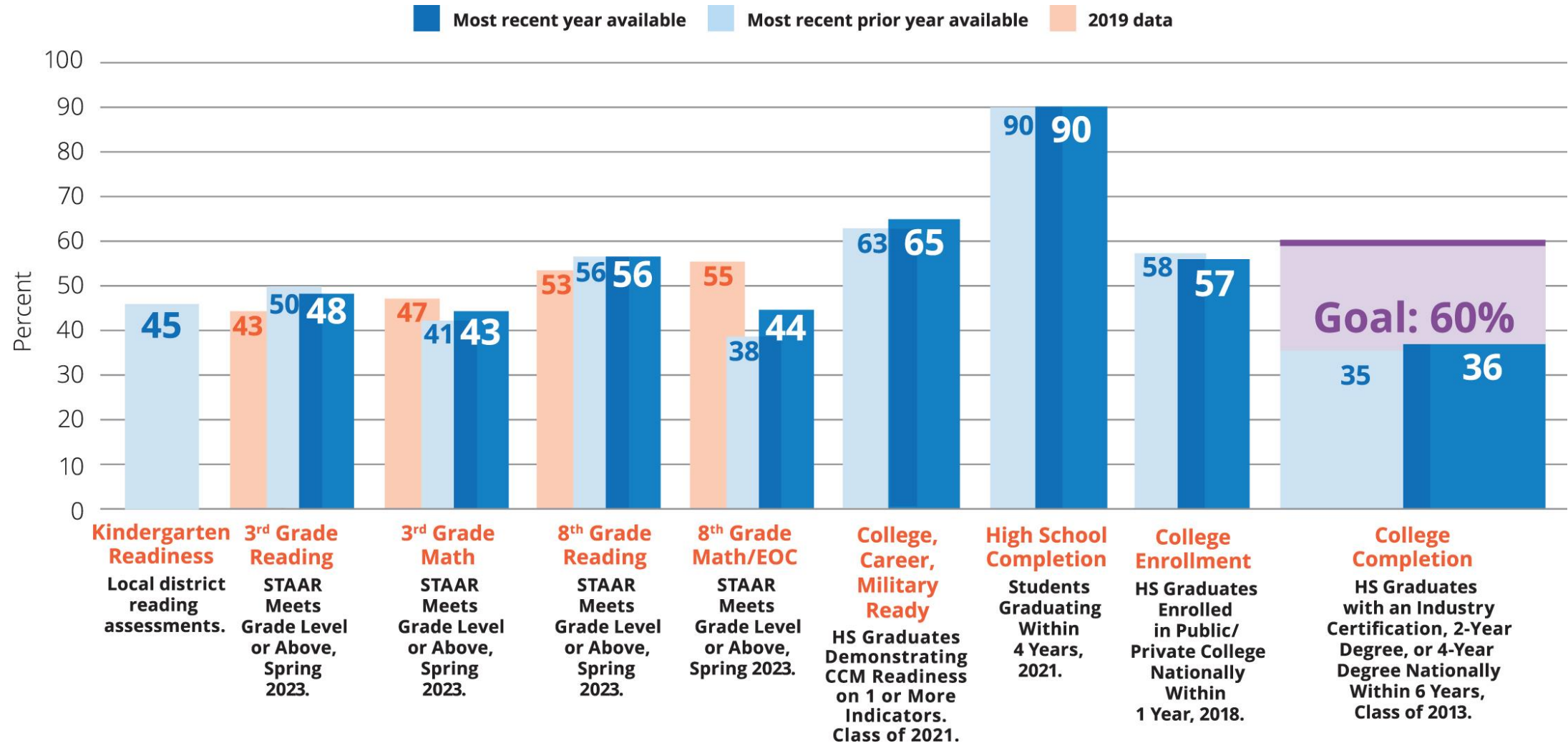
**Every Child, Prepared  
for Success in College, a  
Career, or the Military**

Post-  
Secondary  
Attainment

**Goal: 60%**

High school graduates have enlisted in the military, earned an industry certification, 2-year degree, or 4-yr degree from any institution nationally within 6 years of graduation.

## YEAR-OVER-YEAR STUDENT OUTCOMES



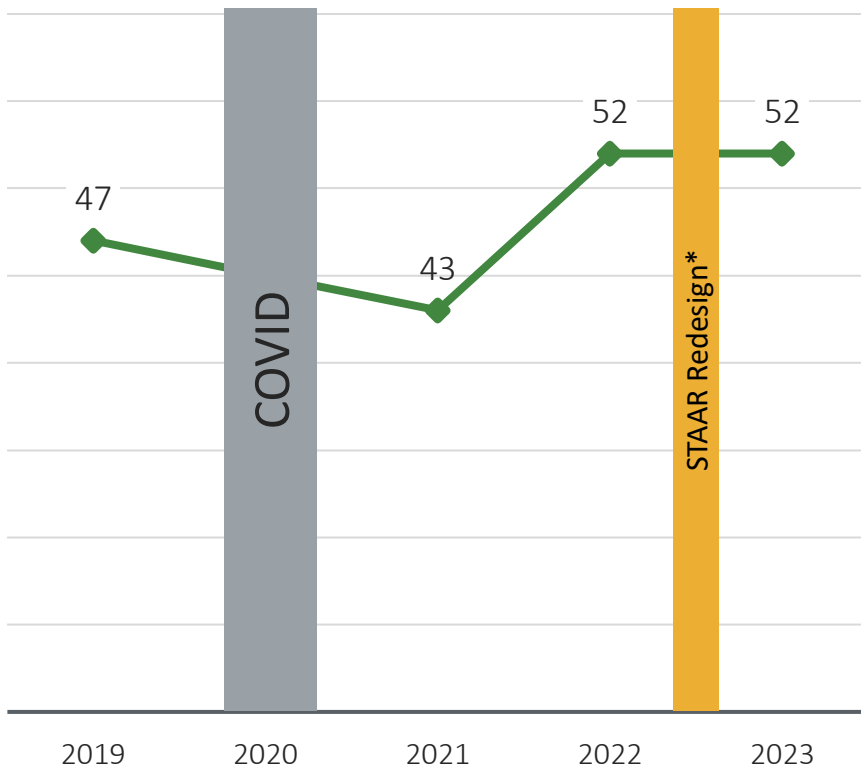


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# Overall RLA – Grades 3-8, English I & II

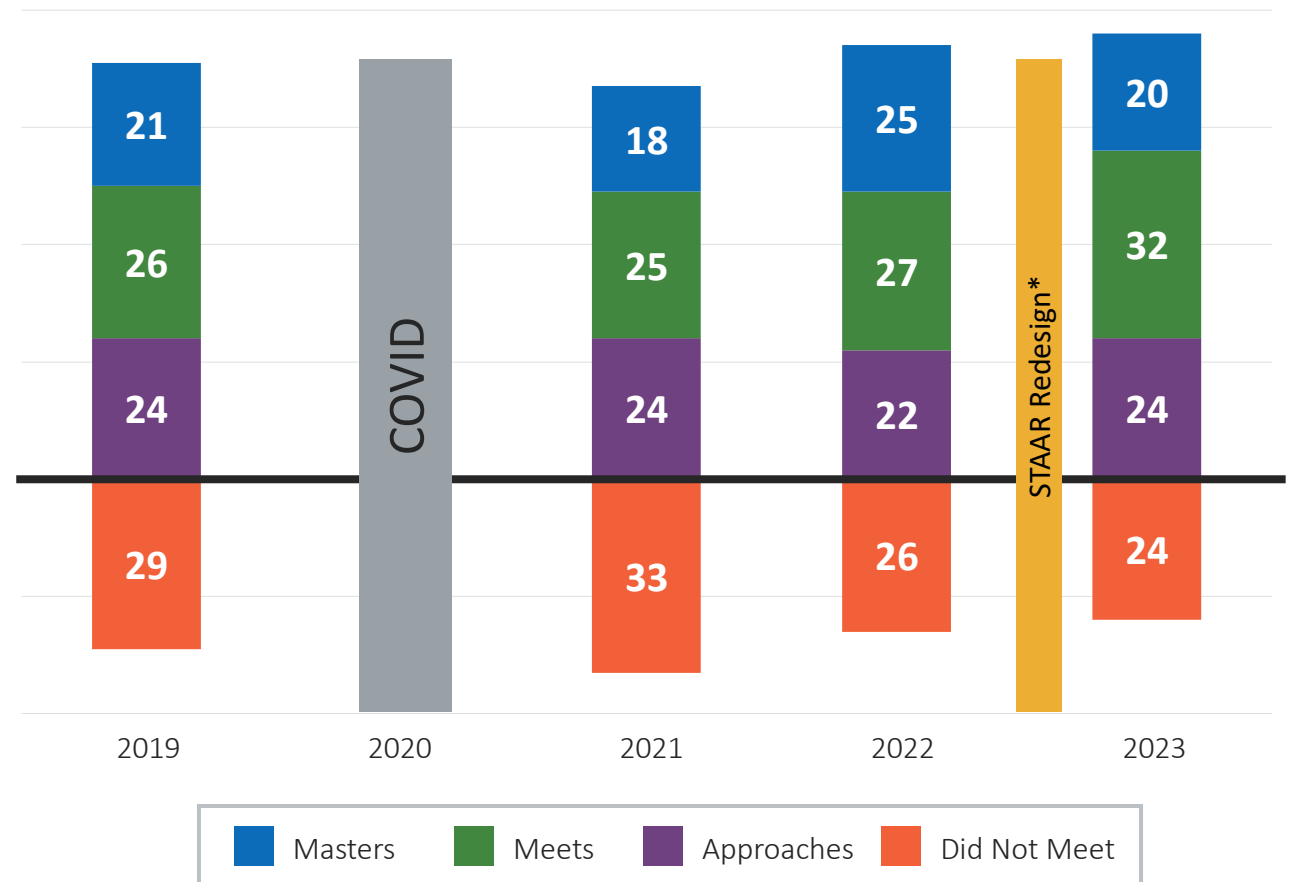
## Percent of Students that Met Grade Level or Above in RLA

(Grades 3-8, English I & II)



## Percent of Students by Performance Level – RLA

(Grades 3-8, English I & II)



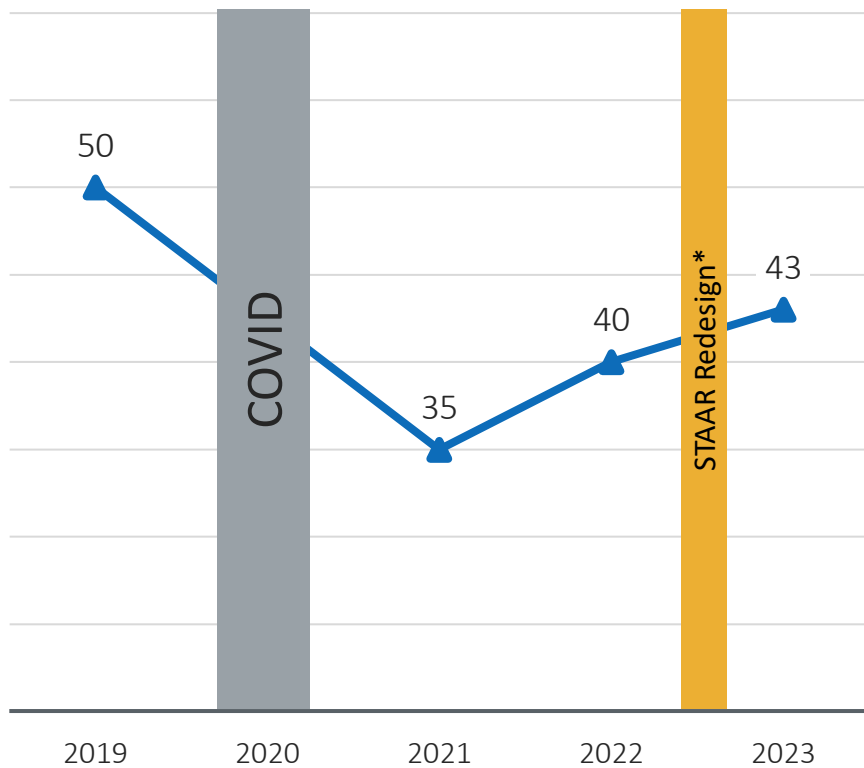
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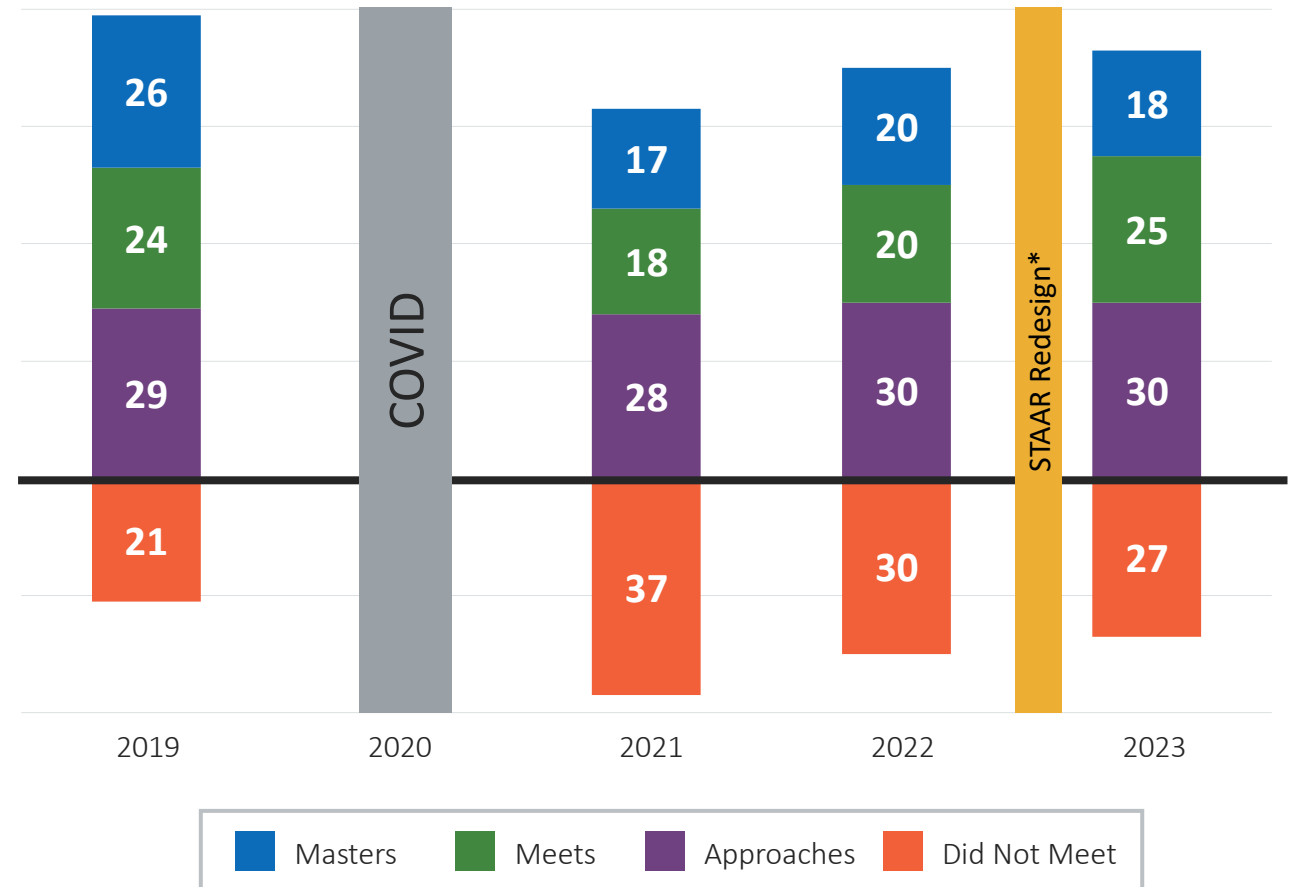
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# Overall Math - Grades 3-8 and Algebra I

**Percent of Students that Met Grade Level  
or Above in Math**  
(Grades 3-8 & Algebra I)



**Percent of Students by Performance Level – Math**  
(Grades 3-8 & Algebra I)



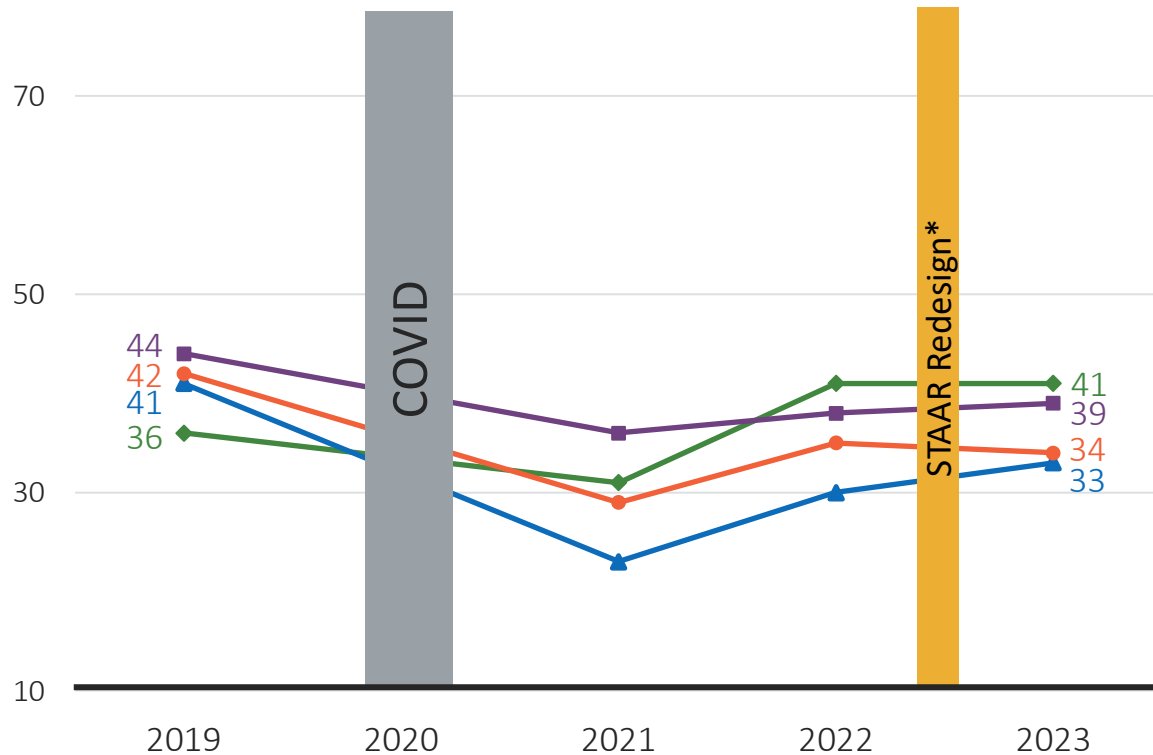
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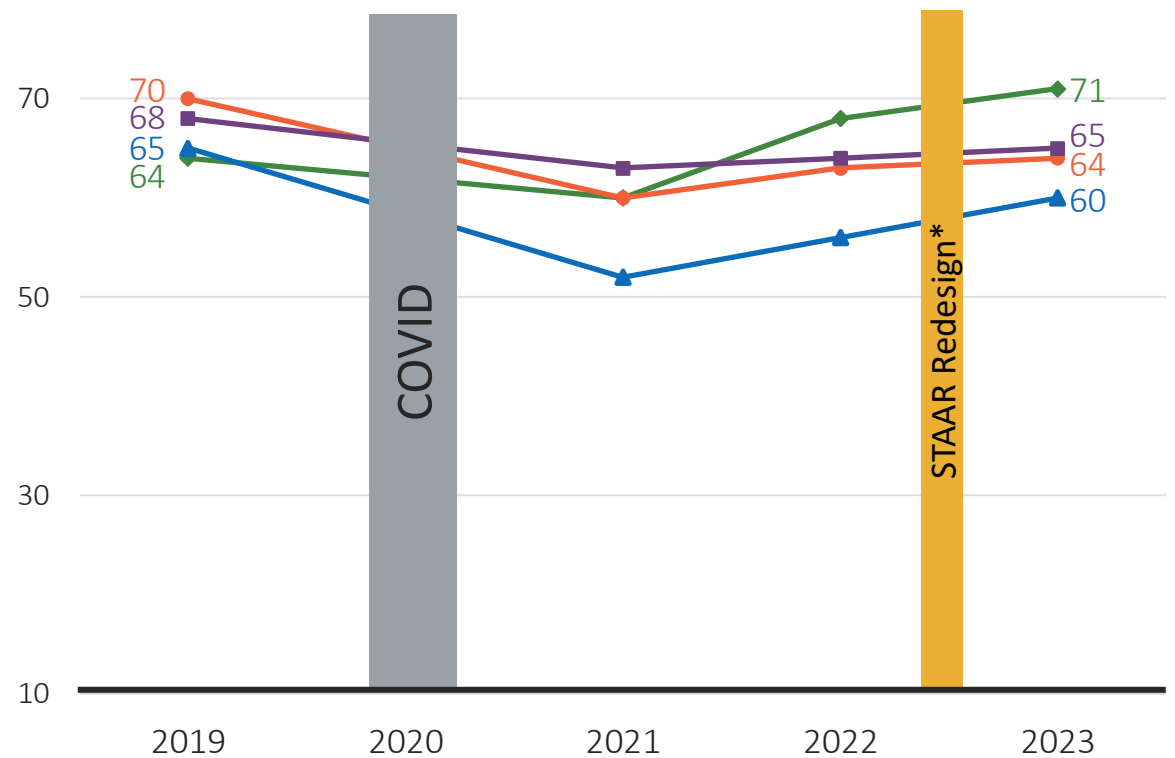
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# Economically Disadvantaged

Economically Disadvantaged –  
Percentage of Students Who Met Grade Level



Non-Economically Disadvantaged –  
Percentage of Students Who Met Grade Level



Math Grades 3-8  
and Algebra I



RLA Grades 3-8 and  
English I & II



Science Grades 5 & 8  
and Biology

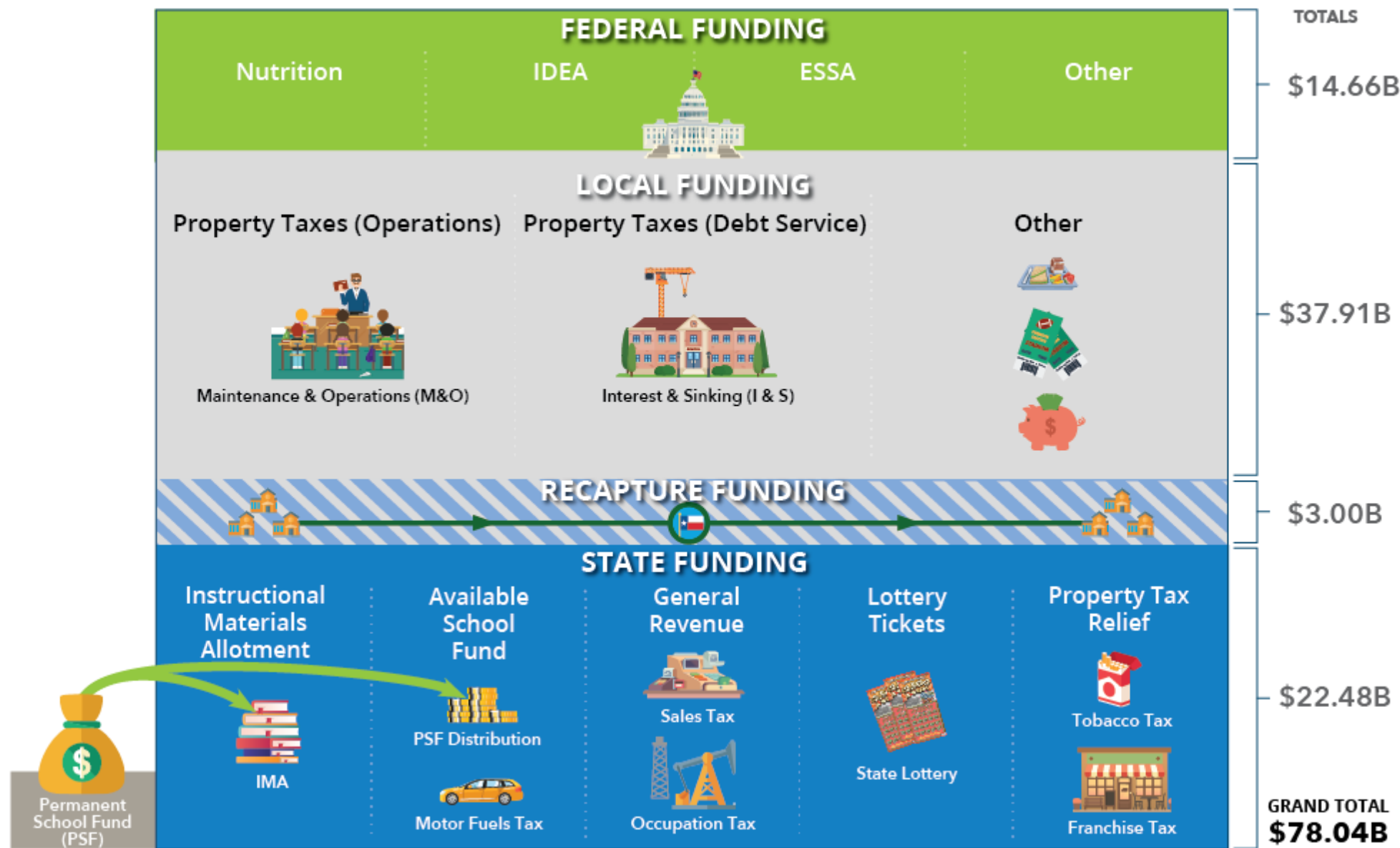


Social Studies Grade 8  
and US History

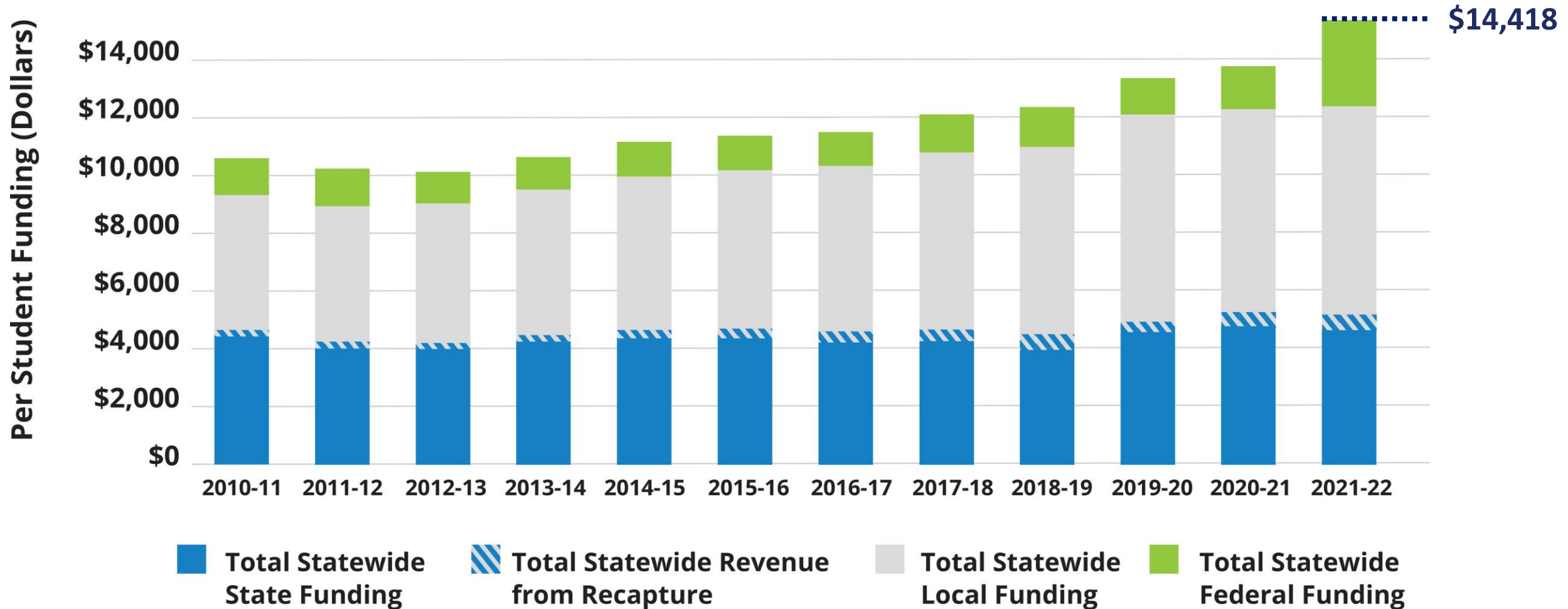
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# How are Public Schools Funded?

2021-22  
School Year



# Per Student Annual School Funding in Texas



# 88<sup>th</sup> Regular Session Update – New State-Level Funding

Note: The FSP is driven by both state-level funding and local funding authorized by the legislature. This slide focuses solely on the state-level funding.

\$ Billion	FY22-FY23 GAA	Budget to Actuals	FY22-FY23 Base	FY24-FY25 GAA Art III & SB30	FY24-FY25 GAA Art IX*	FY24-FY25 Total*	Change \$ (%)
Foundation School Program	\$51.7	\$(3.9)	\$47.8	\$48.7	\$16.8	\$65.5	\$17.7 (37%)
All Other Programs	\$14.2	\$1.9	\$16.1	\$16.0	\$0.8	\$16.8	\$0.7 (4.6%)
Subtotal, TEA Approps.	\$65.9	\$(2.0)	\$63.9	\$64.7	\$17.6	\$82.3	\$18.4 (29%)

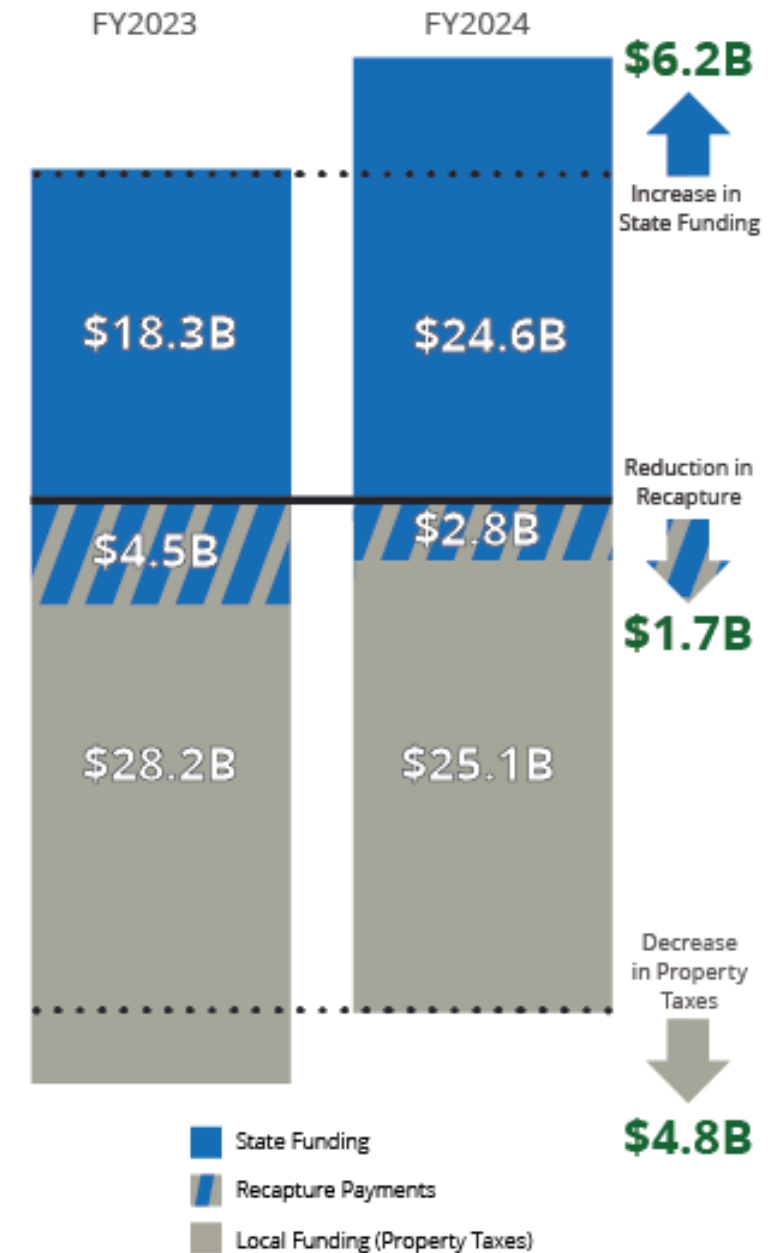
\*Includes funding contingent upon legislation to be adopted in special session(s)

**State funds for K-12 education are projected to increase \$18.4 billion (or 29%) over actual 2022-2023 biennial spending.**

**Funding for education purposes appropriated through TEA represents close to one-third of all state funds in the budget.**

# Lowering property taxes

- As a result of actions by the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, regular and second special sessions:
  - School property taxes will decrease by \$4.8B / year
    - This includes a \$1.7B recapture reduction
  - State spending on K-12 will increase by \$6.2B / year
- This is before any additional potential actions by the Legislature during the fourth special session.



SOURCE: TEA Summary of Finances (FY 23 near final / FY 24 preliminary)

NOTE: School Operations funding

# According to headlines, schools have no new money this school year

June 2023

**Central Texas school districts face budget deficits after Legislature does not increase key funding**

July 2023

**Bryan ISD voices frustration over lack of legislative funding**

July 2023

**With no new funding from the state, Texas schools are breaking the bank to pay for teacher raises**

**Rural School Districts Are Facing Financial Ruin. Some State Officials Prefer It That Way.**

August 2023

**Fort Worth-area districts stuck with the tab after Texas legislators say no to increasing funding for schools, teacher raises**

June 2023

## New Net Funding for Public Education – Appropriated & Issued

### Recurring Funding Increases:

Increase to Instructional Materials & Technology Allotment (IMTA)	\$ 621	GAA III TEA Rider 8
Increase to entitlements & LEA grants for SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials	500	GAA IX 18.78
Increase to FSP payments & technical supports for school safety	300	GAA IX 18.78
Increase in Golden Penny Yield	2,367	GAA IX 18.78
Increase for New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA)	60	GAA IX 18.78
Increase subsidy for public school employee retirement payroll taxes	673	GAA III TRS A.1.1

### New One-time Funding:

School safety grants	\$ 1,100	SB30 4.02
Subsidy for ActiveCare	589	GAA III TRS A.3.1
K-12 cybersecurity initiative	55	GAA III TEA B.3.5

**\$6.3B new funds fully approved**  
**\$300+ / student / year increase**

## New Net Funding for Education – Appropriated & Contingent

### Recurring Funding Increases:

FSP & grant increases for teacher pay, special education, and finance generally	\$ 3,997	GAA IX 18.78
Virtual school grant support	49	GAA IX 18.78
School Choice	500	GAA IX 18.78

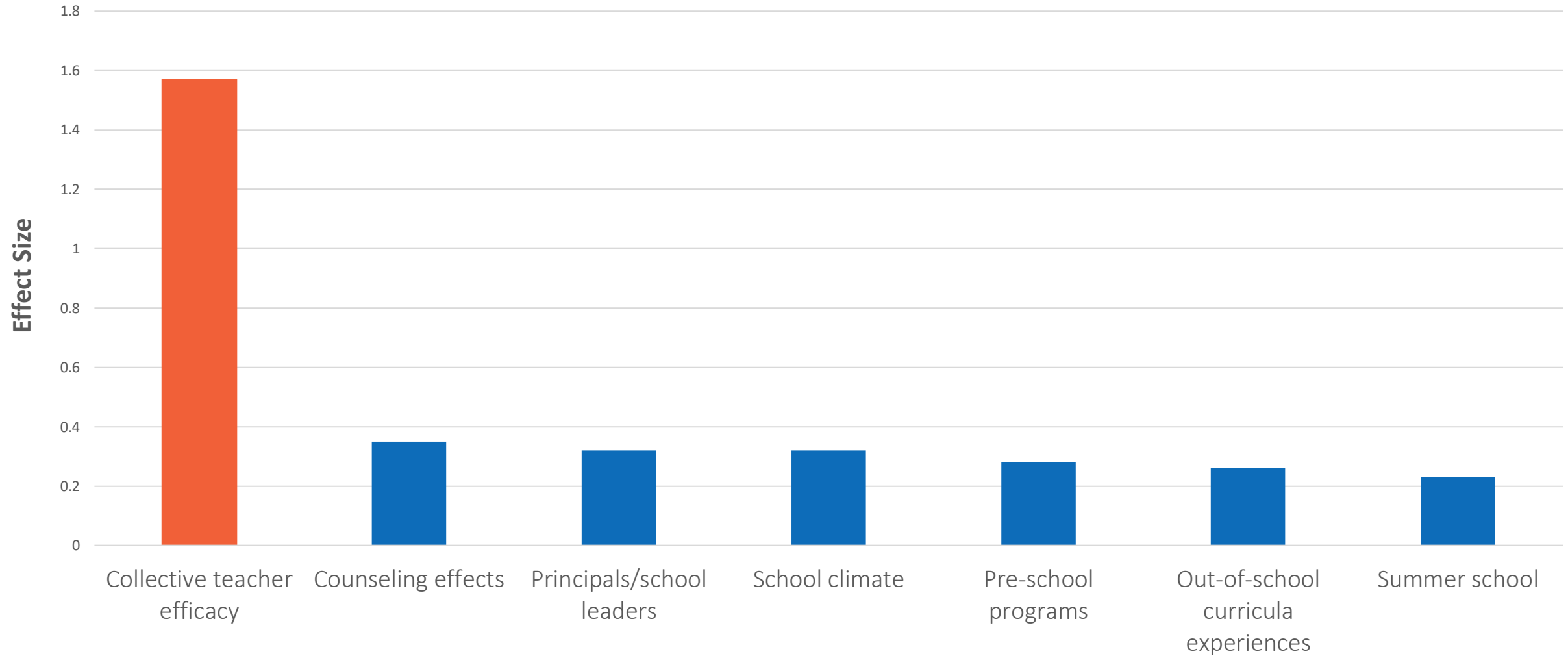
## New State Share Increases for Public Education

### Recurring Funding Increases:

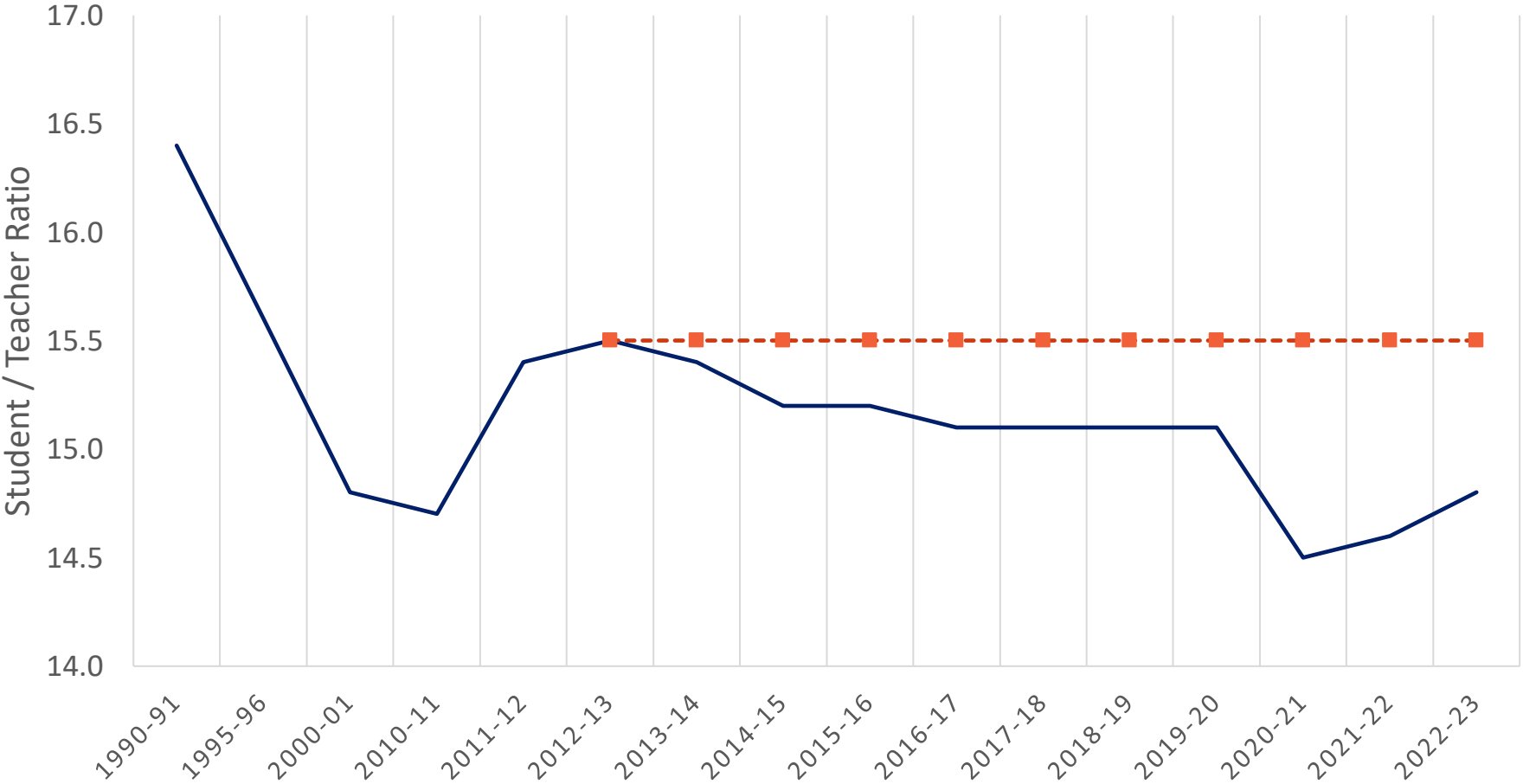
Property tax reductions from existing law	\$ 5,305	GAA IX 18.79
Property tax reductions from SB2 (88-2)	12,295	GAA IX 18.79

**How should we be targeting our K-12 funds?**

# Teachers are the single most important in-school factor impacting student outcomes



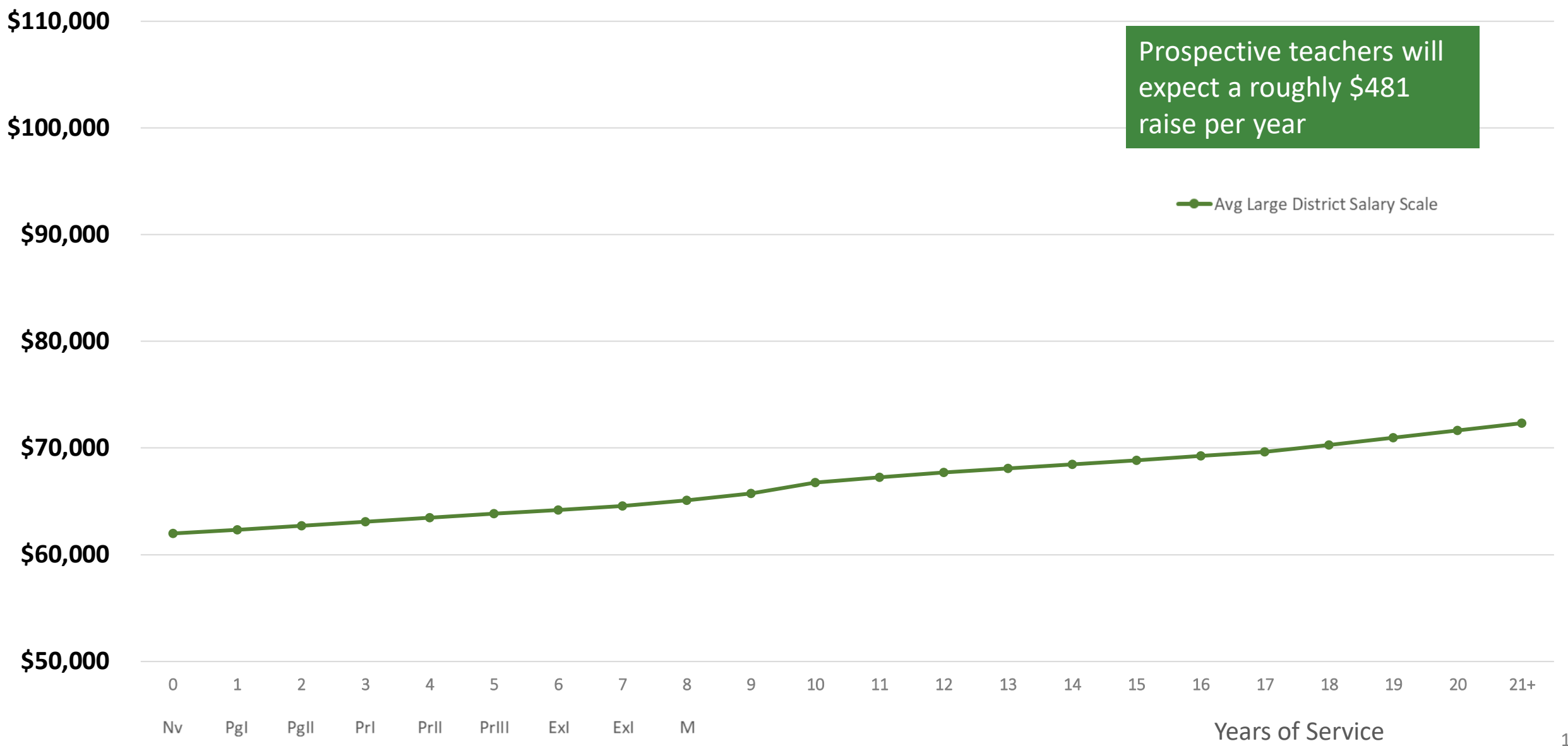
As school funding has increased, Teacher to Student ratios have decreased. This has impacted teacher pay.



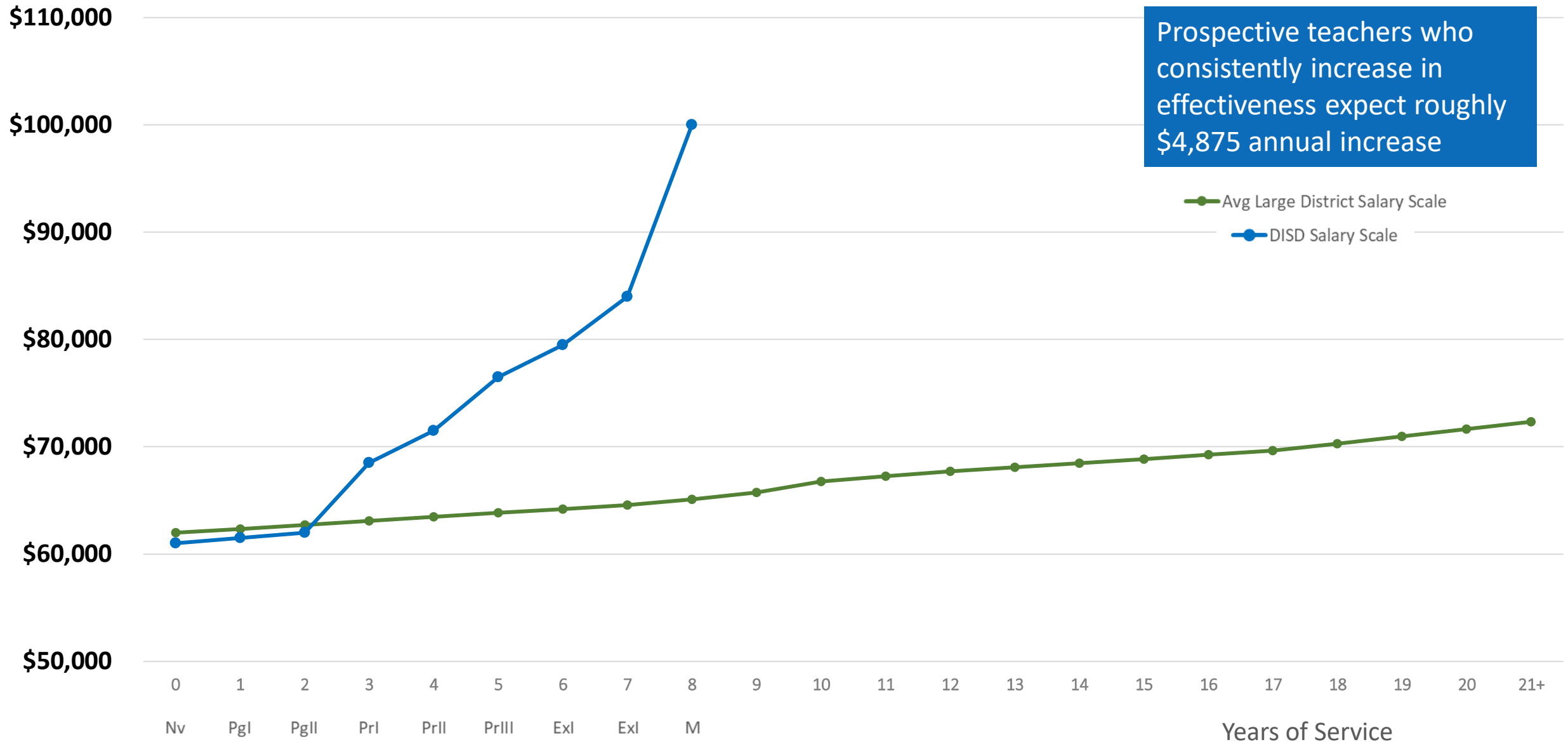
If the student to teacher ratio had remained at 2012 levels, current teacher compensation could be approximately \$3,500 more while spending the same overall on teacher salaries.

If TX had CA student teacher ratio, average teacher pay in Texas would be \$84,500+

# Teacher Raises in Texas Today

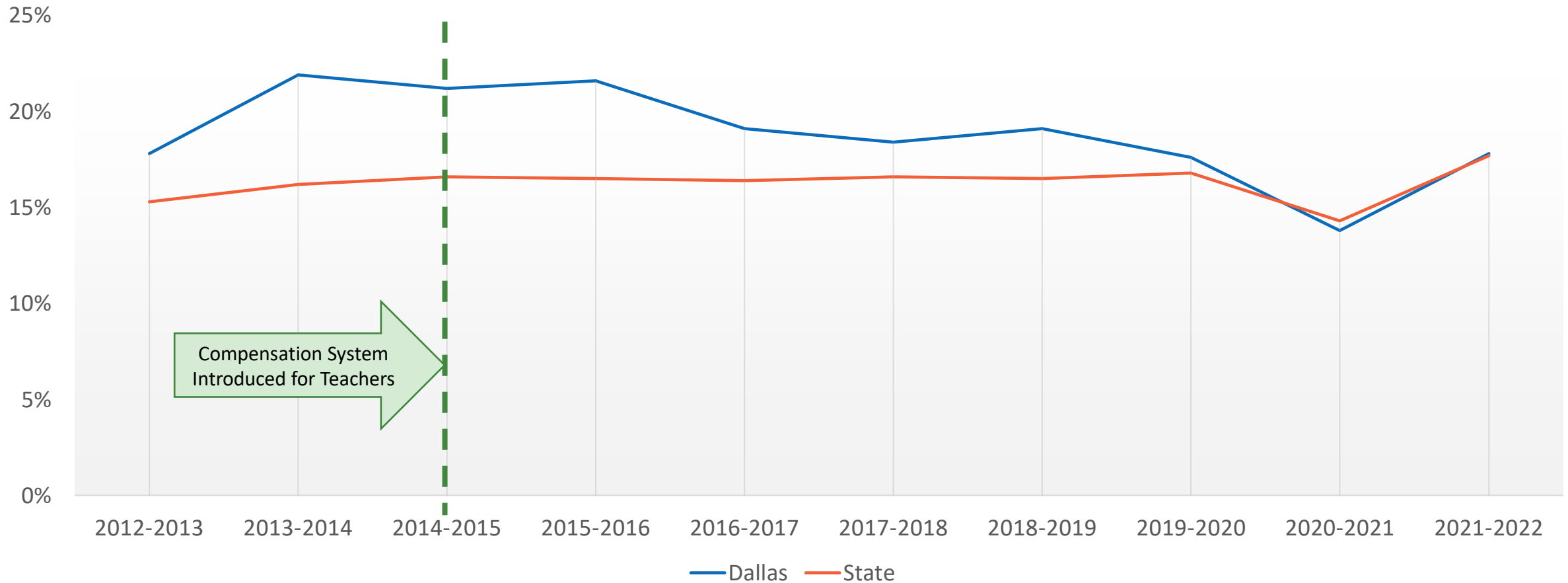


# Teacher Raises in Texas: What Could Be



# Paying Based on Effectiveness Increased Teacher Retention

Teacher Turnover Rate



Dallas has closed the turnover gap with the state, despite high student poverty

# Paying Based on Effectiveness Led to Major Gains for Students

## Teacher Compensation Reform and Students' Math Achievement



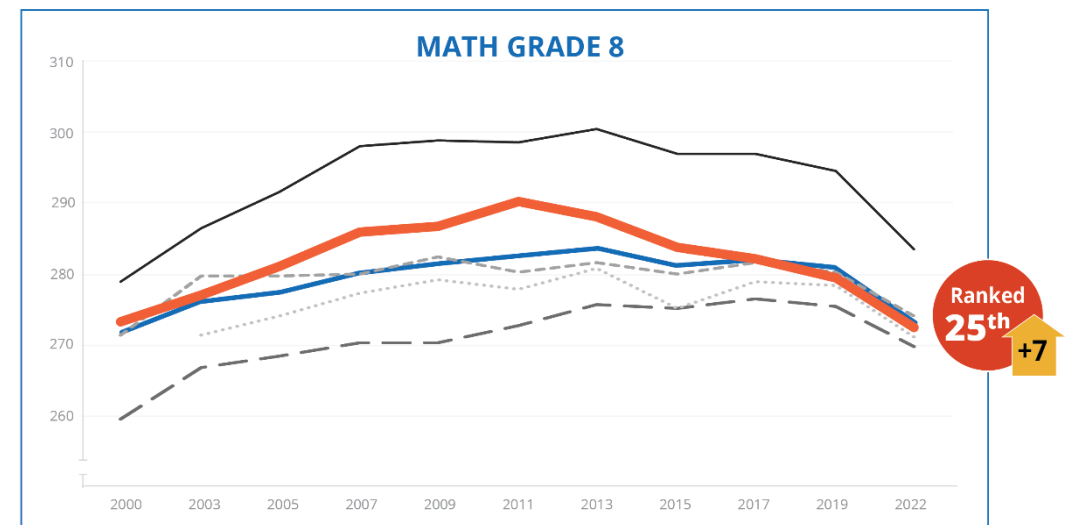
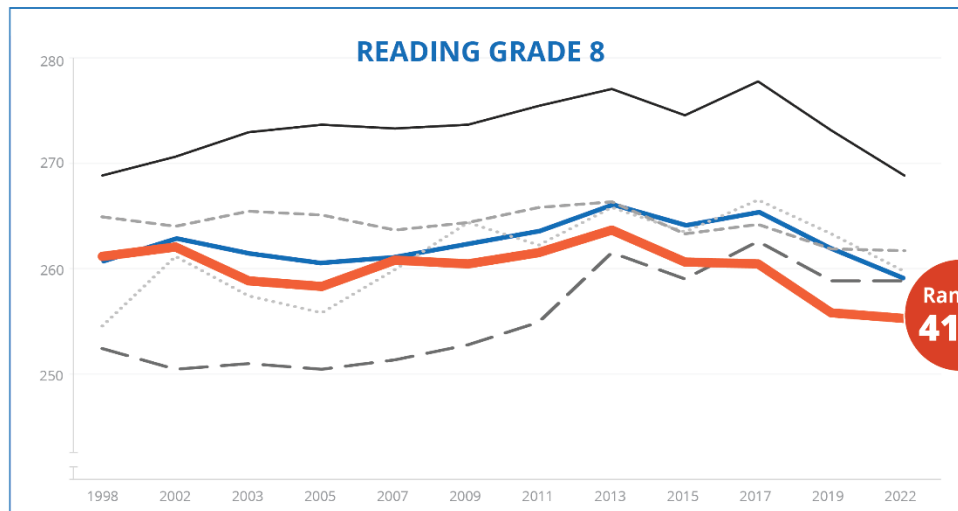
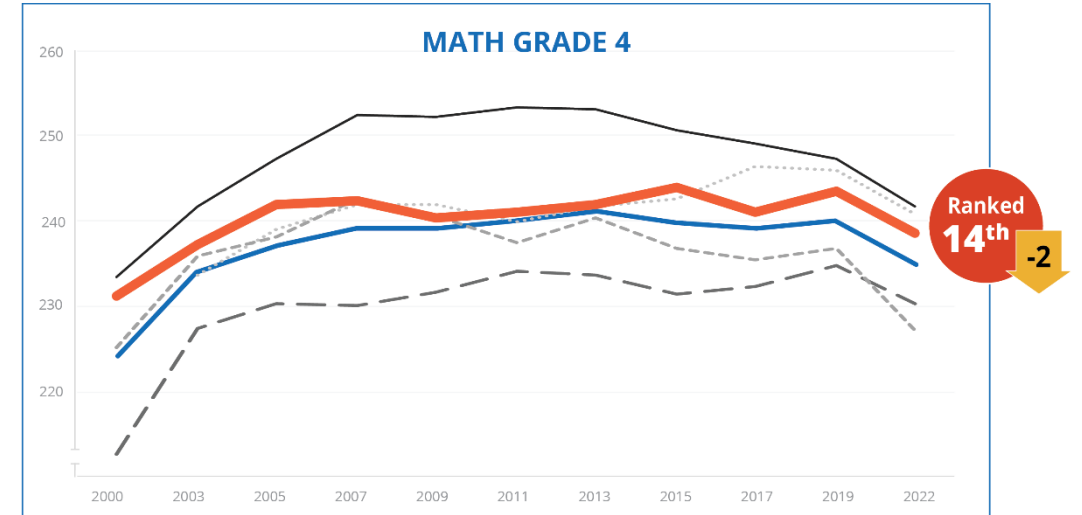
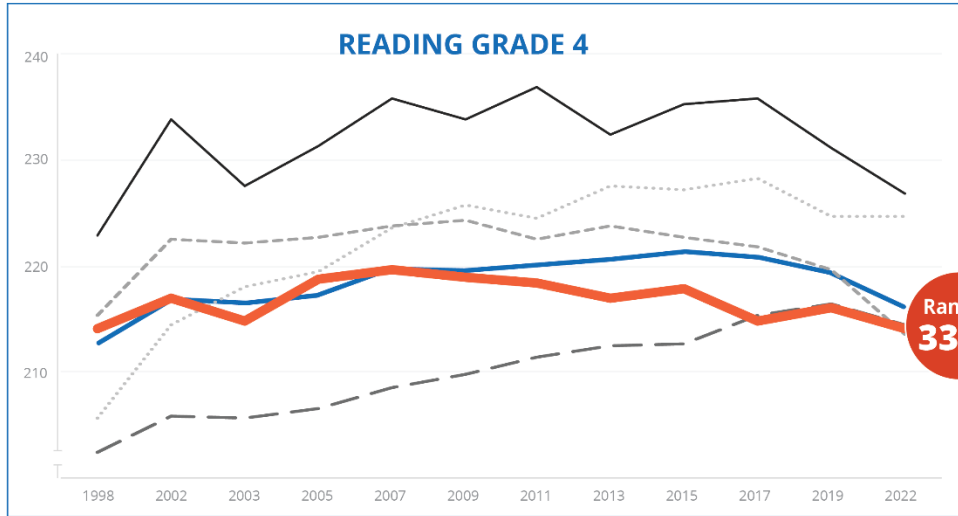
<https://www.nber.org/digest/20236/dallas-initiatives-centered-teacher-pay-show-strong-results-over>

**School funding matters.**

**District decisions also  
matter.**

**How does Texas compare?**

# A National Comparison



KEY: — USA — TX — CA — MA ..... FL - - - NY Change in ranking from 2019

## 2022: How Texas Compares

Results from the 2022 NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress), also known as the Nation's Report Card, highlight the hard work of Texas teachers and students. While it shows Texas schools are largely recovering from the effects of the pandemic in reading, work remains to be done in math.

### AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

 Reading **6<sup>th</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **6<sup>th</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

 Math **1<sup>st</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **1<sup>st</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

### ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

 Reading **20<sup>th</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **22<sup>nd</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

 Math **6<sup>th</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **9<sup>th</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

### HISPANIC STUDENTS

 Reading **21<sup>st</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **26<sup>th</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

 Math **4<sup>th</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **7<sup>th</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

























### WHITE STUDENTS

 Reading **15<sup>th</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **40<sup>th</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

 Math **2<sup>nd</sup>** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade • **24<sup>th</sup>** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade



# Comparing Funding & Student Outcomes: Texas vs. New York

## Which state has higher average scores on NAEP?

	4 <sup>th</sup> Reading	4 <sup>th</sup> Math	8 <sup>th</sup> Reading	8 <sup>th</sup> Math
White				
Black				
Hispanic				
Asian				
Economically Disadvantaged				
Non Economically Disadvantaged				

From 2022 NAEP

## How much is each state spending?

NY		\$25,597
TX		\$12,374

Expenditure per pupil in fall enrollment  
From NCES 2019-20



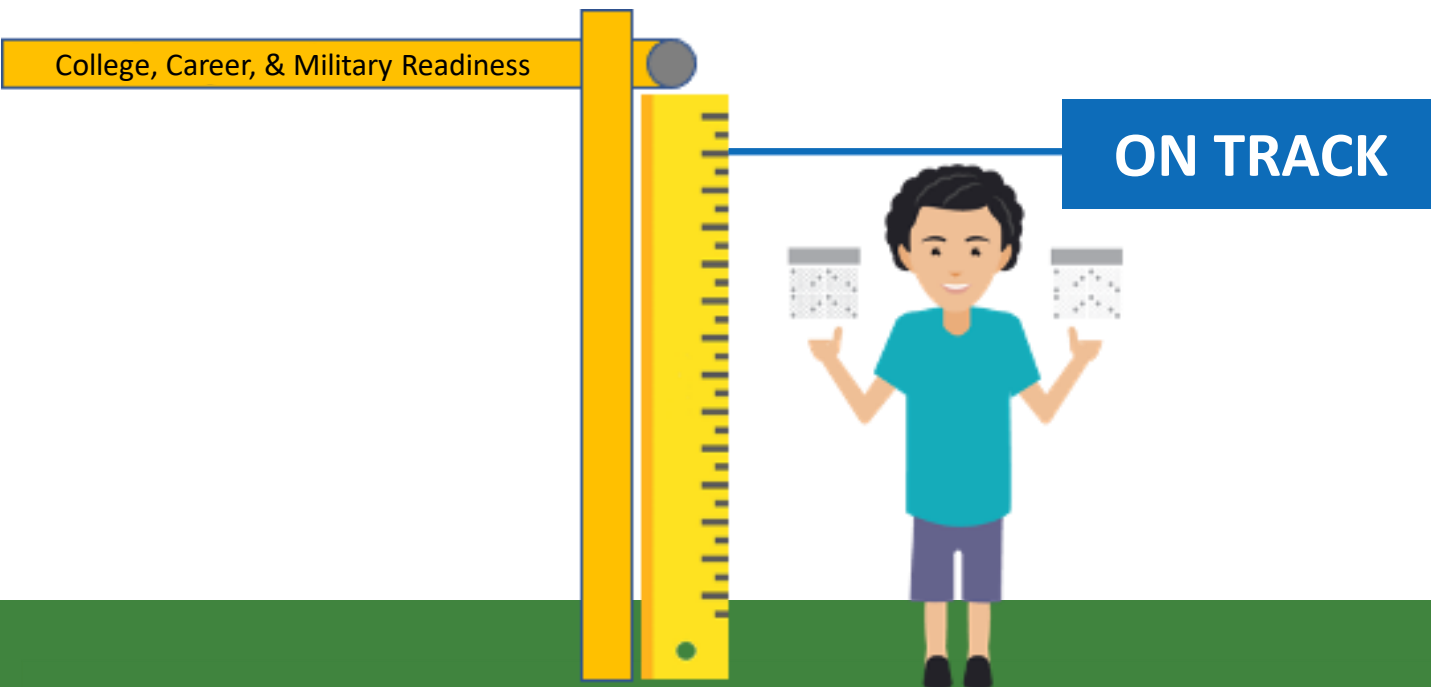
**Accountability helps Texas  
schools and students**

We believe that all students can learn and achieve at high levels.



# Expectations Matter, At All Grade Levels

The State Board of Education has defined what all students should know and be able to do at each grade level if they are to be well prepared for success in life. These are called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

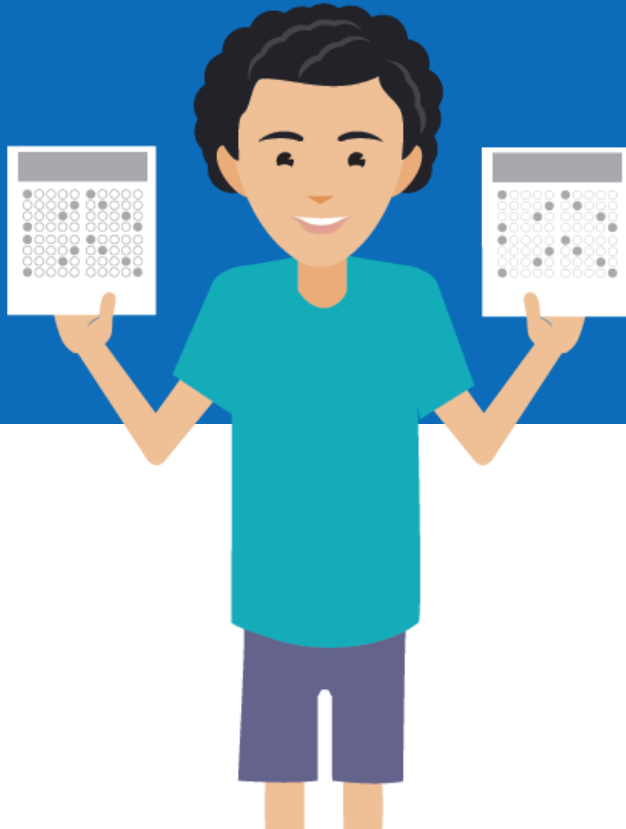


## What does this look like in practice?

**TEKS 3.5A:** Represent one- and two-step problems involving addition and subtraction of whole numbers to 1,000 using pictorial models, number lines, and equations.

# Monitoring Progress Helps Support Students

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## Actual 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade STAAR Question:

An art teacher had 736 crayons. She threw away 197 broken crayons. Then she bought 150 more crayons. Which equation shows how to find the number of crayons the art teacher has now?

- A)  $736 - 197 - 150 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- B)  $736 - 197 + 150 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- C)  $736 + 197 + 150 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- D)  $736 + 197 - 150 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

# Clear Performance Information Helps Students

You can't improve what you can't see. To serve all students well, educators, parents, businesses leaders, and community members need easy access to information regarding how schools and districts are doing.

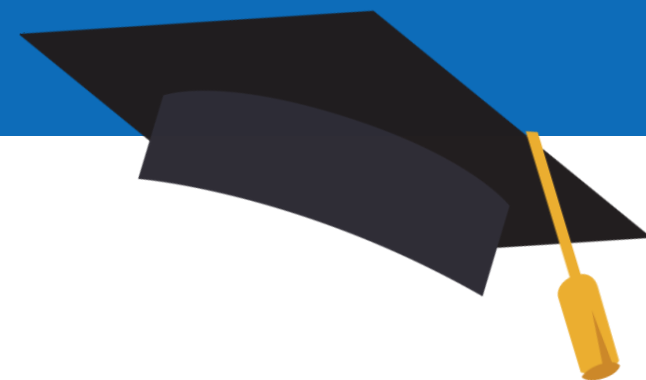


# Students Are Helped In School & In Life

Monitoring performance with school ratings has been shown to have long term benefits for students:

“Our analysis reveals that pressure on schools to avoid a low performance rating led low-scoring students to score significantly higher on a high-stakes math exam in 10th grade. These students were also more likely to accumulate significantly more math credits and to graduate from high school on time.

**Later in life, they were more likely to attend and graduate from a four-year college, and they had higher earnings at age 25.”**



## School Leaders Can't Do It Alone. We Need Your Support.





**Thank you**