Selected Data from VASS Spring 2015 Superintendent Survey

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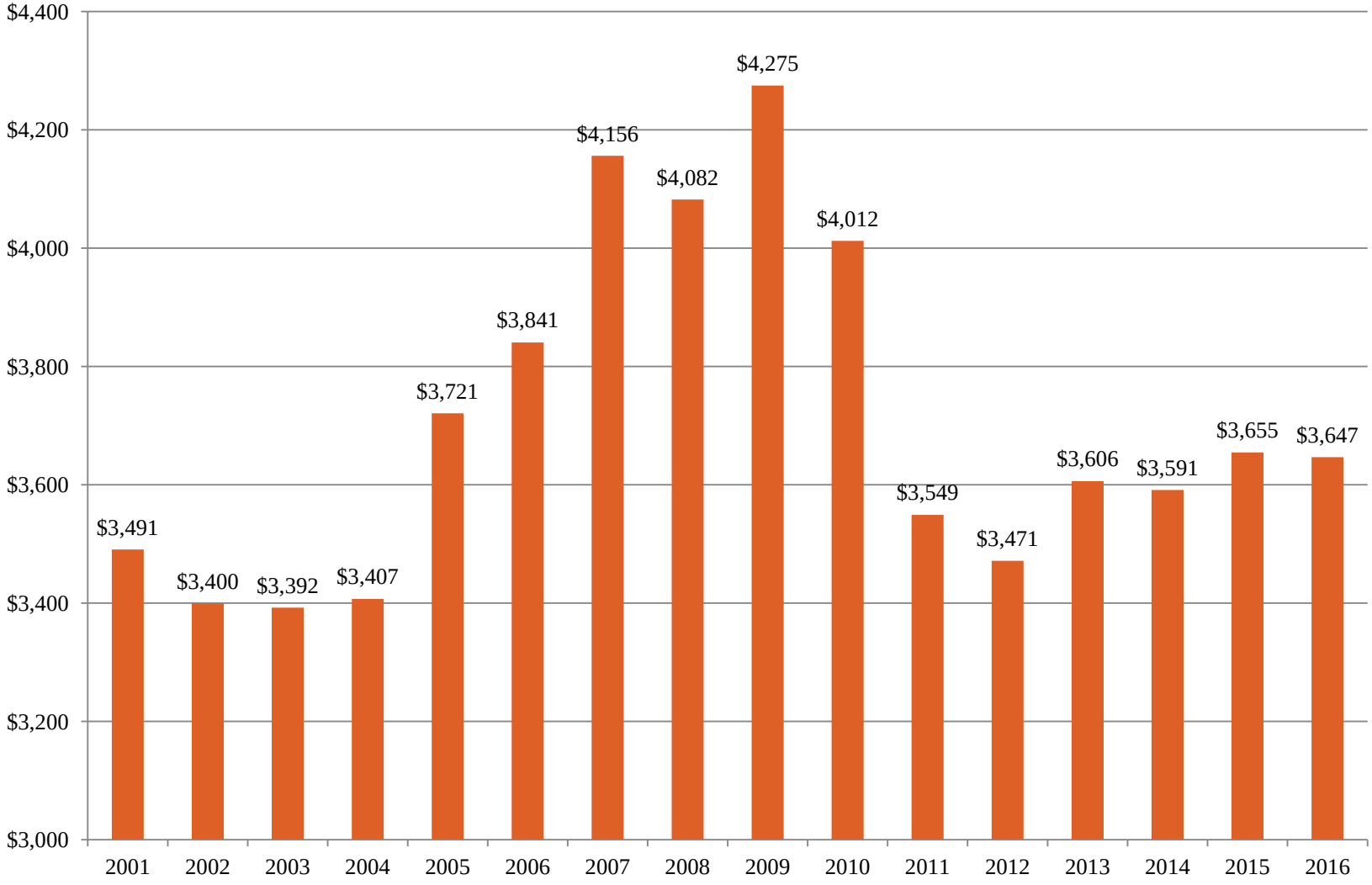
Inflation-Adjusted State Per Pupil K-12 Funding
(FY 2001 $ - All State Appropriated Funds)



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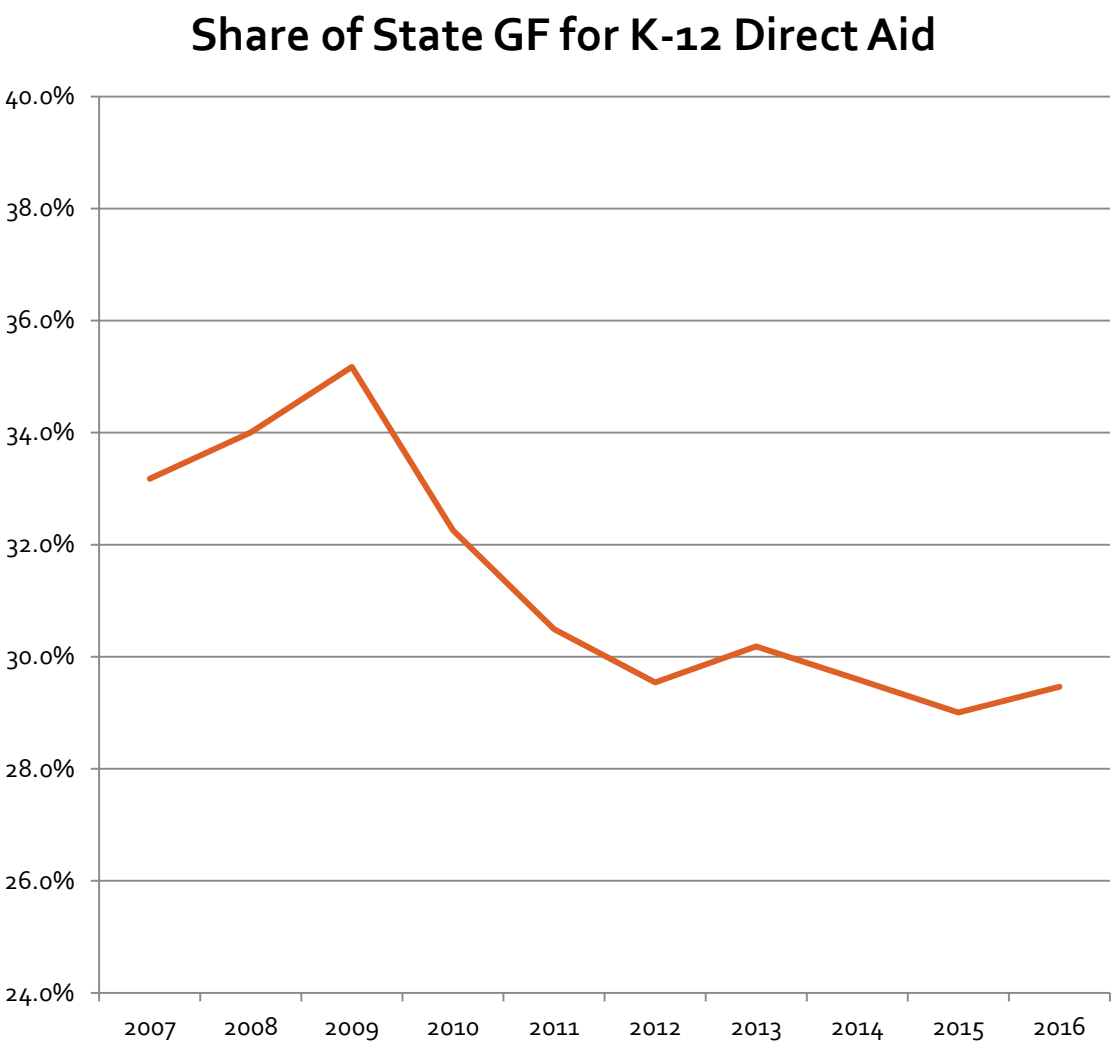

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Major State K-12 Funding Policy Changes Since 2009	Session	Biennial $Mil.
Cap Funding for Support Positions	2009	($754)
Eliminate School Construction Grants	2009	($55)
Adjust Health Care Participation Rates	2010	($269)
Eliminate Equipment, Travel, Misc. Expenses From SOQ Calculation	2010	($244)
Include $0 Values in Linear Weighted Avg Calculation	2010	($79)
Eliminate Lottery Support for School Construction	2010	($67)
Drop Lowest Tier From K-3 Class Size Calculation	2010	($36)
Extend School Bus Replacement Cycle From 12 to 15 Yrs	2010	($19)
Eliminate Enrollment Loss Assistance	2010	($16)
Eliminate Non-personal Inflation Update (not originally intended as permanent, *partially offset in 2012-14 biennium*)	2012	($109)
Reduce Nova COCA for support positions	2012	($28)
Use Kindergarten as Proxy for 4-yr-old Pre-K Count	2012	($27)
Total Major Policy Changes Since 2009		**($1,703)**

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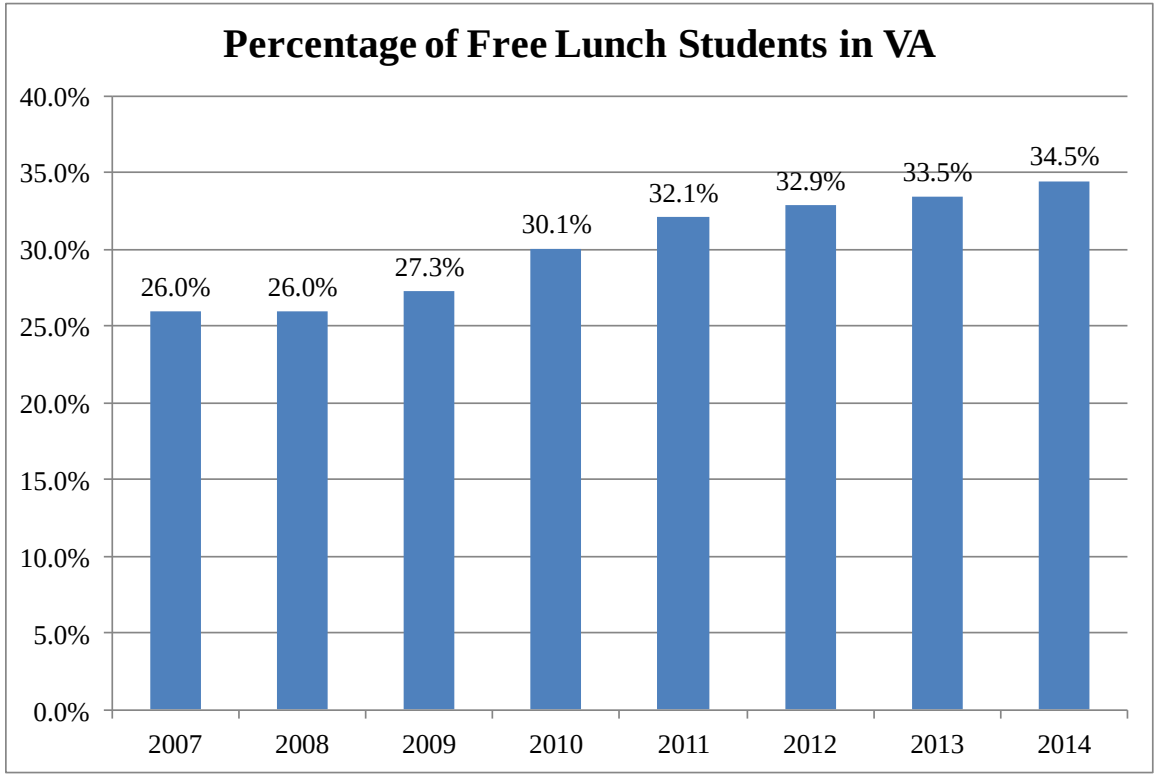

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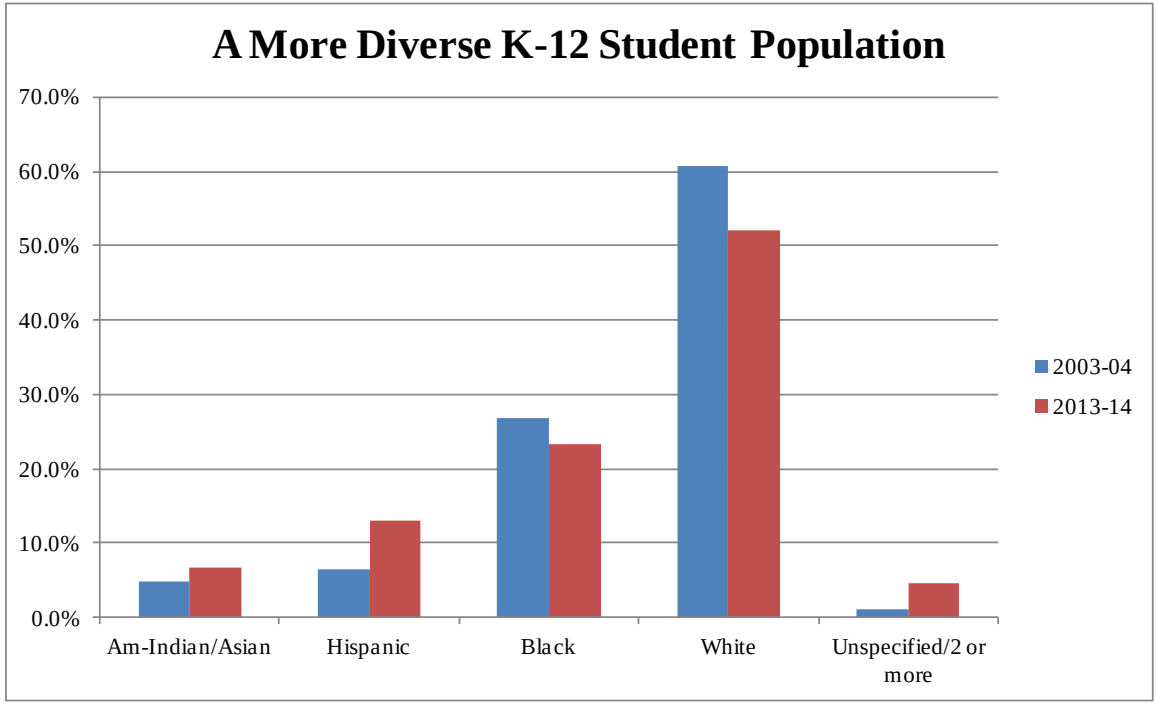

Summary of Respondents

- Division Enrollment-Size Categories:
  - **Small** – 2,000 or less
  - **Medium** – 2,001-15,000
  - **Large** – 15,001-40,000
  - **Grande** – 40,001 or greater

	Responses	Total	Percent
Small	31	36	86%
Medium	68	80	85%
Large	8	10	80%
Grande	5	6	83%
Total	112	132	85%

- Note: not all divisions responded to all questions

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State Funding Change per Student 2008-2014

	Increase	Decrease	Avg. Incr.	Avg. Decr.
Region 1	1	14	$357	$658
Region 2	2	13	$114	$719
Region 3	3	14	$334	$507
Region 4	9	10	$423	$110
Region 5	3	17	$249	$618
Region 6	1	14	$10	$636
Region 7	1	18	$375	$689
Region 8	1	11	$915	$657
Total	21	111	$354	$593

- From all divisions' ASRs (not just those responding to the VASS survey)
- Excludes State capital funding

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Local Funding Change per Student 2008-2014

	Increase	Decrease	Avg. Incr.	Avg. Decr.
Region 1	6	9	$514	$1,340
Region 2	11	4	$500	$929
Region 3	10	7	$1,038	$882
Region 4	9	10	$1,235	$1,919
Region 5	14	6	$1,134	$1,002
Region 6	9	6	$850	$2,175
Region 7	13	6	$769	$2,620
Region 8	8	4	$320	$554
Total	80	52	$827	$1,503

- From all divisions' ASRs (not just those responding to the VASS survey)

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Staffing Reductions

- 92% of divisions responding have reduced staff in response to budget pressures since 2008

	FTE Reduced
Teachers	3,785
School-Based Administrators	232
Support Staff (School & Division)	3,701
Division-Level Administrators	283
Total	8,001

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Impact on Staff

- In 2008 the average percentage of staff with five or few years experience was 25.8%, with the number in 2014 dropping to 23.8%
- 26% of respondents believe that their starting salary enhances the number of teacher applicants, 45% believe that it deters, with the remaining 29% unsure.
- **77% of respondents believe that teachers have left their division due to their salary (10% No; 13 % Unsure)**
- 29% of respondents believe that changes in VRS benefits have affected the availability of qualified teachers (29% No; 44% Unsure)

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Impact on Staff

- **87% of respondents who have reduced staff have added duties to the remaining staff**
- **19% of divisions have reduced employees' compensation since 2008 to accommodate funding reductions**
- The average increase in starting salary for those who have not reduced compensation is $2,311.
- **44% of divisions have reduced employees' benefits since 2008**

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Impact on Class Size

- **71% of divisions responding have increased class sizes since July 1, 2008**
- Of these, 54% say the reported largest class sizes below are the norm rather than the exception

	Avg. Largest Class Sizes
Elementary	25.6
Middle	28.6
High School	29.9

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Program Reductions

- **51% of divisions responding have reduced curricular programs for cumulative reductions of:**

	Eliminated Programs
Fine Arts	47
Foreign Language	40
Physical Education	34
Career Technical Education	88.5
Total	209.5

- 76% of divisions responding have reduced professional development spending since 2008

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Program Reductions

- **28% of divisions responding have reduced co-curricular programs for cumulative reductions** of:

	Eliminated Programs
Academic Clubs	53
Student Clubs	45
Athletics	58
Total	156

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School Closings

- 22% of divisions responding have closed schools for financial reasons for cumulative closings of:

	Closed Buildings
Elementary	30
Middle	10.5
High School	2.5
Total	43

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