

Overview of Chapter 70 Funding for Education

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FY2025 Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid and Net School Spending Requirements

January 24, 2024

Pursuant to section 6 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education is issuing the preliminary estimates of Chapter 70 school aid and net school spending requirements for FY2025. These estimates are based on House 2, Governor Healey's proposed state budget for the coming fiscal year. The proposal increases aid to districts from \$6,592,623,086 to \$6,856,027,888, an increase of \$263 million or 4%.

These are preliminary estimates subject to change as the House and Senate deliberate on the budget. Our purpose in providing these estimates is to assist cities, towns, and regional school districts in their budget preparations for FY2025. We encourage you to construct your local budgets with sufficient flexibility to accommodate the changes that often occur in the state budget process. The Commissioner will issue the final, official school spending requirements as soon as the Governor and the Legislature approve either the FY2025 state budget or an earlier local aid resolution.

The FY2025 Chapter 70 program continues to implement the Student Opportunity Act ([An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students](#)). The Act makes significant changes to the Chapter 70 formula, based, in large part, on the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC). The updated formula is also codified in Chapter 70 of the general laws.

Statutory Parameters

The updated formula includes three parameters to be specified in each year's general appropriations act. In House 2, these are specified as follows:

- Total state target local contribution: 59%
- Effort reduction: 100%
- Minimum aid: \$30 per pupil

Here are links to more detailed information on the Governor's proposed budget:

- [Summary chart](#), showing foundation enrollment, foundation budget, Chapter 70 aid, and required local contributions for each school district
- [Summary chart for regional school districts](#), showing foundation enrollment and required local contribution for each member of the district
- [PowerPoint](#), describing the major components of the formula
- [Complete formula spreadsheet](#), showing the detailed calculations for each municipality and district

[Preliminary FY2025 charter school tuition and enrollment](#)

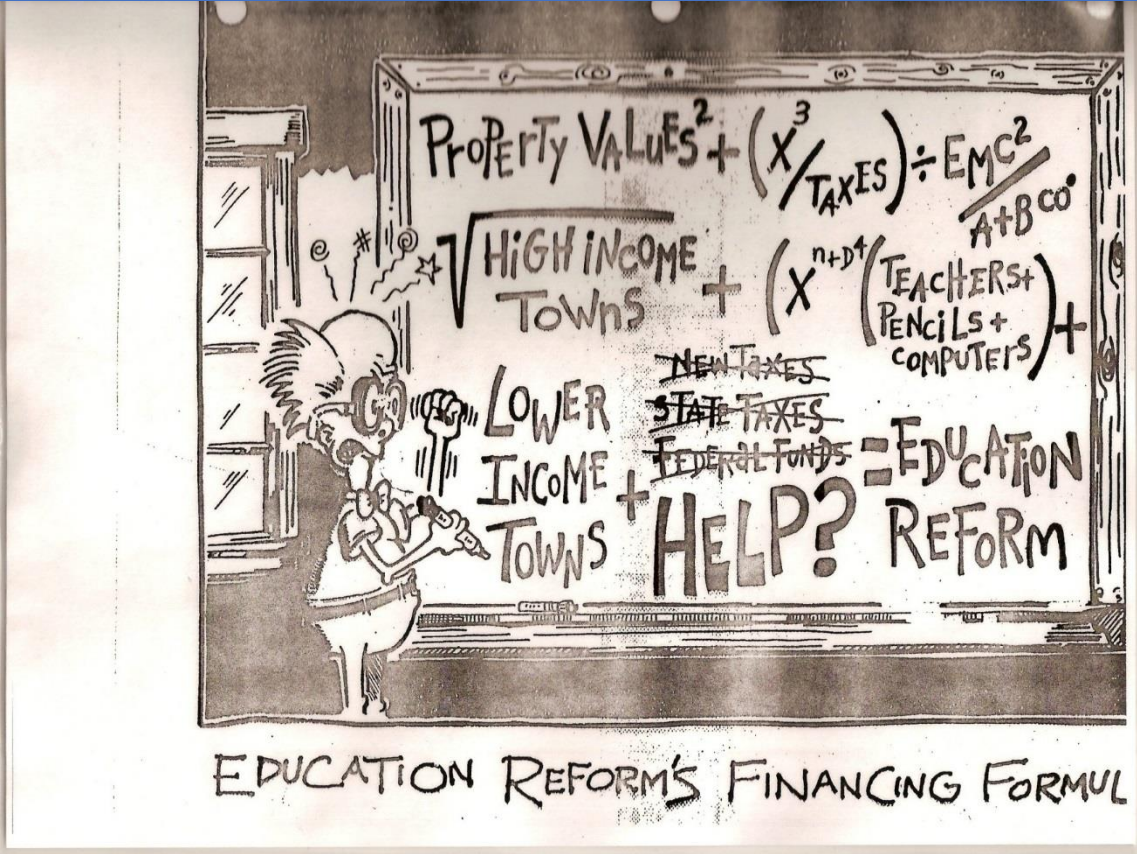
Today's Learning Objectives

A scenic view of a river with a bridge, trees, and city buildings in the background. The river is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the sky. A stone bridge with a single arch spans the river in the middle ground. In the background, several modern city buildings are visible under a clear blue sky. The foreground is filled with lush green trees and bushes, some of which are reflected in the water.

- Review the components of the Foundation Budget
- Review how local contribution and state aid are determined.
- Review the phase-in of the Student Opportunity Act.

What Most People Think About The State Aid Formula

(by Dave Granlund, MetroWest Daily News)



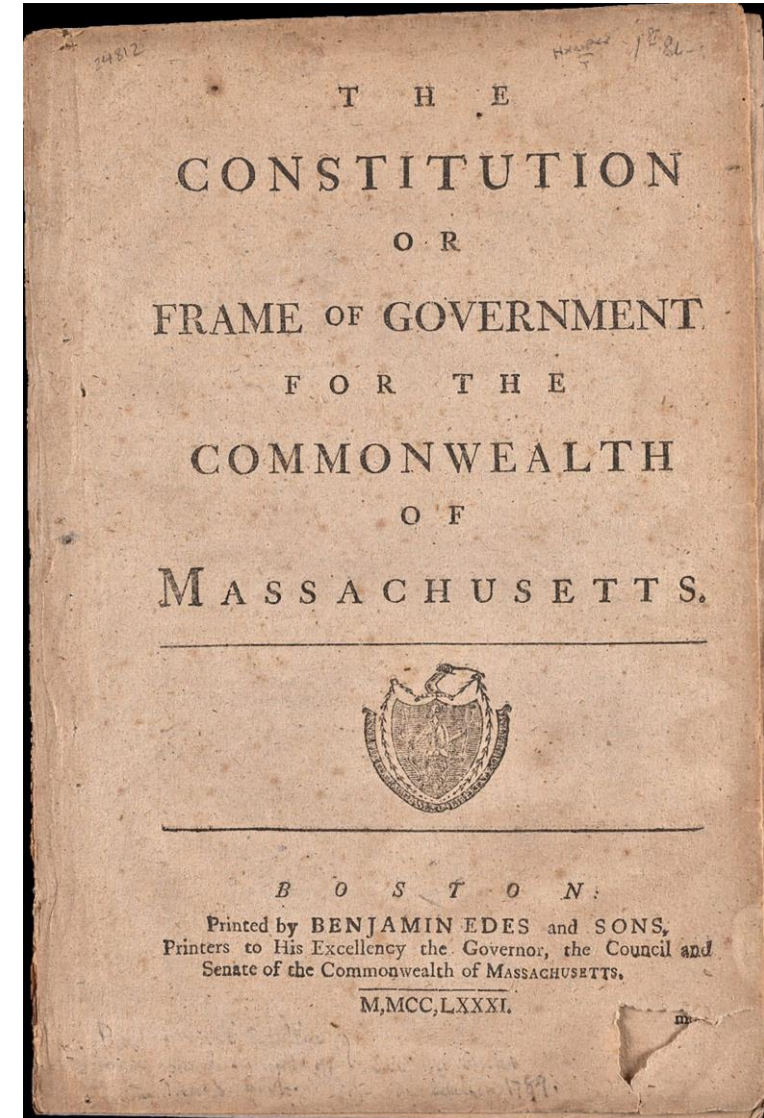
Massachusetts Chapter 70

It is the intention of the general court, subject to appropriation, to assure fair and adequate minimum per student funding for public schools in the commonwealth by defining a foundation budget and a standard of local funding effort applicable to every city and town in the commonwealth.

Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; especially the university at Cambridge, public schools and grammar schools in the towns. . .

Part II, c. 5, Section 2
John Adams, 1787



Foundation Budget Guiding Principles

- Every school district should have an adequate level of school funding, based on the specific size and needs of its student population.
- Local communities should contribute to their schools according to their ability to raise tax revenue, based upon local property values and income levels.
- The state should provide enough funding to fill the gap between an adequate baseline funding level – the “foundation budget” – and the ability of the local community to contribute towards it.



Foundation Budget

- Is a **per pupil-based formula** using enrollments of October 1st from the previous fiscal year. *October 1, 2023 enrollments create the foundation budget for FY25 (July 2024- June 2025).*
- Formula differentiates funding based on student characteristics (grade, program, socio-economic).

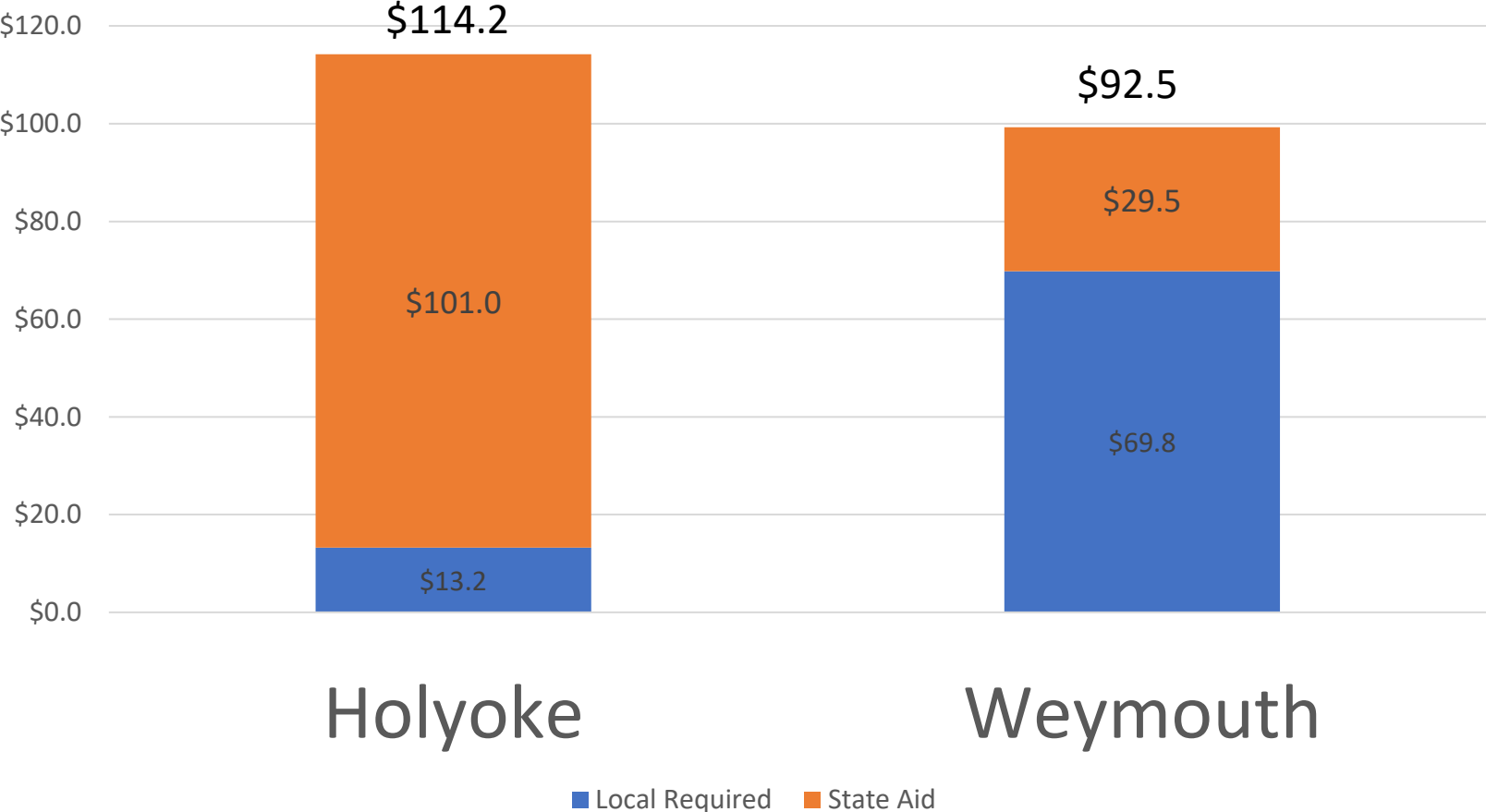




FY25	Holyoke	Weymouth
Enrollment	5,850	5,877
Foundation Budget	\$114,196,081	\$92,532,780

Foundation Budget Comparison

Holyoke and Weymouth



The Foundation
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Calculation

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Pays?

The Foundation Budget Calculation



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Base Foundation Components							Incremental Costs Above the Base						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pre-school	----- Kindergarten -----		Elementary	Junior/ Middle	High School	Vocational	Special Ed In-District	Special Ed Tuitioned-Out	English learners PK-5	English learners 6-8	English learners High School/Voc	Low income	TOTAL

Foundation Enrollment	36	0	181	882	614	711	1	94	24	263	62	67	1,002	2,407
1 Administration	8,092	0	81,368	396,501	276,022	319,628	450	291,645	89,044	29,275	7,346	8,511	79,045	1,586,926
2 Instructional Leadership	14,614	0	146,958	716,114	498,519	577,276	812	0	0	51,229	12,853	14,895	374,514	2,407,783
3 Classroom & Specialist Teachers	67,012	0	673,841	3,283,537	2,011,531	3,425,439	8,190	962,355	0	358,596	89,970	104,263	3,656,020	14,640,755
4 Other Teaching Services	17,187	0	172,827	842,174	422,034	406,843	572	898,537	1,360	51,229	12,853	14,895	0	2,840,511
5 Professional Development	2,650	0	26,664	129,949	98,055	110,105	256	46,423	0	14,636	3,672	4,255	177,367	614,033
6 Instructional Materials, Equipment & Technology	9,679	0	97,336	474,313	330,191	611,759	1,506	40,439	0	36,515	9,162	10,617	27,134	1,648,652
7 Guidance & Psychological Services	6,827	0	68,655	334,549	251,253	321,388	452	0	0	21,954	5,509	6,383	148,040	1,165,010
8 Pupil Services	1,939	0	19,507	142,569	162,125	432,910	609	0	0	7,321	1,836	2,128	769,278	1,540,223
9 Operations & Maintenance	18,608	0	187,117	911,806	688,145	772,643	2,034	325,780	0	87,820	22,034	25,534	0	3,041,520
10 Employee Benefits/Fixed Charges*	29,192	0	293,542	1,430,428	1,062,711	1,093,141	2,007	385,221	0	84,925	21,307	24,692	623,875	5,051,042
11 Special Education Tuition*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	843,738	0	0	0	0	843,738
12 Total	175,802	0	1,767,815	8,661,938	5,800,586	8,071,131	16,887	2,950,400	934,142	743,501	186,542	216,173	5,855,274	35,380,192

13 Wage Adjustment Factor 100.2%

Foundation Budget per Pupil 14,699

*The wage adjustment factor is applied to underlying rates in all functions except instructional equipment, benefits and special education tuition.

14 Low-income percentage 39.65%

English learner foundation budget as % total foundation budget 3.2%

15 Low-income group 7

Low-income foundation budget as % total foundation budget 16.5%

All students are counted in categories 1–7; special education, English learner, and low-income costs are treated as costs above the base and are captured in 8–13

Base Funding

Based on the pupil-specific information submitted by each school district through SIMS, a student is classified as being in one of the following base enrollment categories.

Elementary enrollment: number of students enrolled in grades **one through five**.

Junior high/middle school enrollment: the number of students enrolled in grades **six through eight**.

High school enrollment: the number of students enrolled in grades **nine through twelve** and not enrolled in a vocational program in a district.

Base Funding

Vocational enrollment: the number of students enrolled in approved Ch74 programs

Pre-School: Regular or Special Education (half day only)

Kindergarten Half & Full Day: Regular or Special Education

Incremental Funding

ELL enrollment: the number of students enrolled in English language learners programs established (ACCESS/EPL Levels 1-5)

Low-income status is based on three eligibility categories:

- Students identified as participating in state public assistance programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), foster care; or MassHealth (Medicaid) up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Students certified as low income through the new supplemental data collection process (up to 185 percent of the FPL); or
- Students reported by a district as homeless through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

Assumed Enrollment

The Student Opportunity Act increases the rate for assumed in-district special education enrollment for vocational students from 4.75% to 5% and from 3.75% to 4% for non-vocational students over the six-year phase-in period.

Assumed Enrollment

Assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment:

1% percent of the total foundation enrollment in a district, not counting vocational or pre-school enrollment.

Assumed in-school special education enrollment*: 3.93 per cent of total foundation enrollment in a district not counting vocational or preschool enrollment, plus 4.93 per cent of vocational enrollment.

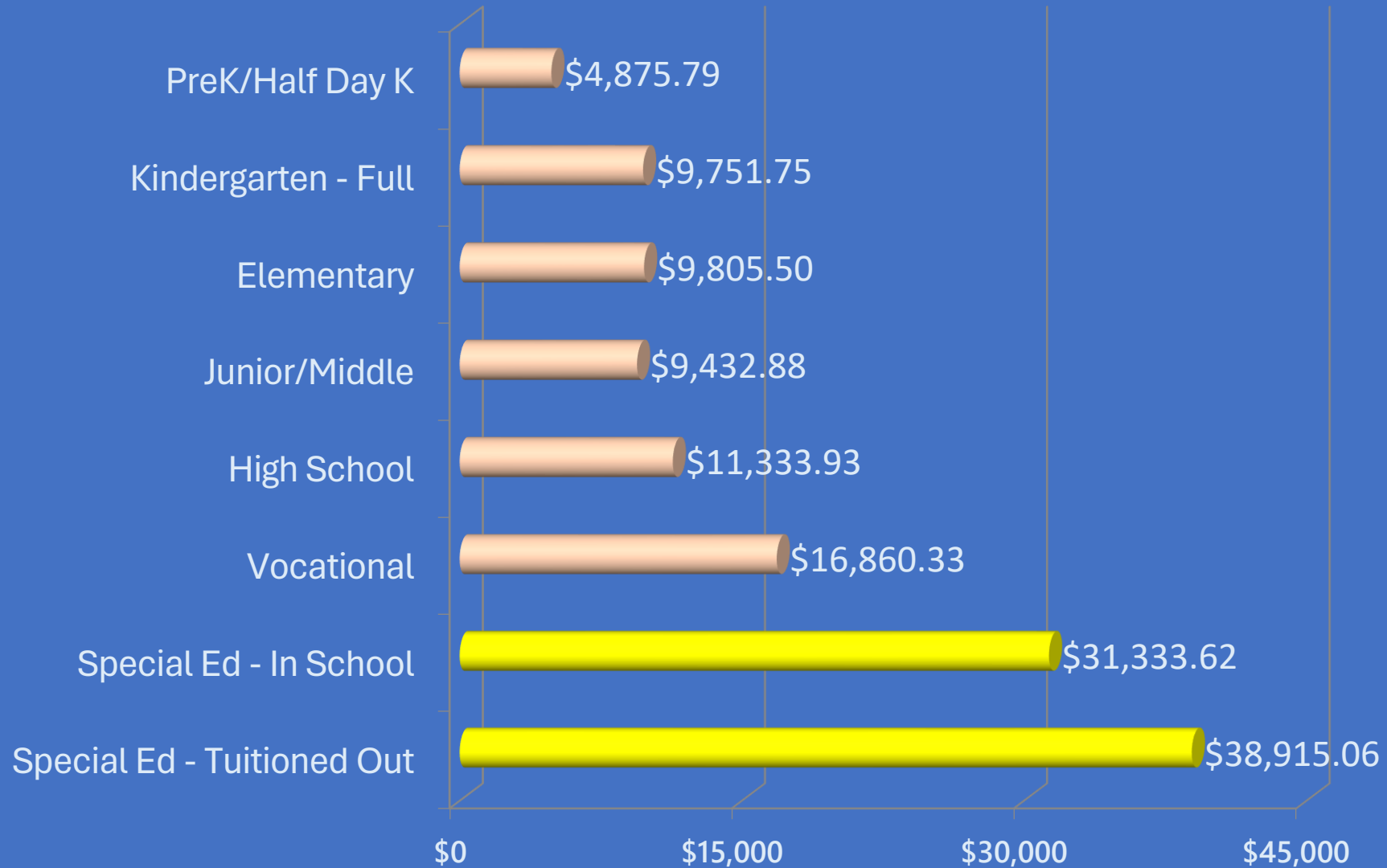
Per Pupil Rates

(Located on the “Rates” Tab of the Spreadsheet)

Foundation Budget Rates Per Pupil, FY25 Chapter 70

	Administration	Instructional Leadership	Classroom & Specialist Teachers	Other Teaching Services	Professional Development	Instructional Materials, Equipment & Technology	Guidance & Psychological Services	Pupil Services	Operations & Maintenance	Employee Benefits/Fixed Charges	Special Education Tuition	Total, All Categories
Pre-school	224.33	405.14	1,857.73	476.45	73.47	268.87	189.27	53.76	515.87	810.90	0.00	4,875.79
Kindergarten half-day	224.33	405.14	1,857.73	476.45	73.47	268.87	189.27	53.76	515.87	810.90	0.00	4,875.79
Kindergarten full-day	448.65	810.30	3,715.45	952.94	147.02	537.77	378.55	107.56	1,031.73	1,621.78	0.00	9,751.75
Elementary	448.65	810.30	3,715.40	952.94	147.04	537.77	378.55	161.32	1,031.73	1,621.80	0.00	9,805.50
Junior/Middle	448.65	810.30	3,269.57	685.98	159.38	537.77	408.39	263.52	1,118.52	1,730.80	0.00	9,432.88
High School	448.65	810.30	4,808.16	571.07	154.55	860.42	451.12	607.66	1,084.53	1,537.47	0.00	11,333.93
Vocational	448.65	810.30	8,173.93	571.07	255.51	1,505.73	451.12	607.66	2,029.75	2,006.61	0.00	16,860.33
Special Education in-district	3,096.41	0.00	10,217.38	9,539.82	492.88	430.20	0.00	0.00	3,458.83	4,098.10	0.00	31,333.62
Special Education tuitioned-out	3,702.76	0.00	0.00	56.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,155.74	38,915.06
English learners PK-5	111.09	194.40	1,360.76	194.40	55.54	138.84	83.31	27.78	333.25	322.91	0.00	2,822.28
English learners 6-8	118.24	206.89	1,448.24	206.89	59.11	147.78	88.67	29.56	354.67	343.66	0.00	3,003.71
English learners high school/voc	126.78	221.87	1,553.06	221.87	63.38	158.47	95.08	31.70	380.34	368.53	0.00	3,221.08
Low-income group 1 (0-5.99%)	55.91	264.89	2,585.88	0.00	125.46	19.23	104.71	544.10	0.00	442.14	0.00	4,142.32
Low-income group 2 (6-11.99%)	58.40	276.71	2,701.21	0.00	131.06	20.09	109.38	568.37	0.00	461.87	0.00	4,327.09
Low-income group 3 (12-17.99%)	60.89	288.53	2,816.54	0.00	136.65	20.95	114.05	592.64	0.00	481.59	0.00	4,511.84
Low-income group 4 (18-23.99%)	63.39	300.34	2,931.87	0.00	142.24	21.80	118.72	616.90	0.00	501.31	0.00	4,696.57
Low-income group 5 (24-29.99%)	65.88	312.15	3,047.20	0.00	147.84	22.66	123.39	641.17	0.00	521.03	0.00	4,881.32
Low-income group 6 (30-35.99%)	72.74	344.67	3,364.62	0.00	163.23	25.03	136.24	707.96	0.00	575.30	0.00	5,389.79
Low-income group 7 (36-41.99%)	78.73	373.02	3,641.44	0.00	176.66	27.08	147.45	766.21	0.00	622.63	0.00	5,833.22
Low-income group 8 (42-47.99%)	84.72	401.38	3,918.27	0.00	190.09	29.15	158.66	824.45	0.00	669.96	0.00	6,276.68
Low-income group 9 (48-53.99%)	90.70	429.74	4,195.10	0.00	203.52	31.19	169.87	882.71	0.00	717.30	0.00	6,720.13
Low-income group 10 (54-69.99%)	96.68	458.10	4,471.93	0.00	216.95	33.26	181.08	940.95	0.00	764.64	0.00	7,163.59
Low-income group 11 (70-79.99%)	105.80	501.28	4,893.48	0.00	237.40	36.39	198.15	1,029.66	0.00	836.71	0.00	7,838.87
Low-income group 12 (80%+)	114.92	544.47	5,315.04	0.00	257.85	39.53	215.22	1,118.35	0.00	908.79	0.00	8,514.17

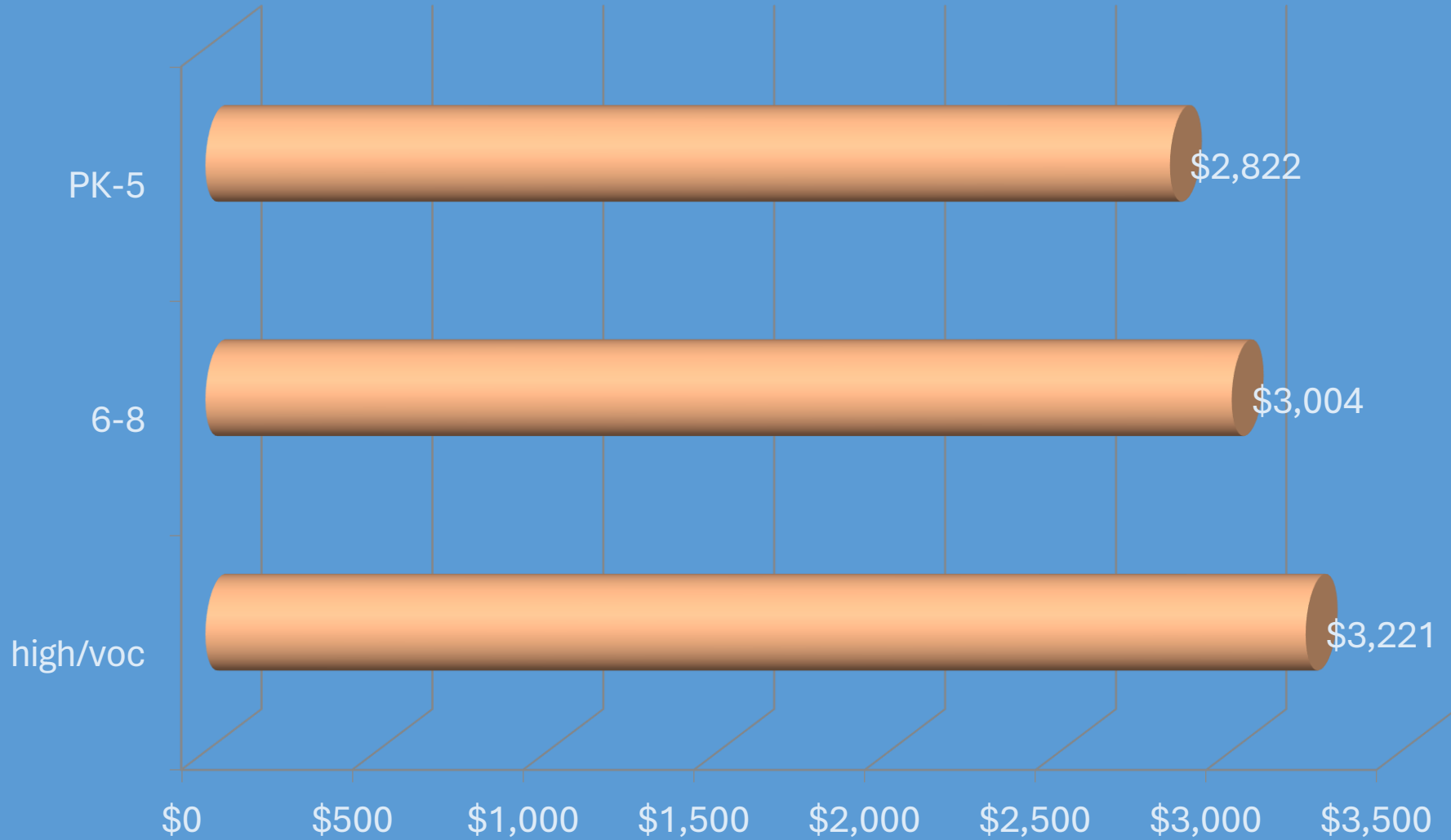
FY25 Foundation Rates Per Pupil



FY24 State Average: \$16,037

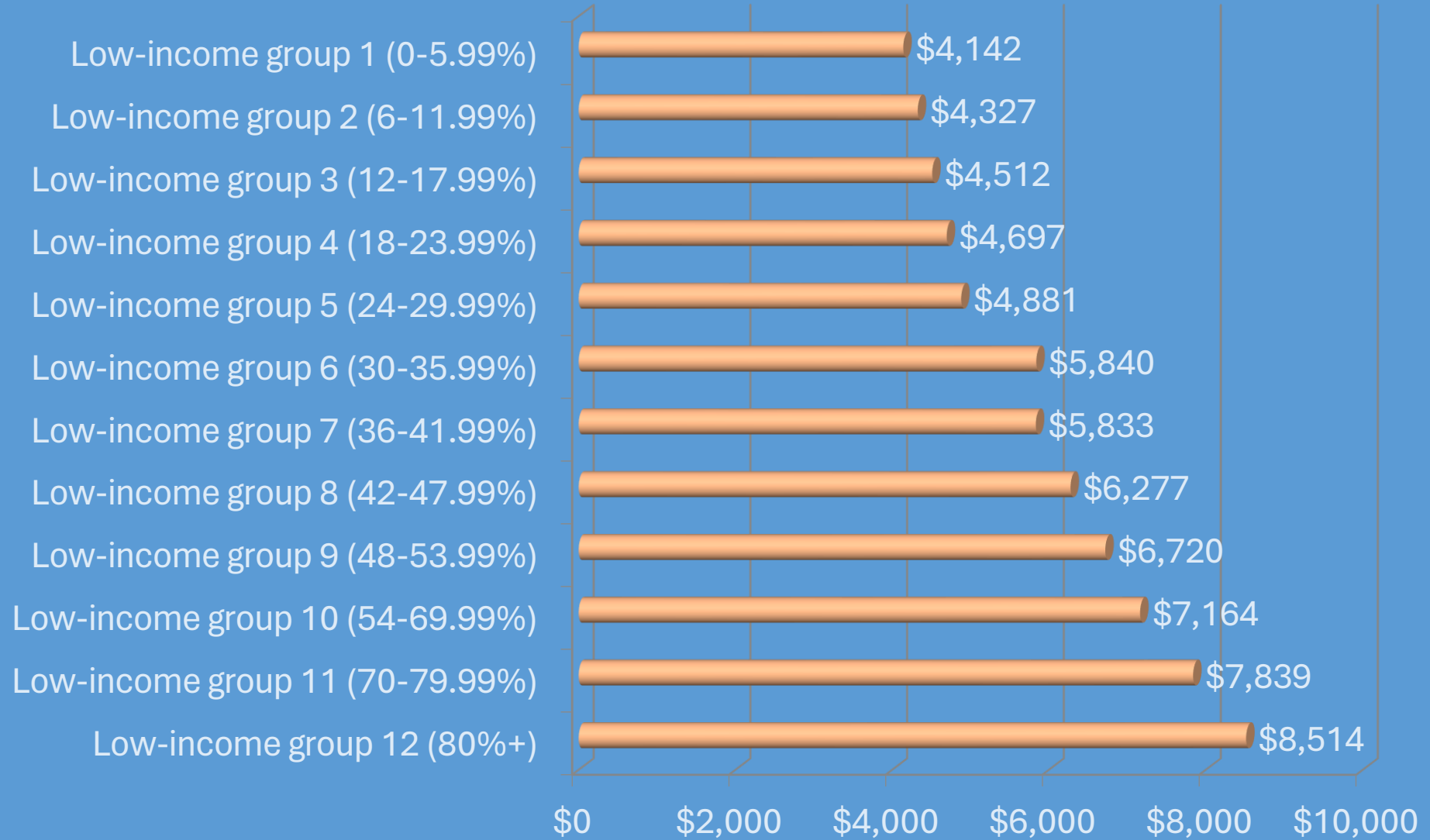
Wage Adjustment Factor
100-111.2%

FY25 Foundation Rates Per Pupil English Language Learner



FY25 Foundation Rates Per Pupil

Low Income



Low Income Student Enrollment

The Act reinstates the definition of low-income enrollment used prior to FY2017, **based on 185% of the federal poverty level**. It replaces the economically disadvantaged designation (based on 133% of the federal poverty level) used from FY2017 through FY2022. For FY2025, a district's low-income enrollment is based on three eligibility categories:

- Students identified as participating in state public assistance programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), MassHealth, and foster care; or
- Students verified as low income through a supplemental data collection; or
- Students reported by a district as homeless through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance program application.

Low-income enrollment statewide for FY2025 is 414,590 (46% of state enrollment)

Foundation Budget Per Pupil Examples

Sample Student	Base Enrollment Rate	Incremental Enrollment Rate	Total Per Pupil
4 th grader	\$9,806	n/a	\$9,806
4 th grader ELL	\$9,806	\$2,822	\$12,628
4 th grader low income	\$9,806	\$8,514 Decile 12	\$18,320
4 th grader ELL, low income	\$9,806	\$8,514 Decile 12 \$2,822	\$21,142

State Average Foundation Budget Rate in FY25: \$15,839

Foundation Budget =

- Is the sum of the district's enrollment (13 categories) multiplied by the differentiated per pupil rate.
- Enrollment includes resident students attending charter schools or other school districts through school choice.

FY25 Chapter 70 Foundation Budget



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	Base Foundation Components							Incremental Costs Above the Base						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	----- Kindergarten -----			Junior/		High		Special Ed	Special Ed	English Learners	English Learners	English Learners		
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13 Wage Adjustment Factor	100.2%													
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14 Low-income percentage	39.65%													
15 Low-income group	7													
Foundation Budget per Pupil													14,699	
English learner foundation budget as % total foundation budget													3.2%	
Low-income foundation budget as % total foundation budget													16.5%	

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	<u>Base Foundation Components</u>							<u>Incremental Costs Above the Base</u>							14
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
	Pre-school	----- Kindergarten ----- Half-Day	Full-Day	Elementary	Junior/ Middle	High School	Vocational	Special Ed In-District	Special Ed Tuitioned-Out	English learners PK-5	English learners 6-8	English learners High School/Voc	Low income	TOTAL	
Foundation Enrollment	21	0	182	911	590	723	0	94	24	244	60	65	1,006	2,417	
1 Administration	4,648	0	80,566	403,272	261,175	320,050	0	287,186	84,757	26,269	6,847	7,449	75,158	1,557,378	
2 Instructional Leadership	8,395	0	145,511	728,354	471,711	578,046	0	0	0	45,970	11,981	13,036	356,074	2,359,076	
3 Classroom and Specialist Teachers	38,493	0	667,205	3,339,644	1,903,352	3,429,992	0	947,640	0	321,773	83,869	91,248	3,476,052	14,299,266	
4 Other Teaching Services	9,872	0	171,126	856,568	399,336	407,382	0	884,799	1,295	45,970	11,981	13,036	0	2,801,363	
5 Professional Development	1,522	0	26,401	132,168	92,783	110,250	0	45,713	0	13,132	3,423	3,724	168,636	597,753	
6 Instructional Equipment & Tech	5,571	0	96,571	483,386	313,060	613,798	0	39,900	0	32,833	8,558	9,311	25,854	1,628,841	
7 Guidance and Psychological	3,641	0	63,121	315,953	230,678	321,815	0	0	0	19,701	5,135	5,587	140,760	1,106,391	
8 Pupil Services	1,114	0	19,316	145,004	153,406	433,489	0	0	0	6,568	1,712	1,862	731,412	1,493,883	
9 Operations and Maintenance	10,689	0	185,274	927,389	651,136	773,668	0	320,799	0	78,802	20,539	22,346	0	2,990,643	
10 Employee Benefits/Fixed Charges	15,301	0	265,221	1,327,582	910,990	995,303	0	366,448	0	73,681	19,204	20,894	573,521	4,568,145	
11 Special Ed Tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	804,718	0	0	0	0	804,718	
12 Total	99,246	0	1,720,311	8,659,319	5,387,626	7,983,793	0	2,892,485	890,770	664,697	173,250	188,493	5,547,466	34,207,458	
13 Wage Adjustment Factor	100.0%													Foundation Budget per Pupil	14,153
*The wage adjustment factor is applied to underlying rates in all functions except instructional equipment, benefits and special education tuition.															
14 Low-income percentage	40.06%													English learner foundation budget as % total foundation budget	3.0%
15 Low-income group	7													Low-income foundation budget as % total foundation budget	16.2%

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	<u>Base Foundation Components</u>							<u>Incremental Costs Above the Base</u>						TOTAL	
	1 Pre-school	2 ----- Kindergarten ----- Half-Day	3 Full-Day	4 Elementary	5 Junior/ Middle	6 High School	7 Vocational	8 Special Ed In-District	9 Special Ed Tuitioned-Out	10 English learners PK-5	11 English learners 6-8	12 English learners High School/Voc	13 Low income		
Foundation Enrollment	21	0	182	911	590	723	0	94	24	244	60	65	1,006	2,417	
1 Administration	4,648	0	80,566	403,272	261,175	320,050	0	287,186	84,757	26,269	6,847	7,449	75,158	1,557,378	
2 Instructional Leadership	4,648	0	80,566	403,272	261,175	320,050	0	287,186	84,757	26,269	6,847	7,449	75,158	2,359,076	
3 Classroom & Specialist Teachers	8,395	0	145,511	728,354	471,711	578,046	0	0	0	45,970	11,981	13,036	356,074	4,299,266	
4 Other Teaching Services	38,493	0	667,205	3,339,644	1,903,352	3,429,992	0	947,640	0	321,773	83,869	91,248	3,476,052	2,801,363	
5 Professional Development	9,872	0	171,126	856,568	399,336	407,382	0	884,799	1,295	45,970	11,981	13,036	0	597,753	
6 Instructional Materials, Equipment & T	1,522	0	26,401	132,168	92,783	110,250	0	45,713	0	13,132	3,423	3,724	168,636	1,628,841	
7 Guidance & Psychological Services	5,571	0	96,571	483,386	313,060	613,798	0	39,900	0	32,833	8,558	9,311	25,854	1,106,391	
8 Pupil Services	3,641	0	63,121	315,953	230,678	321,815	0	0	0	19,701	5,135	5,587	140,760	1,493,883	
9 Operations & Maintenance	1,114	0	19,316	145,004	153,406	433,489	0	0	0	6,568	1,712	1,862	731,412	2,990,643	
10 Employee Benefits/Fixed Charges*	10,689	0	185,274	927,389	651,136	773,668	0	320,799	0	78,802	20,539	22,346	0	4,568,145	
11 Special Education Tuition*	15,301	0	265,221	1,327,582	910,990	995,303	0	366,448	0	73,681	19,204	20,894	573,521	804,718	
12 Total	15,301	0	265,221	1,327,582	910,990	995,303	0	366,448	0	73,681	19,204	20,894	573,521	4,207,458	
13 Wage Adjustment Factor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	804,718	0	0	0	0	14,153	
*The wage adjustment factor is applied															
14 Low-income percentage	40.06%													English learner foundation budget as % total foundation budget	3.0%
15 Low-income group	7													Low-income foundation budget as % total foundation budget	16.2%

The Wage Adjustment Factor



Recognizes higher school costs in geographic areas where average wages are higher than in other areas of the state. In theory it is more expensive for them to attract teachers and other staff to come to work there, because the cost of living is higher.

The factor reflects a town's own average, but is much more heavily weighted to the average of the "labor market area" the town is located in. There are **23** labor market areas used. 123 districts in FY25 have W.A.F. greater than the base rate.

Wage Adjustment Factor

Is applied to the following categories of the foundation budget:

1. Administration
2. Instructional Leadership
3. Classroom and Specialist Teachers
4. Other Teaching Services
5. Professional Development
7. Guidance and Psychological
8. Pupil Services
9. Operations and Maintenance

Is not applied to the following categories of the foundation budget:

6. Instructional Equipment
10. Benefits
11. Special Education Tuition

FY24 Chapter 70 Foundation Budget



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	<u>Base Foundation Components</u>							<u>Incremental Costs Above the Base</u>						14	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
	Pre-school	----- Kindergarten ----- Half-Day	Full-Day	Elementary	Junior/ Middle	High School	Vocational	Special Ed In-District	Special Ed Tuitioned-Out	English learners PK-5	English learners 6-8	English learners High School/Voc	Low income	TOTAL	
Foundation Enrollment	76	0	445	2,149	1,276	1,491	464	232	54	289	73	110	2,664	5,863	
1 Administration	17,579	0	205,853	994,106	590,265	689,722	214,642	740,695	199,284	32,514	8,706	13,173	221,374	3,927,913	
2 Instructional Leadership	31,747	0	371,792	1,795,464	1,066,083	1,245,713	387,666	0	0	56,898	15,233	23,053	1,048,827	6,042,476	
3 Classroom & Specialist Teachers	145,575	0	1,704,763	8,232,552	4,301,640	7,391,774	3,910,581	2,444,106	0	398,266	106,632	161,369	10,238,721	39,035,979	
4 Other Teaching Services	37,335	0	437,240	2,111,524	902,512	877,924	273,210	2,282,027	3,044	56,898	15,233	23,053	0	7,020,002	
5 Professional Development	5,757	0	67,457	325,807	209,694	237,594	122,243	117,901	0	16,254	4,352	6,585	496,728	1,610,371	
6 Instructional Materials, Equipment & Tech	20,162	0	236,121	1,140,281	677,058	1,265,799	689,351	98,477	0	38,888	10,412	15,756	72,887	4,265,193	
7 Guidance & Psychological Services	13,771	0	161,280	778,855	521,341	693,524	215,825	0	0	24,384	6,529	9,880	414,603	2,839,992	
8 Pupil Services	4,212	0	49,353	357,449	346,703	934,187	290,720	0	0	8,130	2,176	3,293	2,154,361	4,150,584	
9 Operations & Maintenance	40,425	0	473,391	2,286,105	1,471,589	1,667,286	971,074	827,390	0	97,536	26,114	39,519	0	7,900,428	
10 Employee Benefits/Fixed Charges*	55,377	0	648,481	3,131,695	1,970,208	2,052,555	851,394	904,424	0	87,269	23,365	35,360	1,616,568	11,376,695	
11 Special Education Tuition*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,810,616	0	0	0	0	1,810,616	
12 Total	371,941	0	4,355,730	21,153,838	12,057,091	17,056,078	7,926,706	7,415,020	2,012,945	817,036	218,753	331,042	16,264,070	89,980,251	
13 Wage Adjustment Factor	104.5%													Foundation Budget per Pupil	15,347
*The wage adjustment factor is applied to underlying rates in all functions except instructional equipment, benefits and special education tuition.														Other foundation budget as % total foundation budget	1.5%
Low income Group														Low income foundation budget as % total foundation budget	18.1%

Items not counting included in Foundation Budget

- Transportation
- Debt Service or Asset Acquisition
- Food Service (Supplies & Materials)
- Certain Lease Agreements
- Crossing Guards
- Civic Activities & Community Service
- Recreation Programs
- Non-Public School Health Programs
- Adult Education Programs



Putting it all together

**Number of Students
x Per Pupil Rate (x Wage
Adjustment Factor)**

Equals the

District's Foundation Budget

FY25 Chapter 70 Foundation Budget

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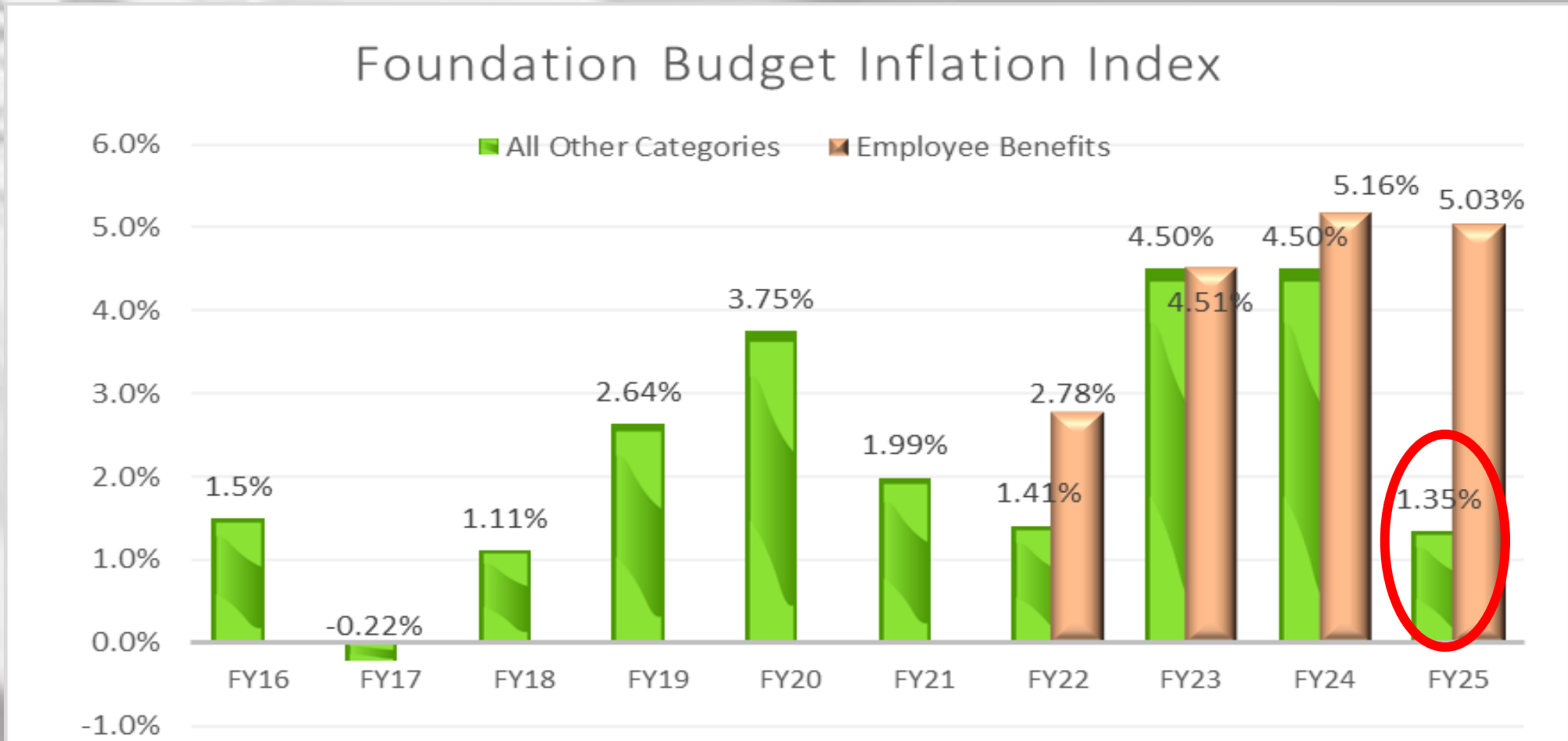
	Base Foundation Components							Incremental Costs Above the Base						TOTAL
	1 Pre-school	2 ----- Kindergarten ----- Half-Day	3 Full-Day	4 Elementary	5 Junior/ Middle	6 High School	7 Vocational	8 Special Ed In-District	9 Special Ed Tuitioned-Out	10 English learners PK-5	11 English learners 6-8	12 English learners High School/Voc	13 Low income	
Foundation Enrollment	36	0	181	882	614	711	1	94	24	263	62	67	1,002	2,407
1 Administration	8,092	0	81,368	396,501	276,022	319,628	450	291,645	89,044	29,275	7,346	8,511	79,045	1,586,926
2 Instructional Leadership	14,614	0	146,958	716,114	498,519	577,276	812	0	0	51,229	12,853	14,895	374,514	2,407,783
3 Classroom & Specialist Teachers	67,012	0	673,841	3,283,537	2,011,531	3,425,439	8,190	962,355	0	358,596	89,970	104,263	3,656,020	14,640,755
4 Other Teaching Services	17,187	0	172,827	842,174	422,034	406,843	572	898,537	1,360	51,229	12,853	14,895	0	2,840,511
5 Professional Development	2,650	0	26,664	129,949	98,055	110,105	256	46,423	0	14,636	3,672	4,255	177,367	614,033
6 Instructional Materials, Equipment & Technology	9,679	0	97,336	474,313	330,191	611,759	1,506	40,439	0	36,515	9,162	10,617	27,134	1,648,652
7 Guidance & Psychological Services	6,827	0	68,655	334,549	251,253	321,388	452	0	0	21,954	5,509	6,383	148,040	1,165,010
8 Pupil Services	1,939	0	19,507	142,569	162,125	432,910	609	0	0	7,321	1,836	2,128	769,278	1,540,223
9 Operations & Maintenance	18,608	0	187,117	911,806	688,145	772,643	2,034	325,780	0	87,820	22,034	25,534	0	3,041,520
10 Employee Benefits/Fixed Charges*	29,192	0	293,542	1,430,428	1,062,711	1,093,141	2,007	385,221	0	84,925	21,307	24,692	623,875	5,051,042
11 Special Education Tuition*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	843,738	0	0	0	0	843,738
12 Total	175,802	0	1,767,815	8,661,938	5,800,586	8,071,131	16,887	2,950,400	934,142	743,501	186,542	216,173	5,855,274	35,380,192
13 Wage Adjustment Factor	100.2%												Foundation Budget per Pupil	14,699
*The wage adjustment factor is applied to underlying rates in all functions except instructional equipment, benefits and special education tuition.														
14 Low-income percentage	39.65%												English learner foundation budget as % total foundation budget	3.2%
15 Low-income group	7												Low-income foundation budget as % total foundation budget	16.5%

Annual Change in the Foundation Budget:

- Students (demographics and enrollment)
- Inflation Rate to the per pupil rate
- Wage Adjustment Factor
- ***Phase-in of SOA (FY22-FY27)***



Inflation Rate Change



Implicit Price Deflator for Gross Domestic Product, State and Local Governments

Employee benefits: is based on the enrollment-weighted, three-year average premium increase for all Group Insurance Commission plans

The Foundation
Budget
Calculation

Who
Pays?

Who
Pays?

Foundation Budget – Who Pays?

- State and Local Contributions
 - How a local contribution is determined
 - How much state aid is received



Foundation Level

**Additional Local
Spending**

Reach Foundation

**State Aid
To Make up
Difference**

Local Contributions

**Local
Contributions**

**Foundation Budget
How Funded...**

Simplified

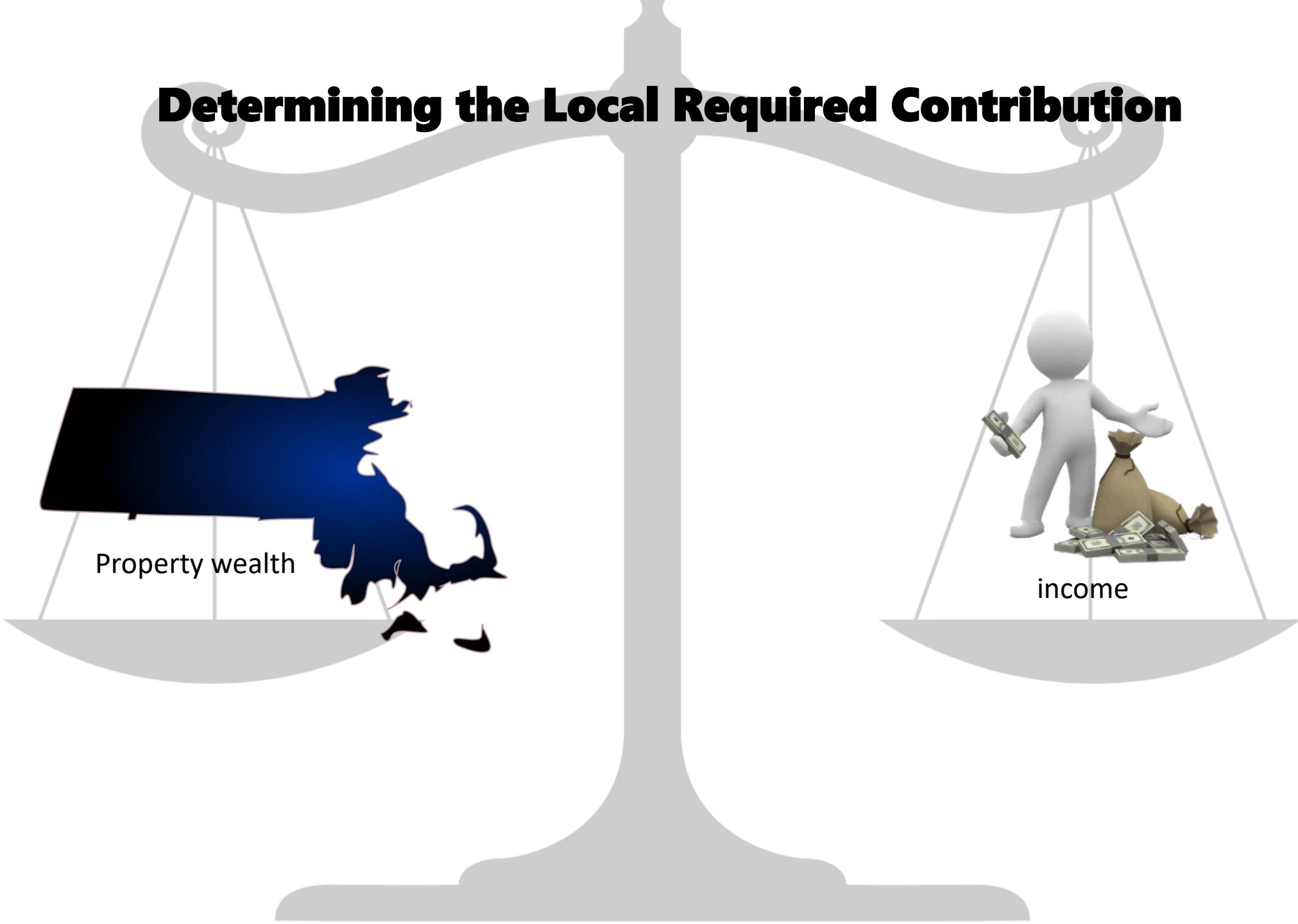
Local Contribution

Establishing local ability to pay

- The foundation budget is a shared municipal-state responsibility.
- Each community has a different **target local share**, or ability to pay, based on its **property values** and **residents' incomes**.



Determining the Local Required Contribution



Property wealth

income

Local Contribution

- Statewide based on 50% Property Wealth and 50% Local Income wealth
- Known as the Aggregate Wealth Model

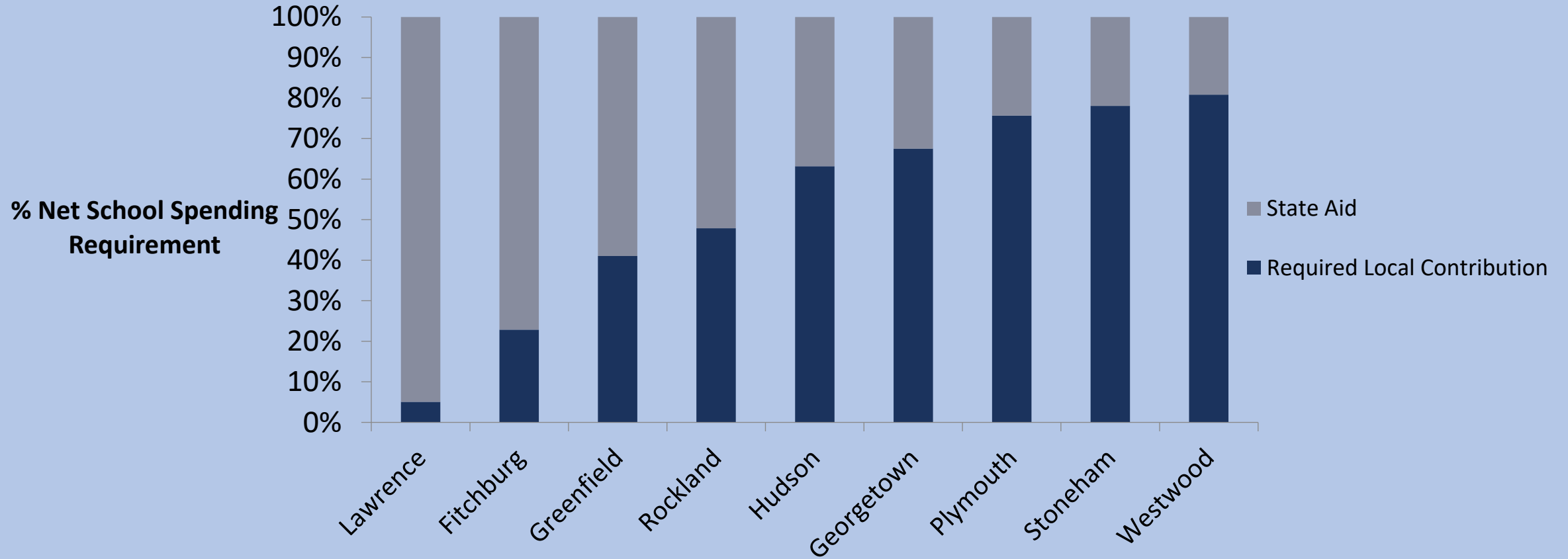


Local Contribution

- The maximum local contribution is set at **82.5** percent of foundation budget, which means that the formula would fund a minimum of **17.5** percent of foundation through state aid, even for the wealthiest of communities.
- In FY25, **181** communities are assigned this maximum local contribution.

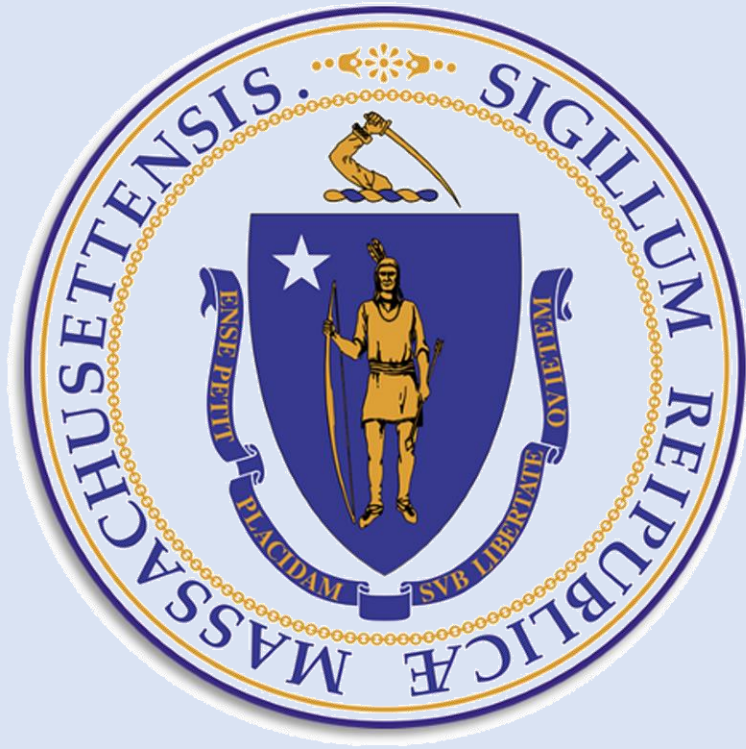


Districts receive different levels of Chapter 70 aid because their municipality's ability to pay differs



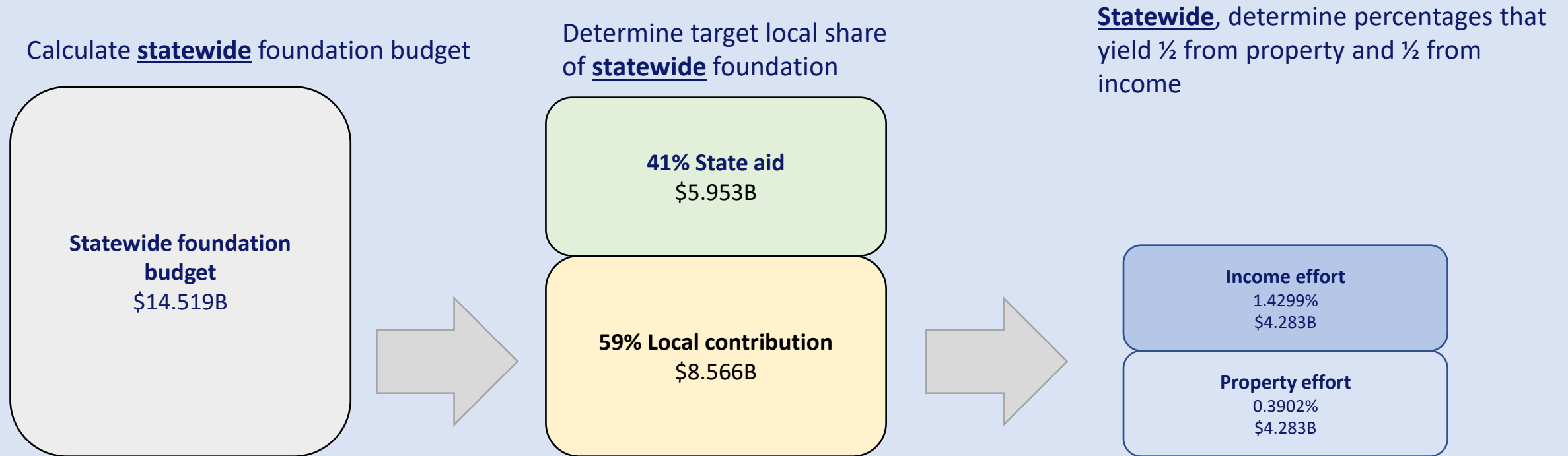
Required Local Contribution + State Aid = a district's net school spending (NSS) requirement

The updated formula includes three parameters to be specified in each year's general appropriations act



- In the Governor's FY25 Budget, these are specified as:
 - **Total state target local contribution = 59%**
 - **Effort reduction = 100%**
 - **Minimum aid = \$30 per pupil**

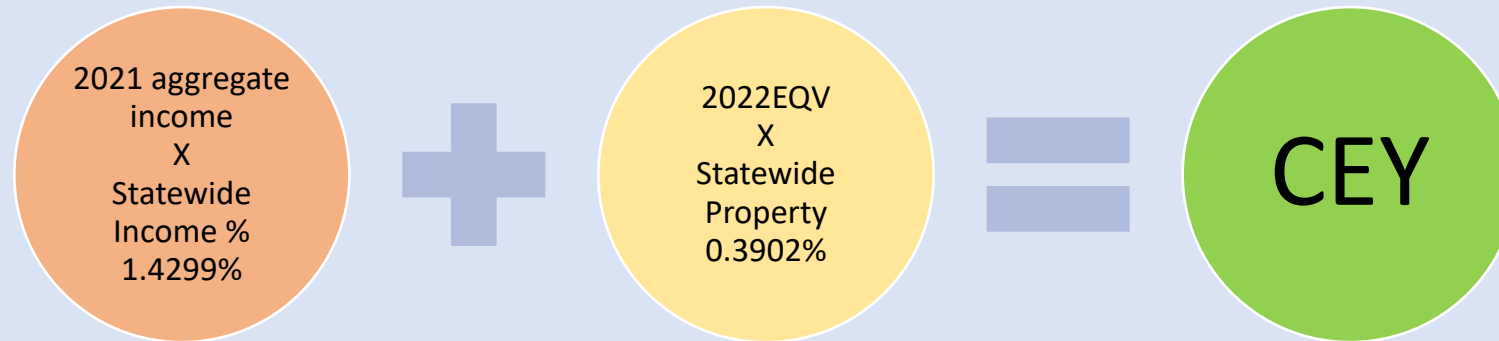
Determining each municipality's target local share starts with the local share of statewide foundation



Property and income percentages are applied uniformly across all cities and towns to determine the **combined effort yield** from property and income.

An individual municipality's target local share is based on its local property value, income, and foundation budget

- The sum of a municipality's local property and income effort equals its **Combined Effort Yield (CEY)**



- Target Local Share = CEY/Foundation budget (calculated at the city/town level)
 - Capped at 82.5% of foundation (**181 municipalities or 51% are capped**)

uniform property percentage	uniform income percentage
0.3902%	1.4299%

LEA	Town	total EQV 2022	local effort from property wealth	DOR total income 2021	local effort from income wealth	combined effort yield	FY25 foundation
325	Westfield	3,978,694,400	15,524,686	1,392,811,000	19,915,127	35,439,814	77,752,075
326	Westford	5,707,136,100	22,268,988	2,014,741,000	28,807,802	51,076,790	56,525,648
327	Westhampton	267,682,700	1,044,486	80,199,000	1,146,727	2,191,212	2,511,195
328	Westminster	1,330,013,700	5,189,654	404,588,000	5,785,007	10,974,661	18,089,927
329	West Newbury	1,189,426,700	4,641,089	429,457,000	6,140,597	10,781,686	7,593,244
330	Weston	7,192,996,000	28,066,746	6,431,334,000	91,958,518	120,025,264	26,381,908
331	Westport	4,325,909,100	16,879,502	931,291,000	13,316,077	30,195,580	25,395,727
332	West Springfield	3,302,461,300	12,886,055	1,037,417,000	14,833,521	27,719,576	68,309,484
333	West Stockbridge	453,409,500	1,769,183	121,284,000	1,734,181	3,503,364	1,817,853
334	West Tisbury	3,290,703,900	12,840,178	158,182,000	2,261,768	15,101,946	5,842,445
335	Westwood	5,479,184,600	21,379,532	2,527,880,000	36,144,927	57,524,458	37,208,117
336	Weymouth	10,601,685,400	41,367,299	2,572,553,000	36,783,684	78,150,983	92,951,236
337	Whately	333,516,600	1,301,367	42,081,000	601,696	1,903,063	2,283,994
338	Whitman	2,145,260,700	8,370,711	581,553,000	8,315,344	16,686,054	33,811,876
339	Wilbraham	2,108,258,500	8,226,330	789,716,000	11,291,765	19,518,095	29,463,382
340	Williamsburg	371,024,900	1,447,722	79,793,381	1,140,927	2,588,649	3,547,259
341	Williamstown	1,144,212,500	4,464,666	362,106,000	5,177,578	9,642,243	10,325,256
342	Wilmington	5,921,026,600	23,103,579	1,332,706,000	19,055,715	42,159,294	43,086,199
343	Winchendon	983,994,000	3,839,500	283,733,000	4,056,960	7,896,460	22,407,591
344	Winchester	9,544,700,800	37,242,993	3,980,223,000	56,911,273	94,154,266	55,493,636
345	Windsor	139,980,600	546,198	29,781,000	425,824	972,022	923,448
346	Winthrop	3,178,797,900	12,403,526	837,919,000	11,980,996	24,384,523	31,804,547
347	Woburn	10,155,637,600	39,626,840	2,222,985,000	31,785,382	71,412,222	73,585,162
348	Worcester	18,737,985,800	73,114,777	5,225,475,000	74,716,526	147,831,303	504,773,594
349	Worthington	198,652,000	775,131	39,385,000	563,147	1,338,278	1,599,602
350	Wrentham	2,814,471,000	10,981,939	922,083,000	13,184,416	24,166,356	23,819,309
351	Yarmouth	7,825,616,900	30,535,205	1,131,027,000	16,172,005	46,707,210	40,293,497
999	STATE TOTAL	1,583,183,946,900	6,177,512,447	432,038,780,849	6,177,512,447	12,355,024,904	14,519,060,919

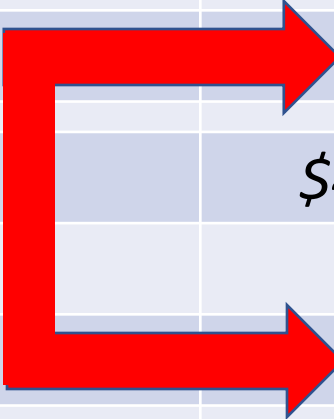
[Townwide Contributions Tab]

LEA	Town	total EQV 2022	uniform property percentage	DOR total income 2021	uniform income percentage	combined effort yield	FY25 foundation	CEY % Found	maximum	target local	required local contribution FY24	mrgf FY25	
			0.3902%		1.4299%				local contribution foundation pct= 82.5%	contribution (lesser of max local or effort yield)			target local share
	1Abington	2,693,823,800	10,511,179	725,757,000	10,377,246	20,888,426	34,597,445	60.4%	28,542,892	20,888,426	60.38	18,276,651	3.31%
	2Acton	5,255,138,400	20,505,313	2,210,950,000	31,613,299	52,118,612	56,017,876	93.0%	46,214,747	46,214,747	82.50	43,415,702	3.86%
	3Acushnet	1,630,578,800	6,362,445	427,553,000	6,113,372	12,475,817	19,760,473	63.1%	16,302,390	12,475,817	63.14	10,679,653	3.88%
	4Adams	593,584,400	2,316,140	214,031,000	3,060,325	5,376,465	16,685,920	32.2%	13,765,884	5,376,465	32.22	4,840,721	3.26%
	5Agawam	3,580,768,800	13,971,999	1,013,311,000	14,488,841	28,460,840	52,963,672	53.7%	43,695,029	28,460,840	53.74	25,373,043	5.03%
	6Alford	308,074,200	1,202,092	40,805,000	583,451	1,785,543	278,847	640.3%	230,049	230,049	82.50	229,564	3.19%
	7Amesbury	2,989,453,900	11,664,714	825,009,000	11,796,403	23,461,117	29,097,479	80.6%	24,005,420	23,461,117	80.63	20,012,026	3.23%
	8Amherst	2,913,802,400	11,369,526	952,563,000	13,620,235	24,989,761	27,395,678	91.2%	22,601,434	22,601,434	82.50	22,289,606	3.67%
	9Andover	10,204,123,200	39,816,029	4,352,871,000	62,239,586	102,055,615	73,858,629	138.2%	60,933,369	60,933,369	82.50	59,359,726	3.60%
	10Arlington	13,535,163,100	52,813,597	4,037,248,000	57,726,646	110,540,243	81,949,369	134.9%	67,608,229	67,608,229	82.50	59,605,871	3.56%
	11Ashburnham	852,436,100	3,326,167	252,007,000	3,603,326	6,929,493	14,305,579	48.4%	11,802,102	6,929,493	48.44	6,256,339	3.92%
	12Ashby	417,224,700	1,627,992	121,033,000	1,730,592	3,358,584	6,071,342	55.3%	5,008,857	3,358,584	55.32	2,992,812	4.55%
	13Ashfield	293,407,600	1,144,863	82,357,000	1,177,583	2,322,446	2,351,118	98.8%	1,939,672	1,939,672	82.50	1,608,103	5.03%
	14Ashland	3,593,981,200	14,023,553	1,254,293,000	17,934,526	31,958,078	39,225,149	81.5%	32,360,748	31,958,078	81.47	26,422,222	3.32%
	15Athol	1,060,563,000	4,138,269	297,621,000	4,255,538	8,393,807	28,894,459	29.0%	23,837,929	8,393,807	29.05	4,052,122	5.39%
	16Attleboro	5,949,246,000	23,213,690	1,863,620,000	26,646,996	49,860,686	102,404,642	48.7%	84,483,830	49,860,686	48.69	43,887,130	4.33%
	17Auburn	2,748,972,400	10,726,366	708,058,000	10,124,177	20,850,544	35,171,470	59.3%	29,016,463	20,850,544	59.28	18,294,872	4.16%
	18Avon	1,081,305,500	4,219,205	213,586,000	3,053,962	7,273,168	10,581,793	68.7%	8,729,979	7,273,168	68.73	6,019,496	2.85%
	19Ayer	1,529,467,100	5,967,912	374,452,000	5,354,107	11,322,019	14,940,353	75.8%	12,325,792	11,322,019	75.78	10,060,490	4.98%
	20Barnstable	18,221,137,000	71,098,056	2,661,860,000	38,060,642	109,158,698	92,749,141	117.7%	76,518,041	76,518,041	82.50	62,777,242	4.33%
	21Barre	583,632,100	2,277,306	181,866,000	2,600,414	4,877,720	11,325,157	43.1%	9,343,254	4,877,720	43.07	4,168,364	3.07%
	22Becket	630,004,600	2,458,250	69,919,000	999,738	3,457,987	2,956,042	117.0%	2,438,735	2,438,735	82.50	2,256,532	3.04%
	23Bedford	4,632,427,000	18,075,521	1,482,905,000	21,203,338	39,278,859	35,593,827	110.4%	29,364,907	29,364,907	82.50	28,048,469	5.11%
	24Belchertown	1,889,367,600	7,372,227	643,145,000	9,196,018	16,568,245	30,424,640	54.5%	25,100,328	16,568,245	54.46	14,881,810	3.44%
	25Bellingham	3,317,158,400	12,943,403	746,199,000	10,669,537	23,612,939	31,842,038	74.2%	26,269,681	23,612,939	74.16	20,868,907	4.68%
	26Belmont	10,384,380,400	40,519,385	3,763,630,000	53,814,315	94,333,700	59,519,672	158.5%	49,103,730	49,103,730	82.50	45,639,441	4.93%
	27Berkley	1,087,861,600	4,244,787	323,269,000	4,622,266	8,867,053	14,867,563	59.6%	12,265,739	8,867,053	59.64	7,901,373	5.22%

[Townwide Contributions Tab]

Aggregate Wealth (Target Local Contribution) State Wide Calculations for FY25

2022 equalized valuation	1,583,183,946,900
Property Percentage	0.3902%
Local effort from property wealth	\$6,177,512,447
2021 income	\$432,038,780,849
Income Percentage	1.4299%
Local effort from income	\$6,177,512,447
Combined effort yield	\$12,355,024,904



FY25 Chapter 70 Determination of City and Town Total Required Contribution

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Effort Goal

1) 2022 equalized valuation	18,737,985,800
2) Uniform property percentage	0.3902%
3) Local effort from property wealth	73,114,777
4) 2021 income	5,225,475,000
5) Uniform income percentage	1.4299%
6) Local effort from income	74,716,526
7) Combined effort yield (3 + 6)	147,831,303
8) FY25 Foundation budget	504,773,594
9) Maximum local contribution (82.5% * 8)	416,438,215
10) Target local contribution (lesser of 7 or 9)	147,831,303
11) Target local share (10 as % of 8)	29.29%
12) Target aid share (100% minus 11)	70.71%

[See a listing of all 351 communities](#)

FY25 Increments Toward Goal

13) FY24 required local contribution	120,432,974
14) Municipal revenue growth factor (DOR)	5.01%
15) FY25 preliminary contribution (13 raised by 14)	126,466,666
16) Preliminary contribution pct of foundation (15 / 8)	25.05%
<i>If preliminary contribution is above the target share:</i>	
17) Excess local effort (15 - 10)	
18) 100% reduction toward target (17 x 100%)	
19) FY25 required local contribution (15 - 18), capped at 90% of foundation	
20) Contribution as percentage of foundation (19 / 8)	
<i>If preliminary contribution is below the target share:</i>	
21) Shortfall from target local share (10 - 15)	21,364,637
22) Shortfall percentage (11 - 16)	4.24%
23) Added increment toward target (13 x 1% or 2%)*	1,204,330
<i>*1% if shortfall is between 2.5% and 7.5%; 2% if shortfall > 7.5%</i>	
24) Special increment toward 82.5% target**	0
<i>**if combined effort yield > 175% foundation</i>	
Combined effort yield as % of foundation	
25) Shortfall from target after adding increments (10 - 15 - 23 - 24)	20,160,307
26) FY25 required local contribution (15 + 23 + 24)	127,670,996
27) Contribution as percentage of foundation (26 / 8)	25.29%

FY25 Chapter 70 Determination of City and Town Total Required Contribution

348 Worcester Effort Goal

1) 2022 equalized valuation	18,737,985,800
2) Uniform property percentage	0.3902%
3) Local effort from property wealth	73,114,777
4) 2021 income	5,225,475,000
5) Uniform income percentage	1.4299%
6) Local effort from income	74,716,526
7) Combined effort yield (3 + 6)	147,831,303
8) FY25 Foundation budget	504,773,594
9) Maximum local contribution (82.5% * 8)	416,438,215
10) Target local contribution (lesser of 7 or 9)	147,831,303
11) Target local share (10 as % of 8)	29.29%
12) Target aid share (100% minus 11)	70.71%

Regional Districts

775 Wachusett

Foundation Enrollment in Regional District

Required Minimum Contribution to Regional District

LEA	Member	FY24	FY25	Change	FY24	FY25	Change
	Total	6,868	6,807	-61	49,101,422	51,192,759	2,091,337
134	Holden	3,242	3,198	-43	22,192,218	23,138,149	945,931
228	Paxton	642	617	-25	4,860,250	4,997,947	137,697
241	Princeton	407	423	16	4,009,651	4,223,361	213,710
257	Rutland	1,636	1,645	9	8,718,417	9,185,650	467,233
282	Sterling	942	924	-18	9,320,886	9,647,652	326,766

[Regl Dist Members]

FY25 Chapter 70 Determination of City and Town Total Required Contribution

134 Holden

Effort Goal

1) 2022 equalized valuation	2,958,213,400
2) Uniform property percentage	0.3902%
3) Local effort from property wealth	11,542,815
4) 2021 income	1,123,903,000
5) Uniform income percentage	1.4299%
6) Local effort from income	16,070,142
7) Combined effort yield (3 + 6)	27,612,958
8) FY25 Foundation budget	43,659,568
9) Maximum local contribution (82.5% * 8)	36,019,144
10) Target local contribution (lesser of 7 or 9)	27,612,958
11) Target local share (10 as % of 8)	63.25%
12) Target aid share (100% minus 11)	36.75%

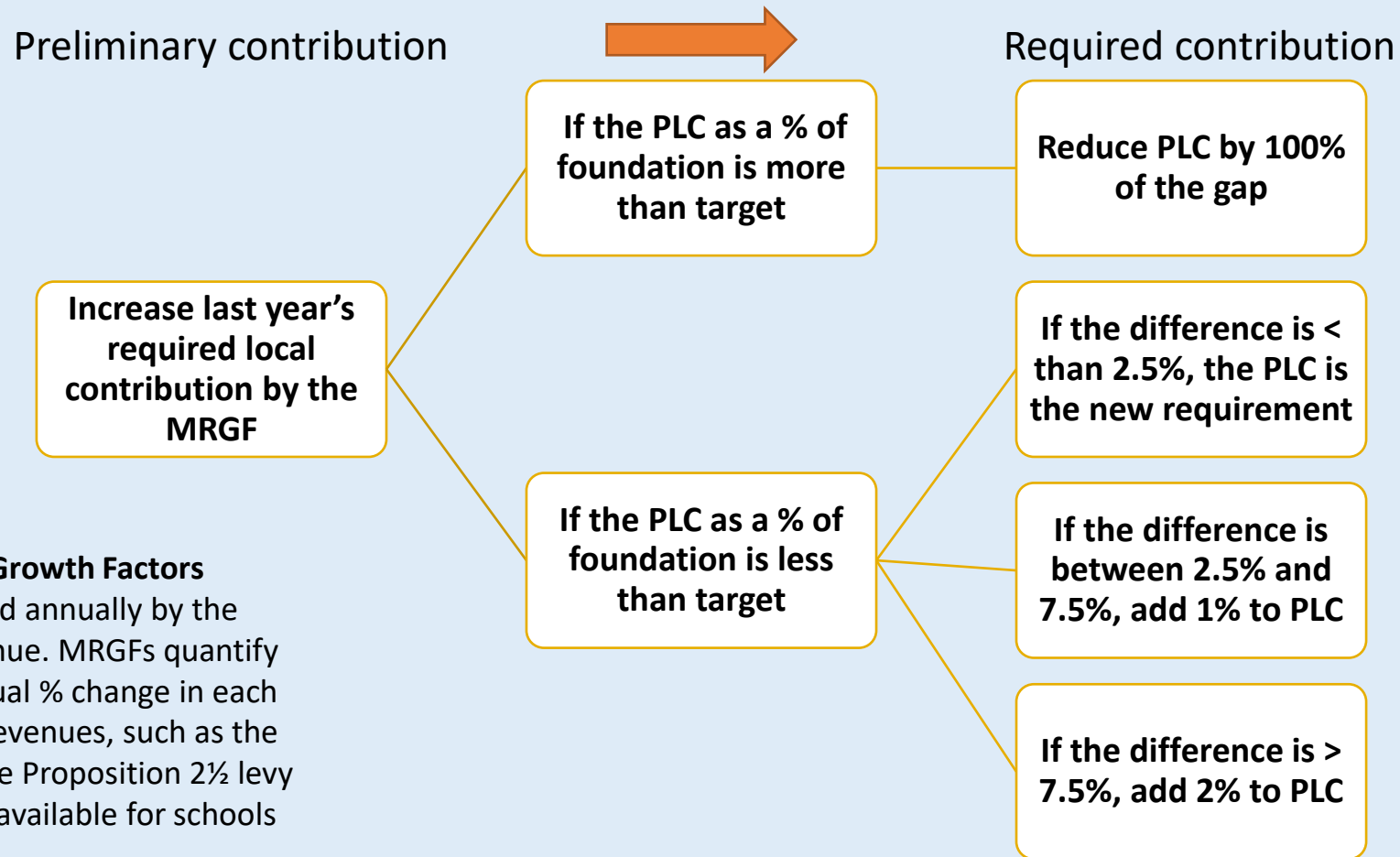
FY25 Increments Toward Goal

13) FY24 required local contribution	23,651,517
14) Municipal revenue growth factor (DOR)	4.13%
15) FY25 preliminary contribution (13 raised by 14)	24,628,325
16) Preliminary contribution pct of foundation (15 / 8)	56.41%
If preliminary contribution is above the target share:	
17) Excess local effort (15 - 10)	
18) 100% reduction toward target (17 x 100%)	
19) FY25 required local contribution (15 - 18), capped at 90% of foundation	
20) Contribution as percentage of foundation (19 / 8)	
If preliminary contribution is below the target share:	
21) Shortfall from target local share (10 - 15)	2,984,633
22) Shortfall percentage (11 - 16)	6.84%
23) Added increment toward target (13 x 1% or 2%)*	236,515
*1% if shortfall is between 2.5% and 7.5%; 2% if shortfall > 7.5%	
24) Special increment toward 82.5% target**	0
**if combined effort yield > 175% foundation	
Combined effort yield as % of foundation	
25) Shortfall from target after adding increments (10 - 15 - 23 - 24)	2,748,118
26) FY25 required local contribution (15 + 23 + 24)	24,864,840
27) Contribution as percentage of foundation (26 / 8)	56.95%

[See a listing of all 351 communities](#)

**Same Process
for Each
Regional
Member
District**

Next the formula calculates each municipality's preliminary local contribution (PLC) and makes adjustments relative to target to determine the required local contribution (RLC)



Municipal Revenue Growth Factors (MRGF) are calculated annually by the Department of Revenue. MRGFs quantify the most recent annual % change in each municipality's local revenues, such as the annual increase in the Proposition 2½ levy limit, that should be available for schools

FY25 Increments Toward Goal

13) FY24 required local contribution	120,432,974
14) Municipal revenue growth factor (DOR)	5.01%
15) FY25 preliminary contribution (13 raised by 14)	126,466,666
16) Preliminary contribution pct of foundation (15 / 8)	25.05%

If preliminary contribution is above the target share:

- 17) Excess local effort (15 - 10)
- 18) 100% reduction toward target (17 x 100%)
- 19) FY25 required local contribution (15 - 18), capped at 90% of foundation
- 20) Contribution as percentage of foundation (19 / 8)

If preliminary contribution is below the target share:

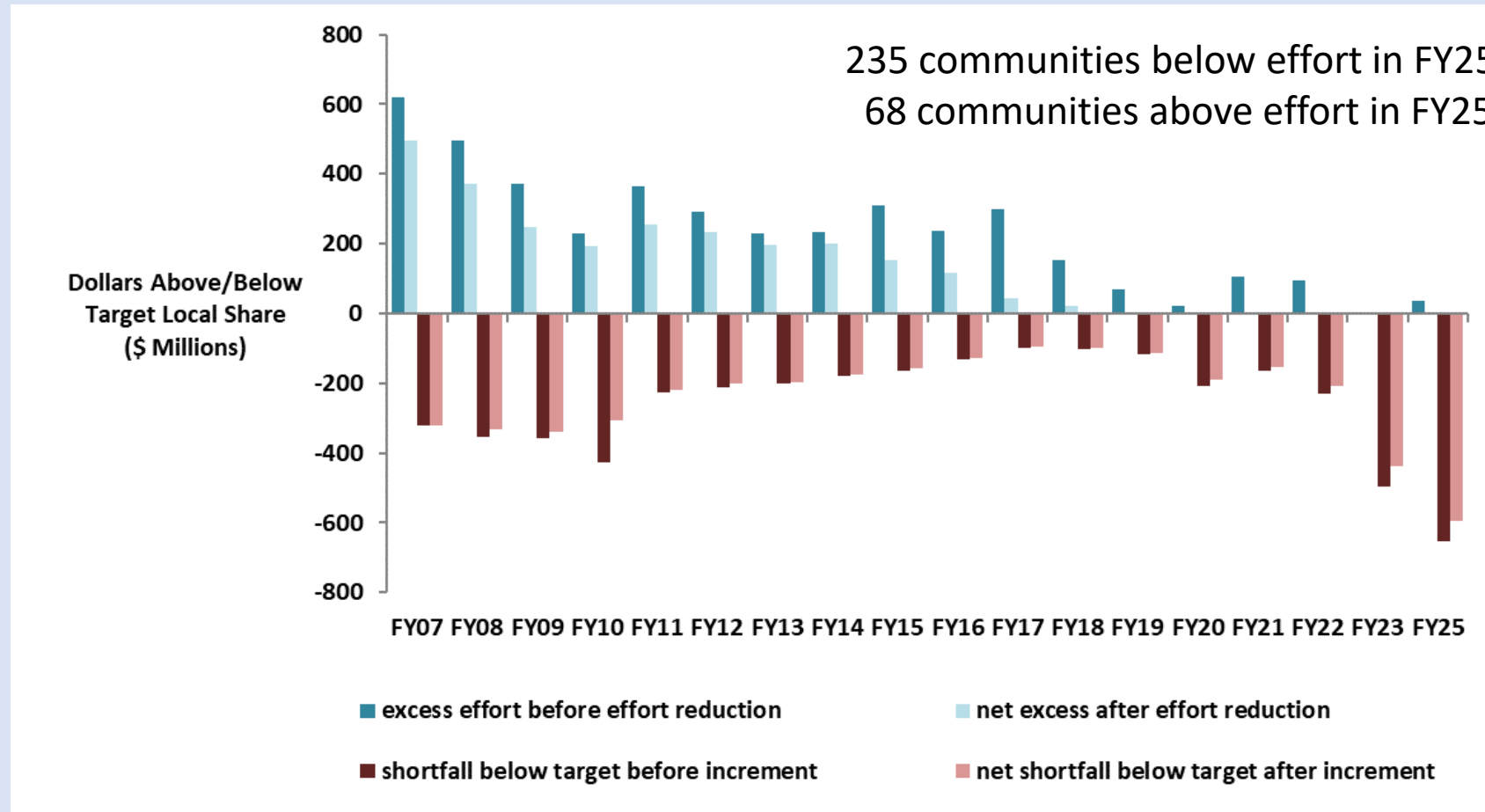
21) Shortfall from target local share (10 - 15)	21,364,637
22) Shortfall percentage (11 - 16)	4.24%
23) Added increment toward target (13 x 1% or 2%)*	1,204,330
<i>*1% if shortfall is between 2.5% and 7.5%; 2% if shortfall > 7.5%</i>	
24) Special increment toward 82.5% target**	0
<i>**if combined effort yield > 175% foundation</i>	
Combined effort yield as % of foundation	
25) Shortfall from target after adding increments (10 - 15 - 23 - 24)	20,160,307
26) FY25 required local contribution (15 + 23 + 24)	127,670,996
27) Contribution as percentage of foundation (26 / 8)	25.29%

Municipal Revenue Growth Factor

Changes (Increases/Decreases) the local contribution towards meeting the foundation budget based on change in the following local revenues:

- Levy Limit (increased 2.5% from previous year)
- New Growth
- State Aid (General Revenue Sharing)
- Prior Year Local Receipts

The aggregate wealth model has eliminated required excess effort, but in recent years effort shortfalls have increased



For communities that are below target, recent expansions in foundation budgets have resulted in required local contributions not keeping pace with the foundation budget increases

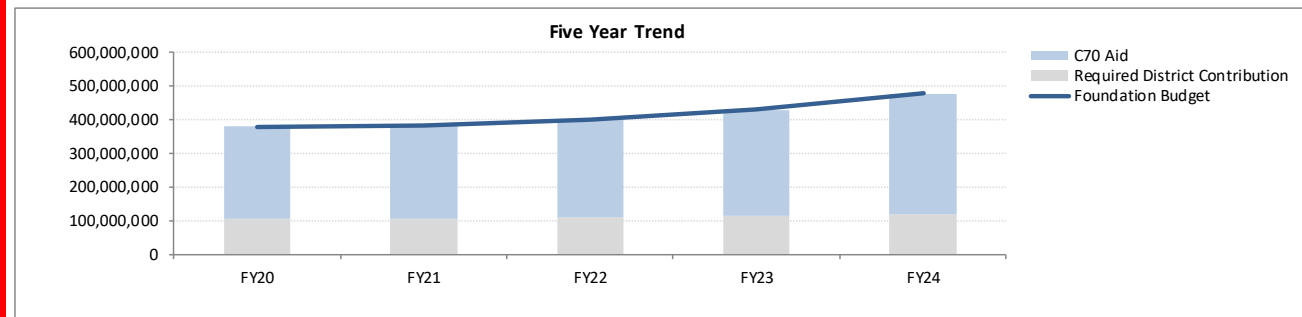
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Aid Calculation FY25

Prior Year Aid	
1 Chapter 70 FY24	357,541,905
Foundation Aid	
2 Foundation budget FY25	504,773,594
3 Required district contribution FY25	127,670,996
4 Foundation aid (2-3)	377,102,598
5 Increase over FY24 (4 - 1)	19,560,693
Minimum Aid	
6 Minimum \$30 per pupil increase	800,010
7 Minimum aid amount (if line 6 - line 5 > 0, then line 6 - line 5, otherwise 0)	0
Subtotal	
8 Sum of 1,5,7	377,102,598
Minimum Aid Adjustment	
9 Minimum aid adjustment	358,341,915
10 Aid adjustment increment (if line 9 - line 8 > 0, then line 9 - line 8, otherwise 0)	0
Non-Operating District Reduction to Foundation	
11 Reduction to foundation	0
Hold Harmless Aid	
12 Hold harmless aid	0
FY25 Chapter 70 Aid	
13 Sum of 1,5,7,10, 12 minus 11	377,102,598

Comparison to FY24

	FY24	FY25	Change	Pct Chg
Enrollment	26,552	26,667	115	0.43%
Foundation budget	477,974,879	504,773,594	26,798,716	5.61%
Required district contribution	120,432,974	127,670,996	7,238,022	6.01%
Chapter 70 aid	357,541,905	377,102,598	19,560,693	5.47%
Required net school spending (NSS)	477,974,879	504,773,594	26,798,715	5.61%
Target aid share	70.10%	70.71%		
C70 % of foundation	74.80%	74.71%		
Required NSS % of foundation	100.00%	100.00%		



Note on Minimum Aid Adjustment on lines 9 and 10:

The minimum aid adjustment is the sum of (a) the greater of foundation aid or base aid determined based on the FY21 base and incremental rates, inflated to FY24, and (b) foundation enrollment multiplied by \$30. The aid adjustment increment (line 10) is the line 9 amount less the line 8 amount if the difference is positive. Otherwise, the increment is zero.



Net School Spending (NSS)

- School budget and municipal budget amounts attributable to education, excluding long-term debt service, student transportation, school lunches and certain other specified school expenditures.

Net School Spending v. Actual NSS

Required Net School Spending (NSS)

Chapter 70 Aid

+ Required Local Contribution

District's NSS Requirement

- NSS requirement is the legal funding obligation for each district.
 - Remains fully in effect and will be enforced
 - Aid penalties result from non-compliance

“Actual” NSS

- Computed each year from each district's End of Year Financial Report
 - Includes operating expenditures
 - Includes municipal indirect costs such as insurance, maintenance and administration
 - Excludes non-appropriated funds such as grants and revolving funds
 - Excludes capital spending

FY25 Chapter 70 Summary

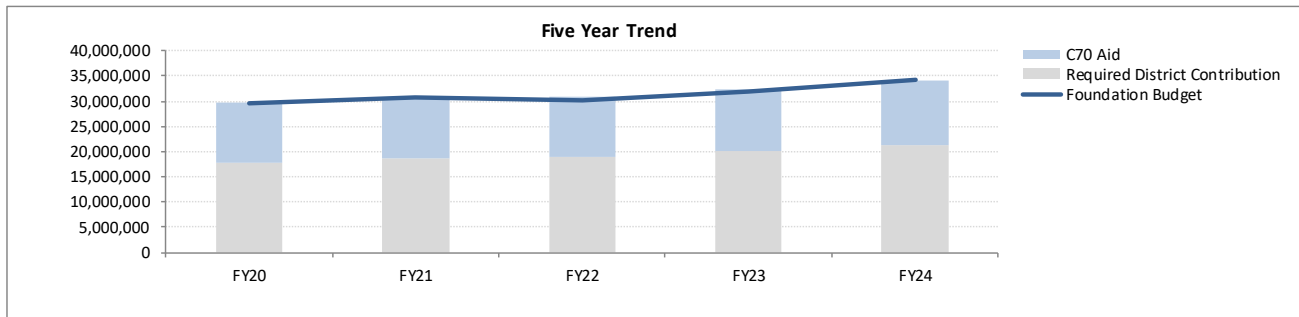
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Aid Calculation FY25

Prior Year Aid		
1 Chapter 70 FY24		12,997,947
Foundation Aid		
2 Foundation budget FY25	35,380,192	
3 Required district contribution FY25	22,433,888	
4 Foundation aid (2-3)	12,946,304	
5 Increase over FY24 (4 - 1)		0
Minimum Aid		
6 Minimum \$30 per pupil increase	72,210	
7 Minimum aid amount (if line 6 - line 5 > 0, then line 6 - line 5, otherwise 0)		72,210
Subtotal		
8 Sum of 1,5,7		13,070,157
Minimum Aid Adjustment		
9 Minimum aid adjustment	13,070,157	
10 Aid adjustment increment (if line 9 - line 8 > 0, then line 9 - line 8, otherwise 0)		0
Non-Operating District Reduction to Foundation		
11 Reduction to foundation		0
Hold Harmless Aid		
12 Hold harmless aid		0
FY25 Chapter 70 Aid		
13 Sum of 1,5,7,10, 12 minus 11		13,070,157

Comparison to FY24

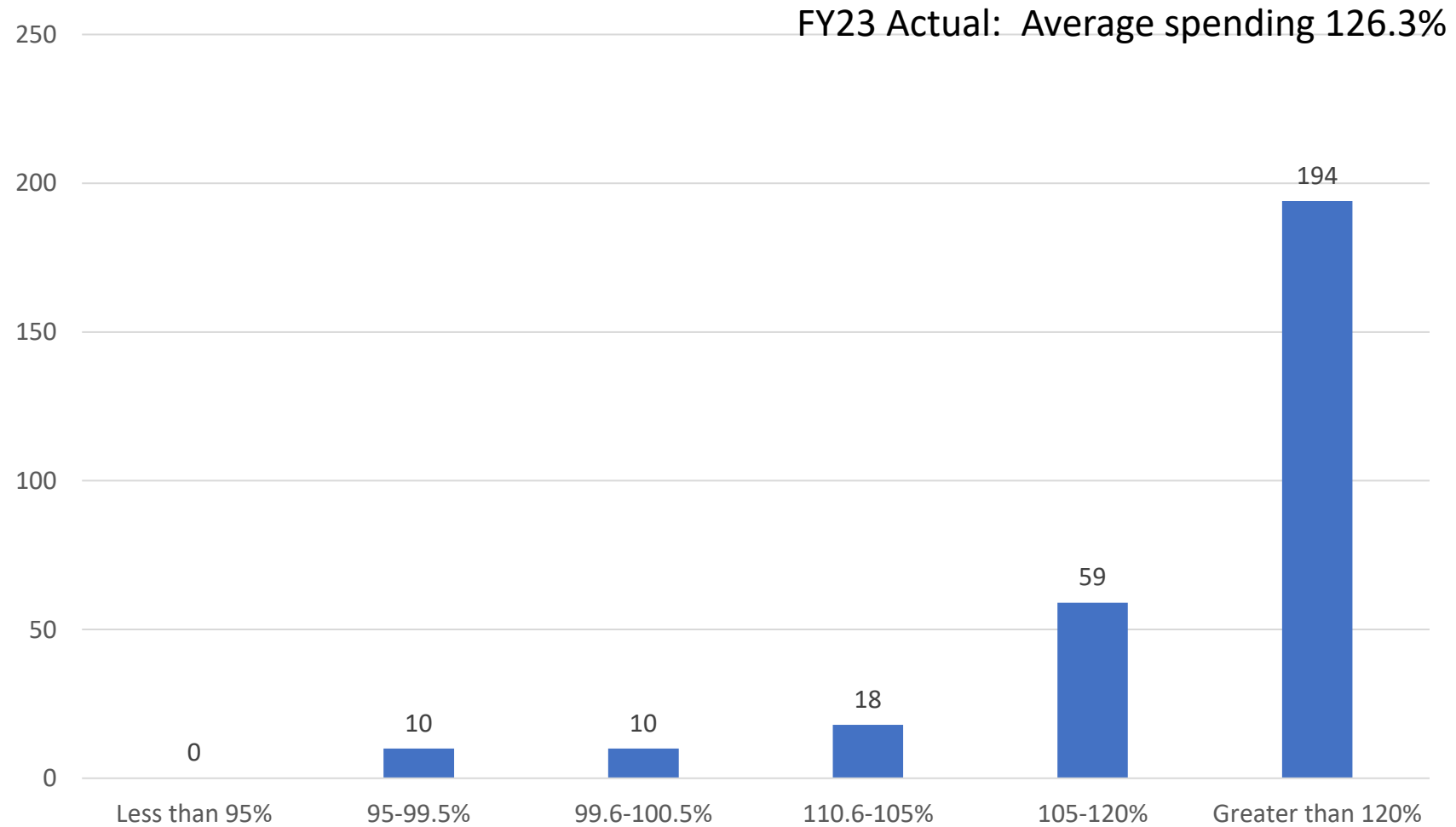
	FY24	FY25	Change	Pct Chg
Enrollment	2,417	2,407	-10	-0.41%
Foundation budget	34,207,458	35,380,192	1,172,734	3.43%
Required district contribution	21,209,511	22,433,888	1,224,377	5.77%
Chapter 70 aid	12,997,947	13,070,157	72,210	0.56%
Required net school spending (NSS)	34,207,458	35,504,045	1,296,587	3.79%
Target aid share	33.14%	30.23%		
C70 % of foundation	38.00%	36.94%		
Required NSS % of foundation	100.00%	100.35%		



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Most Districts Spend in Excess of Their Net School Spending Requirement





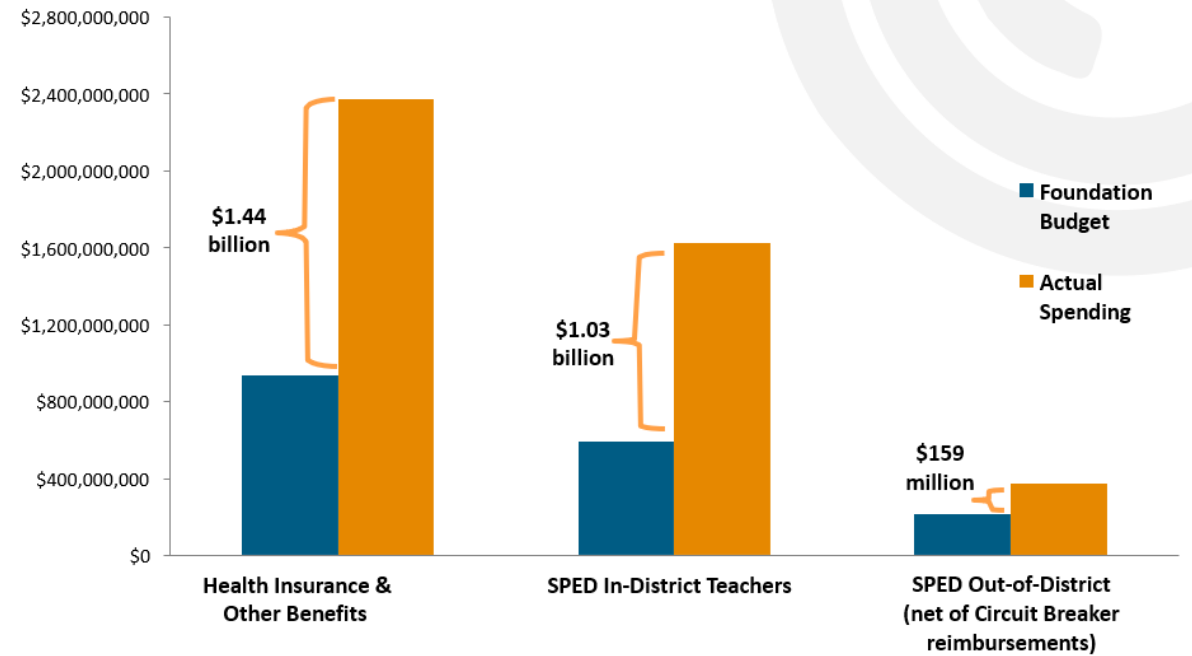
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Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019

Formula Changes to be phased in over six- year period.

Foundation Budget Undercounts Critical Costs by \$2.63 Billion

Fiscal Year 2017



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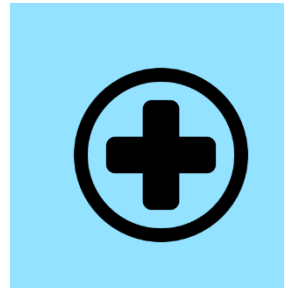
Statewide foundation budget & total spending, health insurance & other benefits, special education, FY 2017



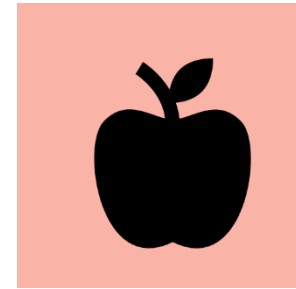
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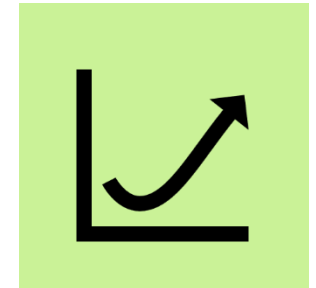
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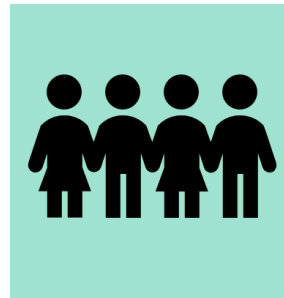
Benefits & Fixed Charges



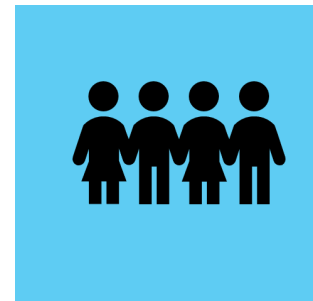
Guidance and Psychological Services



Special Education OOD Tuition Rate



English Learners



Low Income

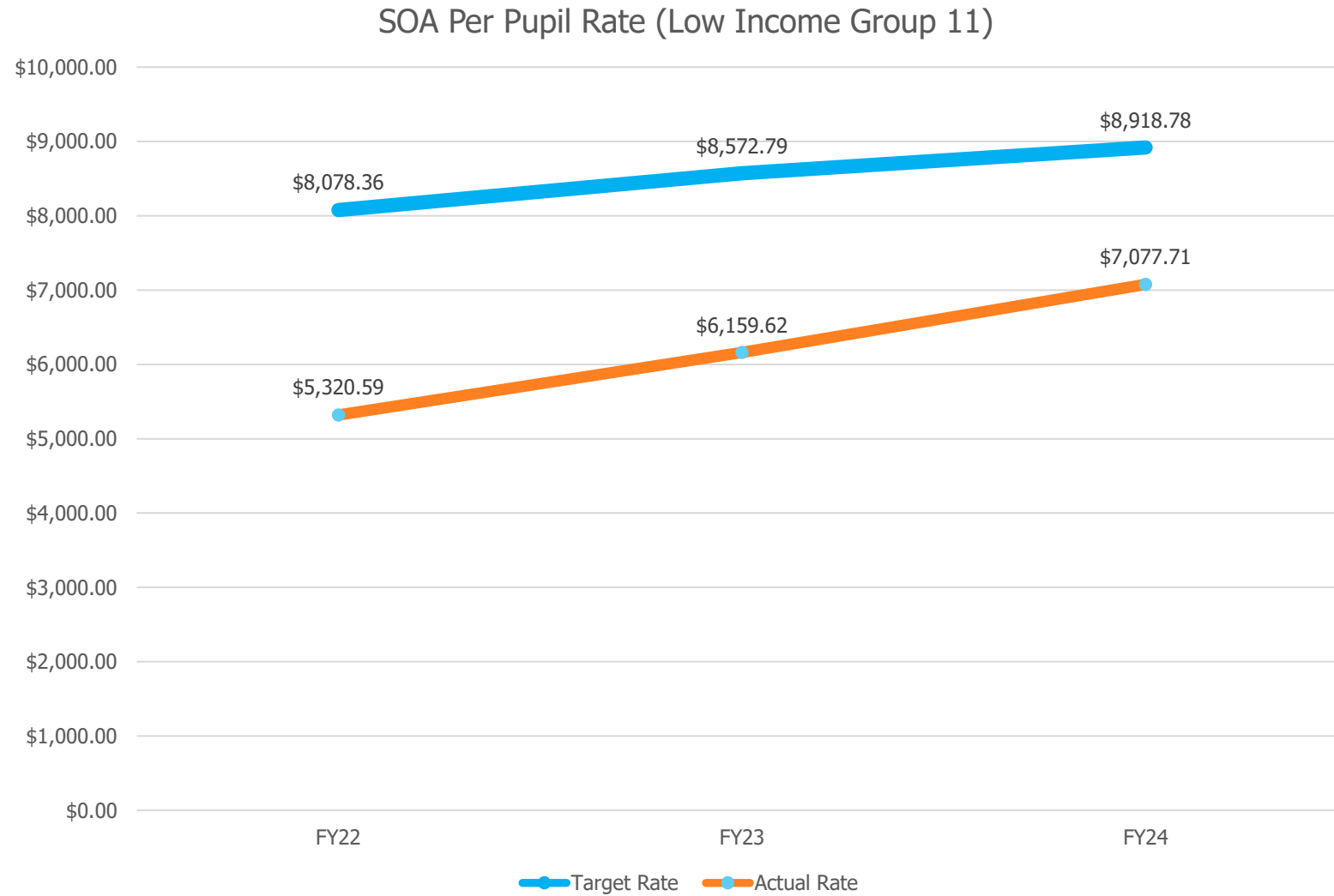
Change from 10 to 12 tiers, higher rates, and revert back to previous low income calculation of students.



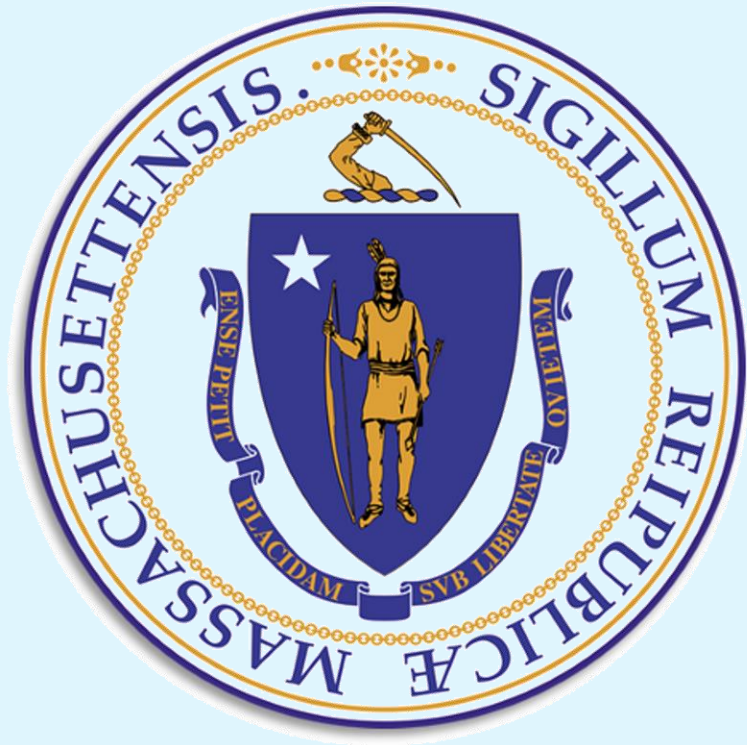
Formula Changes

Phase in of assumed in-district special education enrollment to 5% for vocational students and 4% for non-vocational students.

SOA Phase-in Progress



There are 6 factors that work together to determine a district's Chapter 70 aid



Foundation Budget

- Enrollment
- Wage Adjustment Factor
- Inflation

Local Contribution

- Property value
- Income
- Municipal Revenue Growth Factor

What's going on in FY25

- School Districts budgets increasing 4-5+%
- ESSER phase-out
- Flat statewide enrollment
- Low per pupil inflation growth of 1.35%
- Reduction in Low-Income students (down 7,000)
- Average MRGF increase of 4.35%

