

1925 COMMITTEE

TEXAS PUBLIC
SCHOOL FUNDING



Household Staples: Guess the Price Hike

Item	2019 Price	2024 Price	% Increase
Milk (1 gallon)	\$3.50	\$4.25	21.4%
Bread (1 loaf)	\$2.50	\$3.15	26.0%
Eggs (1 dozen)	\$2.00	\$3.50	75.0%





Housing Prices: Rent and Home Values

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2019 Rent

Average monthly rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: \$1,200.

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2024 Rent

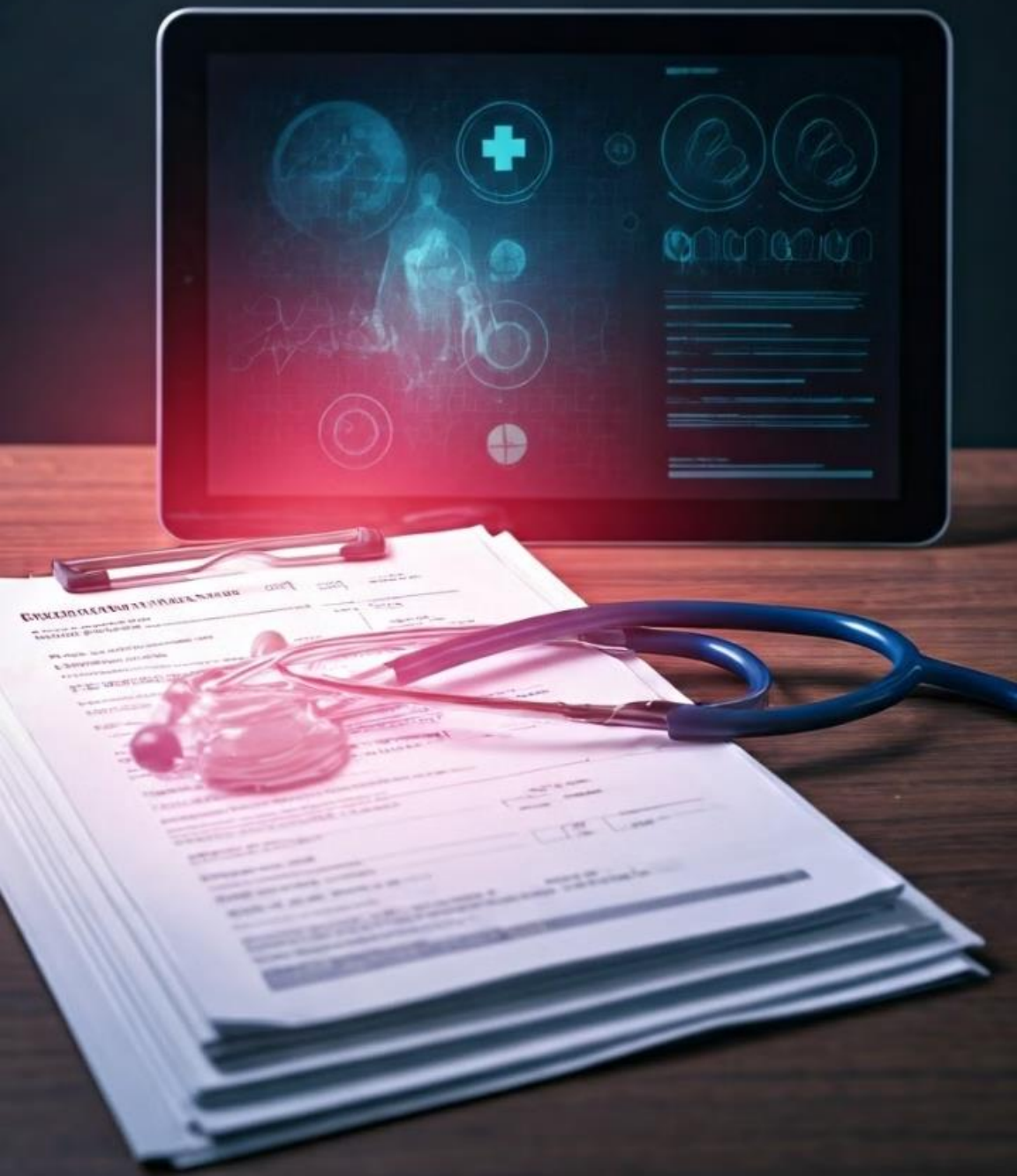
Average monthly rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: \$1,500.

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Home Values

Median home price increased from \$320,000 in 2019 to \$390,000 in 2024.

Healthcare Expenses: Insurance and Medical Care



Insurance Premiums

Average family plan rose from \$12,000/year in 2019 to \$18,000/year in 2024.

Prescription Drugs

Cost of common medications increased by an average of 15% from 2019 to 2024.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Average deductible for individual plans increased from \$1,655 to \$2,000.

Energy Costs: Gasoline and Utilities



Gasoline

Average price per gallon rose from \$2.60 in 2019 to \$3.50 in 2024.



Electricity

Average residential rate increased from \$0.13/kWh to \$0.15/kWh.



Natural Gas

Average price per thousand cubic feet rose from \$10.00 to \$12.50.



Entertainment and Dining Costs



Movie Tickets

Average price increased from \$9.50 in 2019 to \$11.00 in 2024.



Dining Out

Average meal cost for two rose from \$65 to \$80.



Live Events

Average concert ticket price jumped from \$95 to \$120.



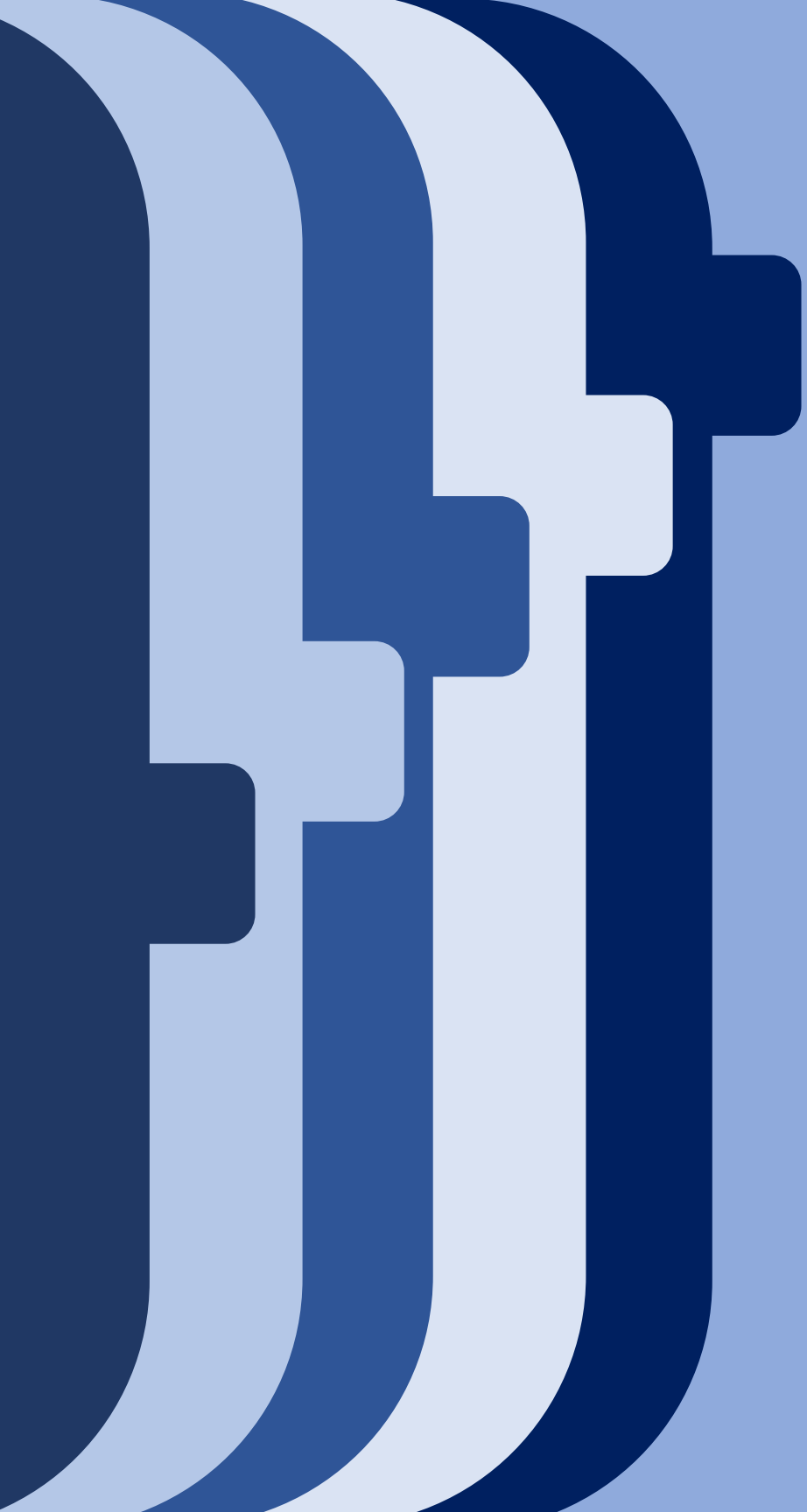
Articles from Across the State

<https://www.tpr.org/news/2024-05-14/texas-public-schools-face-a-budget-crisis-under-gov-greg-abbott-teachers-and-lawmakers-say>

<https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/texas-schools-face-layoffs-and-cuts-without-state-funding-boost>

<https://www.texasaft.org/policy/funding/house-interim-charges-finally-released-as-school-funding-crisis-looms-gaining-lawmakers-attention/>

<https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/education/north-texas-school-districts-struggling-financially-for-2024-25-school-year/287-9516a7b3-99a7-43b2-b7ca-596b9405ff13>



"So when I was in Northside, greater than 85% of our budget was tied up in all of the people," Woods, who is now the deputy executive director of advocacy at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), said. "So, if you're going to make substantial changes to your budget as a school system, you're essentially going to have fewer people."

Now, with many schools at their tipping point, all eyes are the 2025 legislative session.

"Whatever happens with regard to school funding and the session that's upcoming in 2025, early 2025, will be a key determinant in what public schools are able to do and afford," Woods said.

SAISD superintendent Jaime Aquino says if funding does not come then, dark times are coming.

"If next year we spend another legislative session with no increase in the basic allotment, we are going to have to have serious conversations of major cuts, layoffs."

Texas public schools face a 'budget crisis' under Gov. Greg Abbott, teachers and lawmakers say

KERA | By Megan Cardona
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Texas public schools are struggling with layoffs, closures, and cuts to student services caused by severe underfunding, according to a report released this week by the Texas American Federation of Teachers.

The report cited data showing Texas ranked 41st in the nation for per-pupil education funding, and said more than 91% of kids in Texas public schools attended schools that were inadequately funded.

During a Monday conference call with reporters, Texas AFT President Zeph Capo said it was disheartening that calls to increase state funding weren't gaining traction with Gov. Greg Abbott, who wants to create a school voucher program in Texas.

"That is Governor Abbott's handiwork," Capo said. "It's the failed policy of the legislature that's left our schools without funding or without a funding increase since 2019."

The report came out the same day 39 Democrats in the state House of Representatives called on Abbott to hold a special legislative session for increased public education spending.

In a letter posted Monday by Texas Rep. Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston, the lawmakers pointed to \$5 billion appropriated and unspent for public education, and said it was necessary to stave off a "school budget crisis."

"Texas public schools are facing serious budget challenges from inflation, historic underfunding, and unfunded mandates that will drive drastic budget cuts in ISDs across the state," they said in the letter. "These issues arise from the state's failure to improve school funding since 2019."

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The basic budget allotment for K-12 students in Texas is \$6,160 per student.

That's the legislatively mandated amount of money from the general revenue funds that go to each public school district to provide a basic level of education for the district's residents. The allotment has not increased since 2019, despite substantial inflation since then.

This is forcing districts across North Texas to make changes to staffing, class sizes and program offerings. Some districts have supported bonds or a voter-approved tax rate election (VATRE) to cover the shortfall.

In a new WFAA series, we are highlighting urban, suburban and rural school districts in the DFW metroplex and sharing how they're confronting funding challenges, working toward the best outcome for students and communities.

Part of our reporting includes a robust survey of 52 school districts across the more than 30 counties in North Texas, designed to paint a comprehensive picture of what's happening financially and how it's affecting schools local children are attending.

Glaringly absent, however, were any charges related to resolving the looming school finance crisis many districts are facing due to inadequate funding and unfunded mandates from the state. The charges also fail to address the need for increased compensation for teachers and school employees, who are leaving the profession in droves due to stagnant pay. In fact, teacher turnover has been steadily increasing in recent years, reaching a historic high of [21.4% in the 2022-2023 school year](#) – nearly double the [11.8% teacher turnover rate in 2009-2010](#) and significantly higher than the [17.7% rate in 2021-2022](#).

Dig into the data

Over half of surveyed North Texas school districts report deficits

Many of the 53 school districts surveyed by WFAA reported deficits in the multi-millions heading into this school year. Of those, ome reporter staffing cuts.

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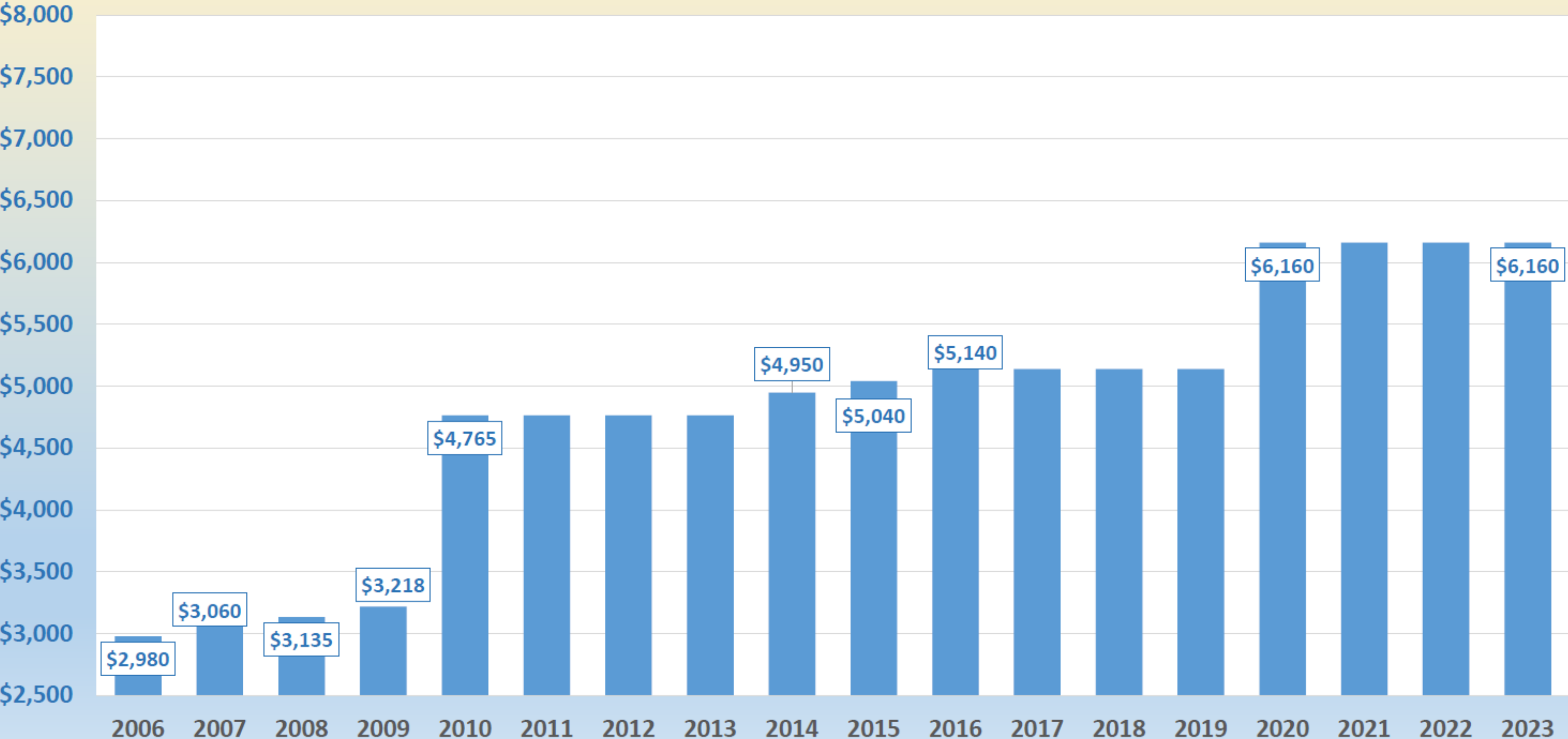
District	County	Deficit budget?	Staffing cuts?	Program Cuts?	Voter approved tax rate?
Dallas ISD	Dallas	Yes (\$186M)	No	No	No
Garland ISD	Dallas	Yes (\$88.9M)	Yes	Yes	No
Lewisville ISD	Dallas/Denton				
Mesquite ISD	Dallas	Yes (\$28M)	No	No	No
Fort Worth ISD	Tarrant	Yes (\$17.7M)	Yes	Yes	No
Arlington ISD	Tarrant	Yes (\$25.4M)	Yes	No	Yes (2020)
Mansfield ISD	Tarrant/Ellis/Johnson	Yes (\$14.8M)	No	No	Yes (2021)
Keller ISD	Tarrant				
Northwest ISD	Tarrant	Yes (\$16M)	No	No	Yes (2024)

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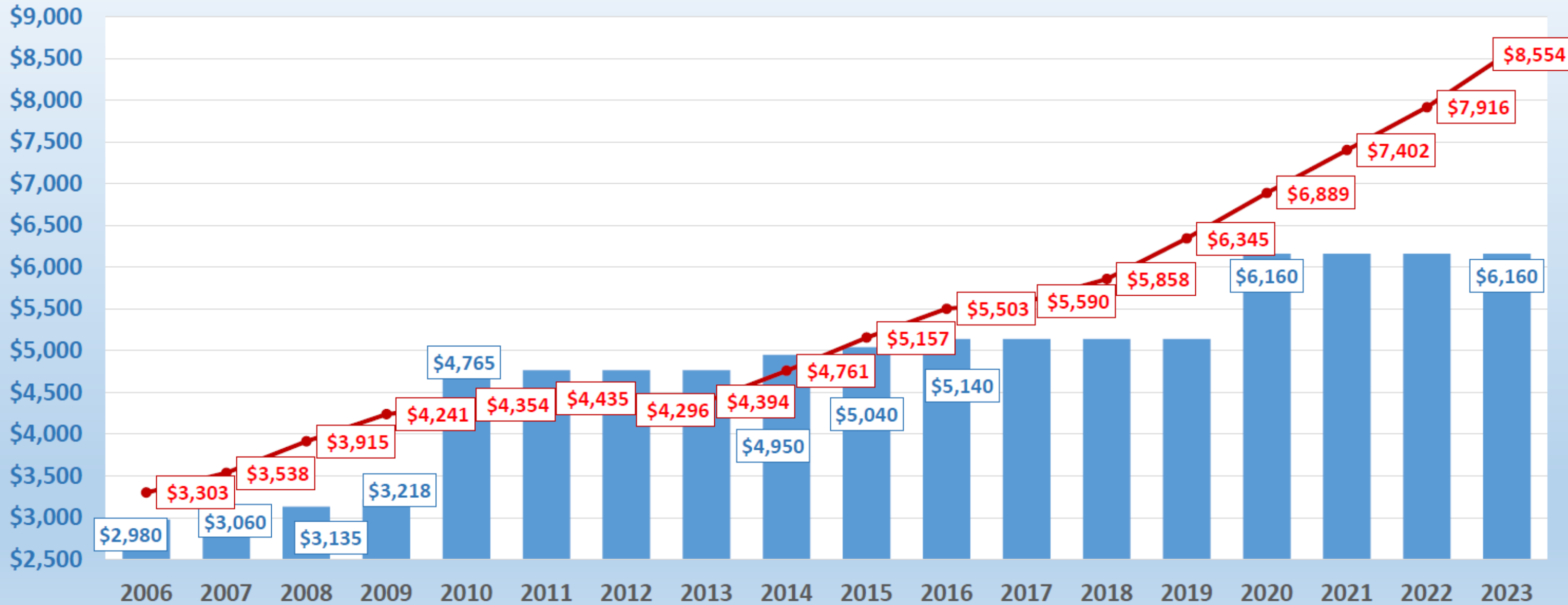
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WHERE DOES TEXAS SCHOOL FUNDING COME FROM?

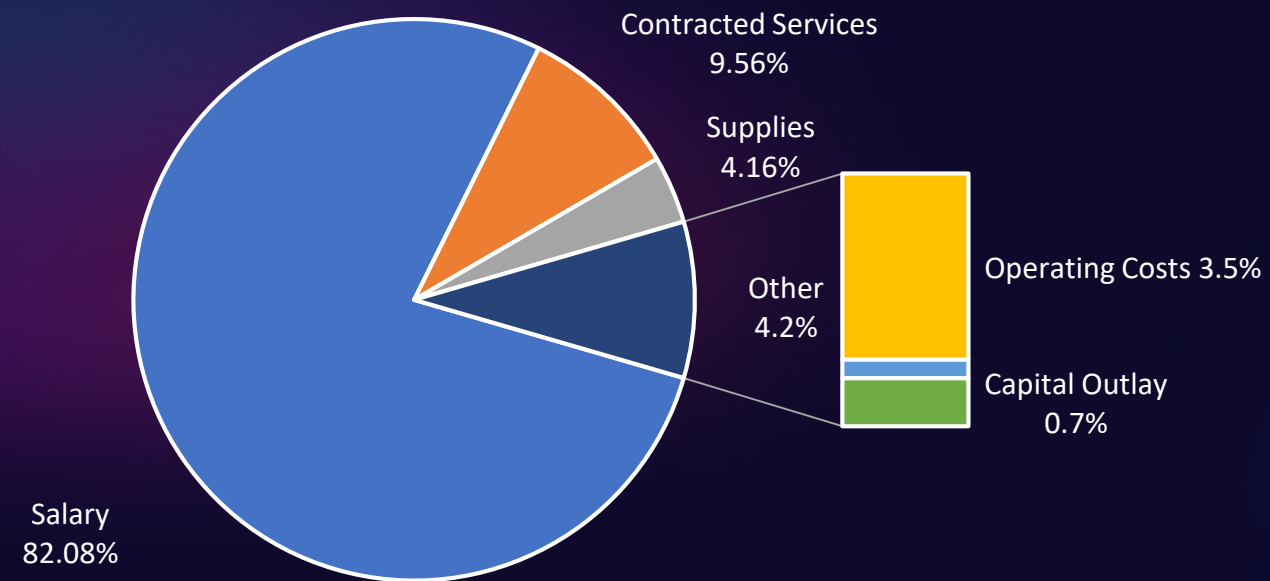
Basic Allotments--2006 through 2023



Basic Allotments--Actual & 88th Percentile Adjustment (Current Year Values)

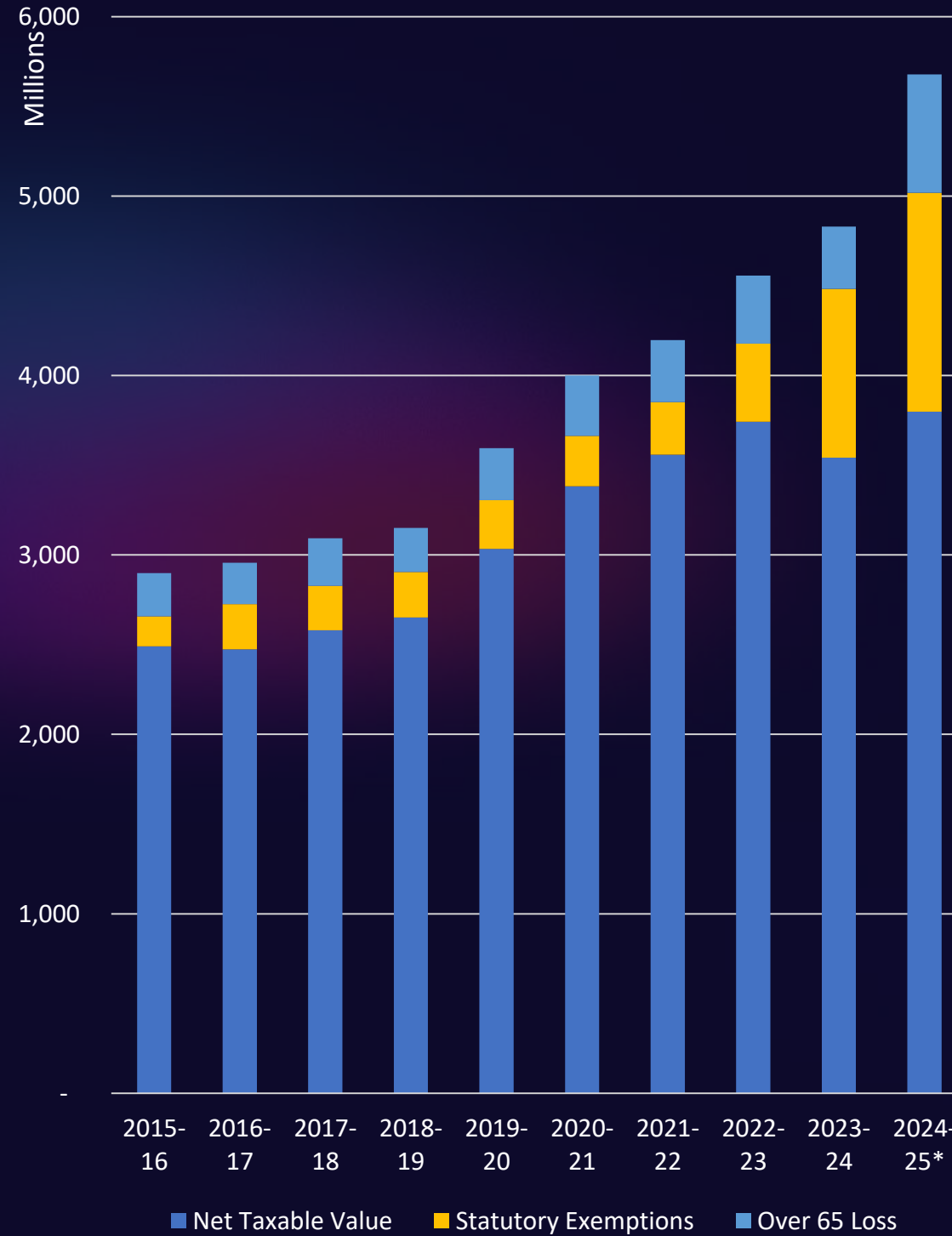


KERRVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OPERATING FUND BY OBJECT



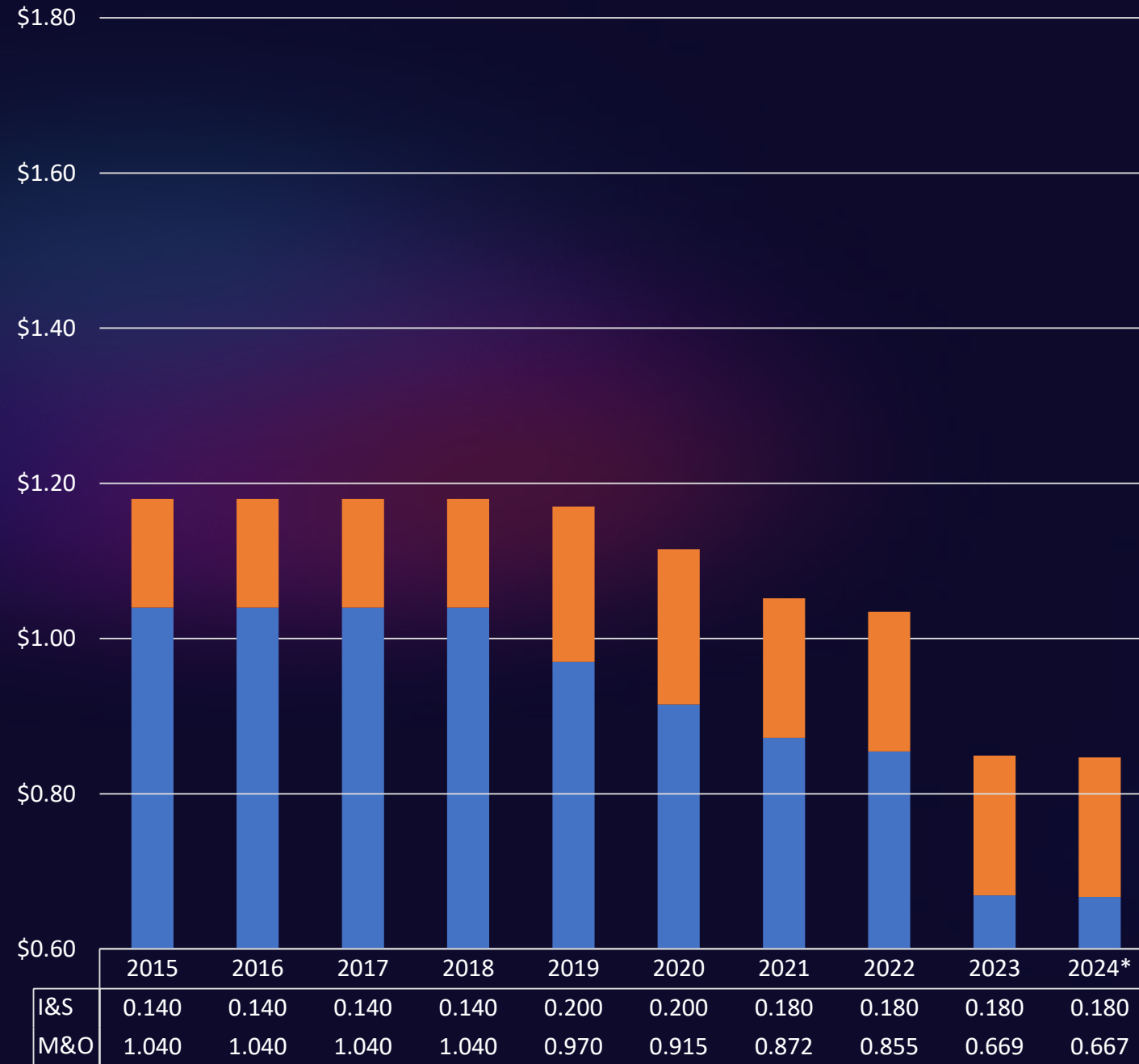
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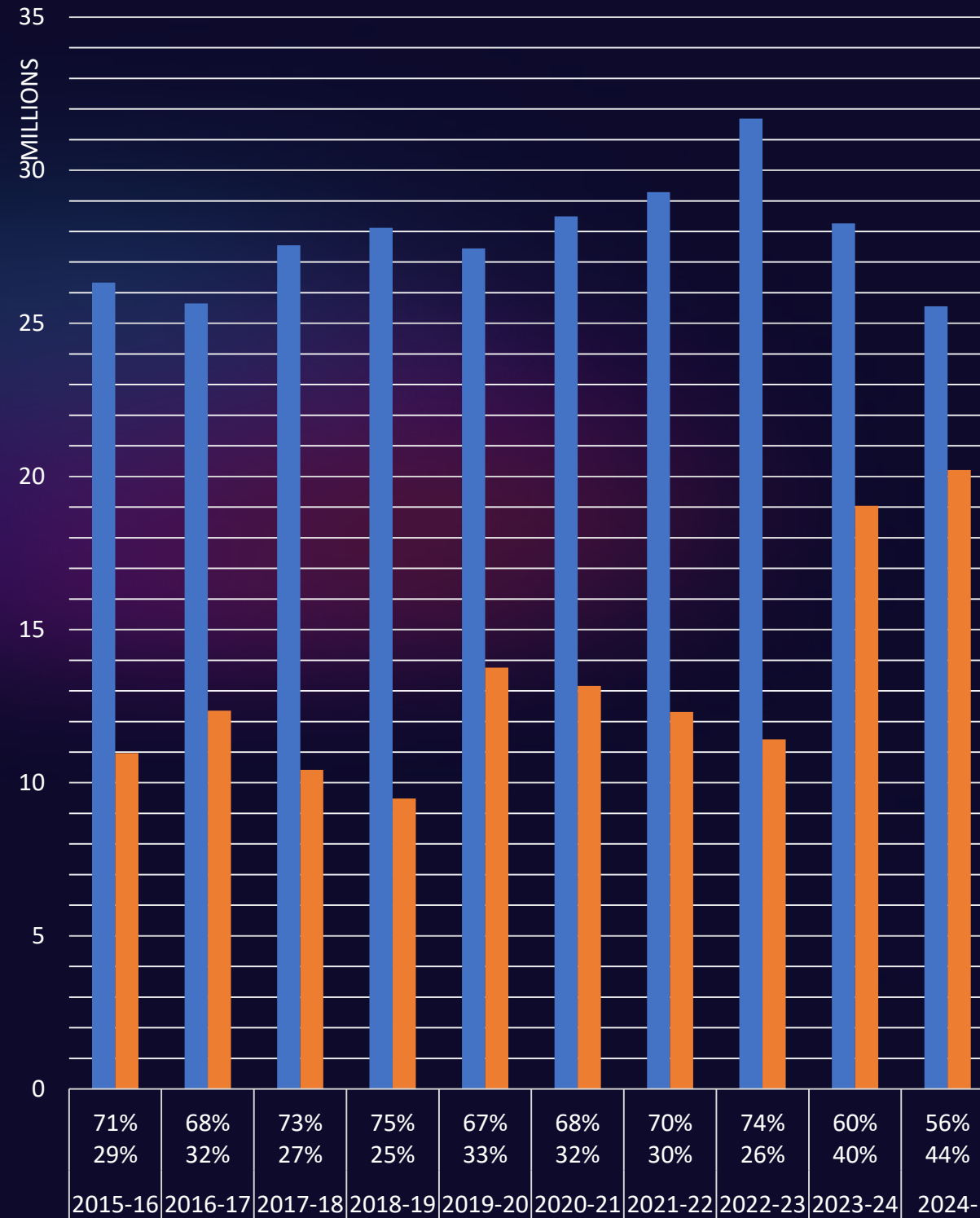
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KERRVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE VS LOCAL REVENUE

Local State



<u>Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget</u>	
Revenues	
Current Year Property Taxes	23,300,000
Other Local Revenues	2,260,600
State Revenues	20,212,696
Federal Revenues/Other Resources	565,000
Total Revenue	46,338,296
Total Payroll	38,323,128
Total Supply Expenditures	10,916,104
Total General Operating Budget	49,239,232
Surplus/Deficit	(2,900,936)

Texas Schools: Budget Crisis

Impact on Education Quality

Larger Class Sizes

Teacher-student ratios increase, reducing individual attention.

Program Cuts

Art, music, and extracurriculars face elimination.

Outdated Resources

Textbooks and technology fall behind current standards.

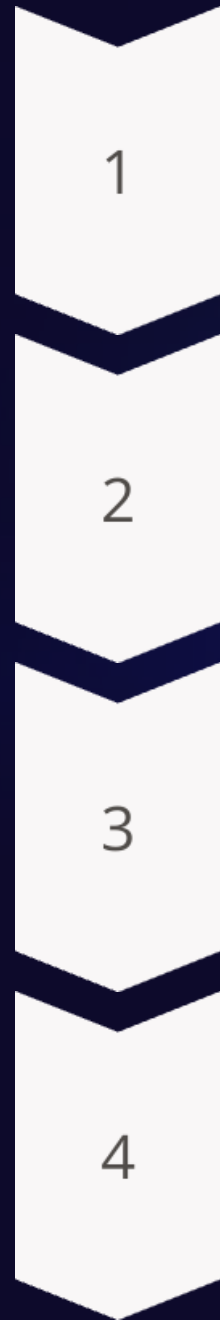
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The Ripple Effect



Budget Cuts

Schools reduce staff and resources.

Educational Gaps

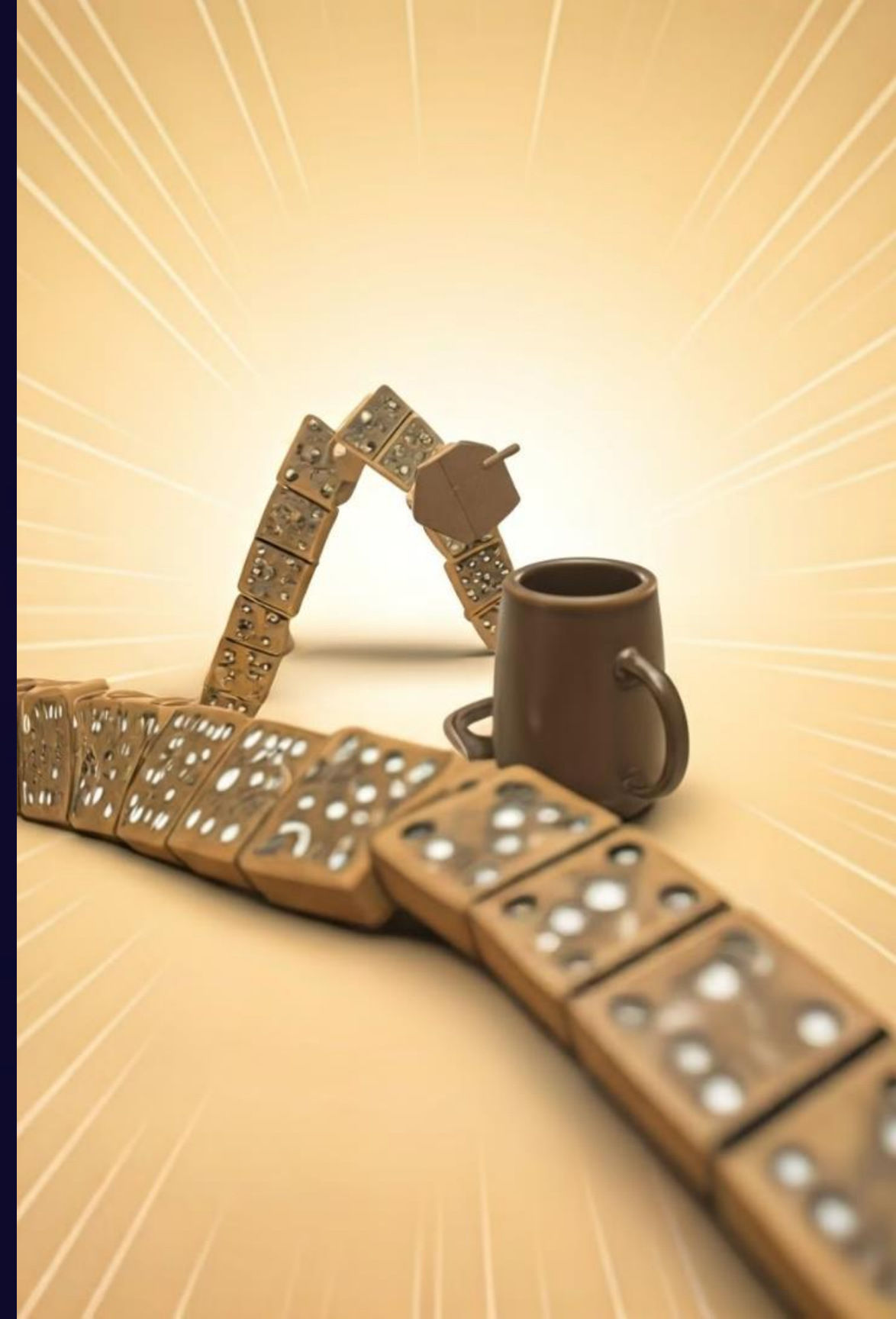
Students receive fewer opportunities and support.

Economic Impact

Workforce preparedness and local economies suffer.

Community Strain

Families struggle with costs and reduced services.





Call to Action

Stay Informed

Follow local school board meetings and budgets

Advocate

Contact representatives about education funding

Vote

Support candidates prioritizing education

Volunteer

Contribute time and resources to local schools