

TRSD PUBLIC HEARING

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Today's TRSD Demographics

	<u>Median home income</u>	<u>Median home value</u>	<u>Present Tax Rate</u>	<u>Median Taxes Present Formula</u>	<u>Median Taxes as % of Income Present Formula</u>	<u>Median Taxes as % of Home Value</u>
Sandown	\$89,006	\$255,446	20.11	\$5,137	5.8%	2.0%
Danville	\$75,448	\$260,246	22.28	\$5,798	7.7%	2.2%
Plaistow	\$81,270	\$277,667	17.06	\$4,737	5.8%	1.7%
Atkinson	\$91,835	\$349,306	15.25	\$5,327	5.8%	1.5%
NH avg	\$63,280	\$236,000				

Income and Home values are 2012 data from www.city-data.com

Tax Rates are 2013 data

Why Not Change to Equal Tax Rate System?

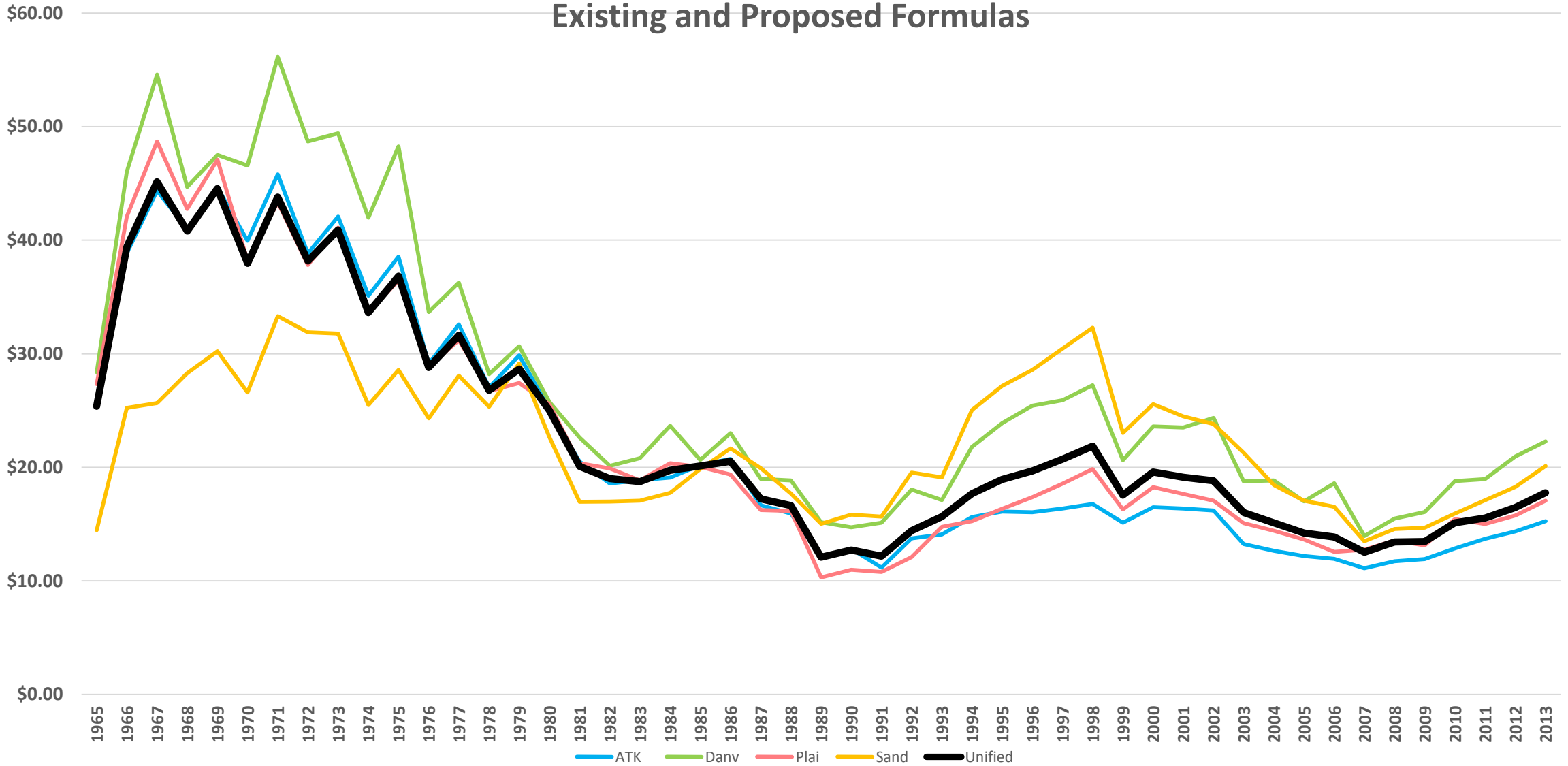
- Present system directly links How many educational resources are used by a town and how much they are taxed
- Proposed system removes this link, and taxes based on a towns' "property wealth" only
 - So a town with lower property wealth and a growing number of students has absolutely zero incentive to try and change the situation and every incentive to work to get as much money as possible from "richer" towns.
 - There is no reason to become a more balanced town, more responsible to their neighbors.

Why Not Change to an Equal Tax Rate System?

- Tax Rates Vary for at Least 4 Reasons
 - Budget, which is mostly controlled by TRSD
 - Legislature controls retirement costs and state aid. Feds control their requirements
 - Town Total Property Values
 - Not controlled by TRSD, only by individual town
 - Land Use: How Much Commercial vs. Residential
 - Not controlled by TRSD, at least influenced heavily by individual towns
 - Median Home Value
 - Not controlled by TRSD, only by individual town
- So TRSD controls less than 1/4 of the variables in setting tax rates
- Individual towns control 3/4 of the variables

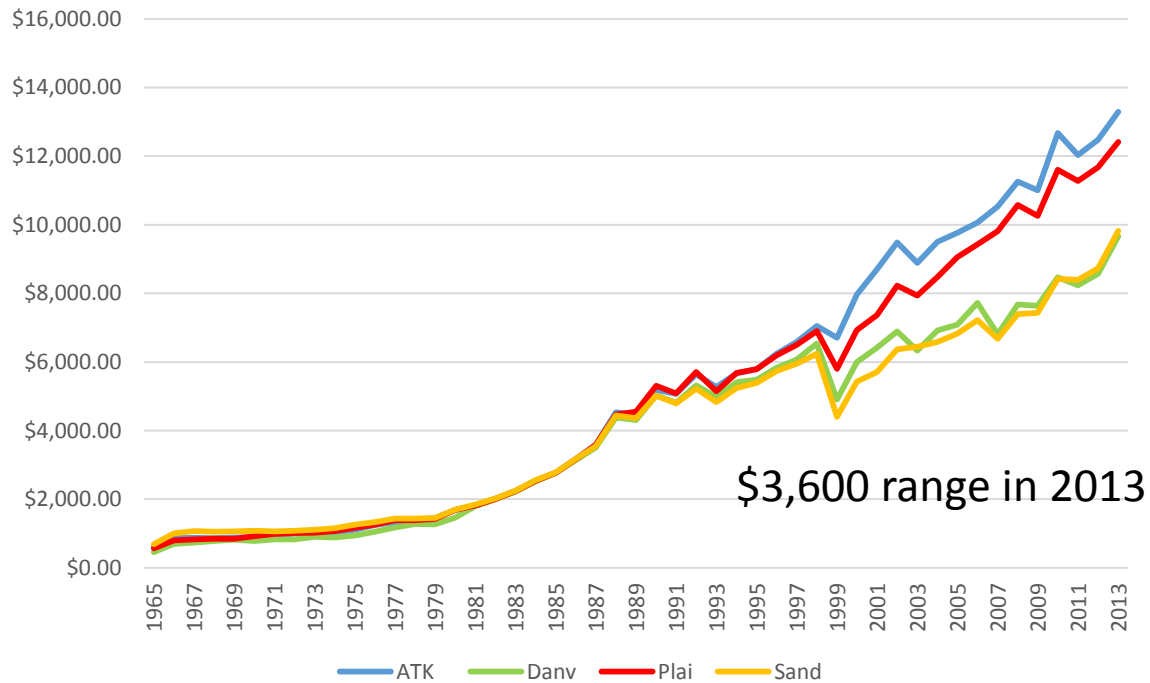
Tax Rate Per Town

Existing and Proposed Formulas

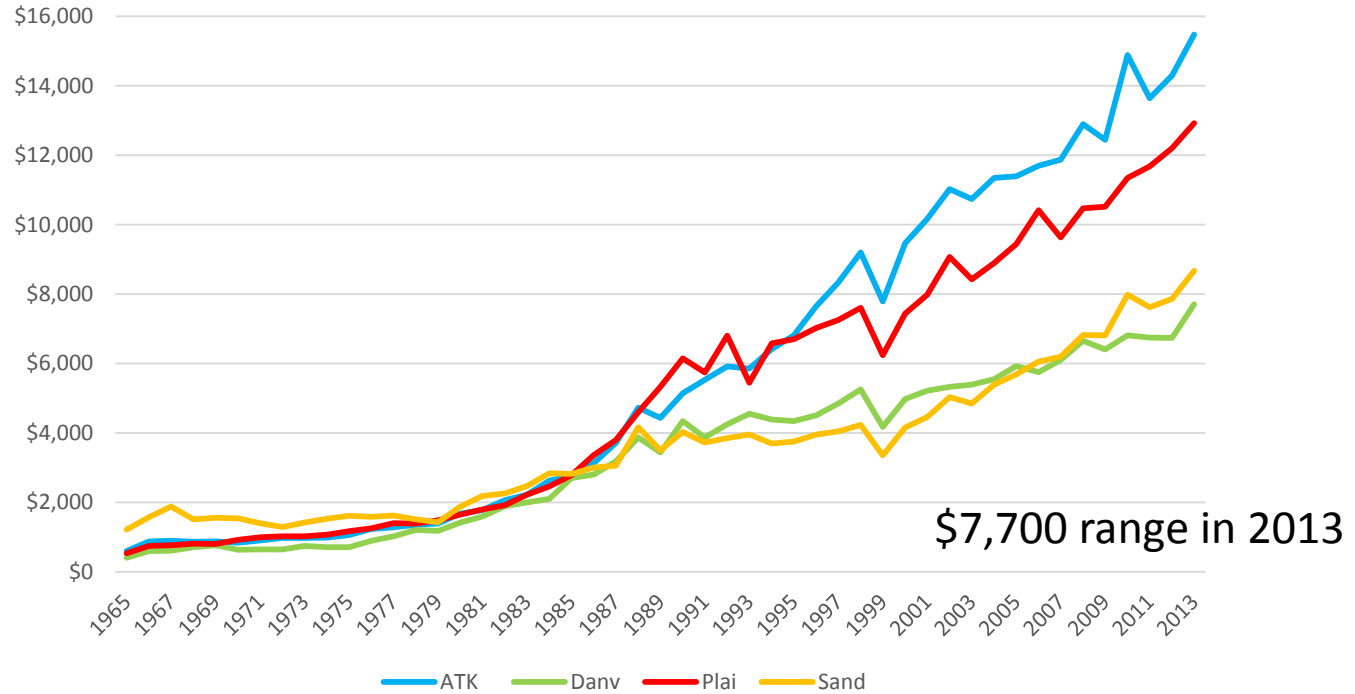


Effect of Funding Formula on Cost per Pupil per Town

Cost per Pupil per Town Existing Formula

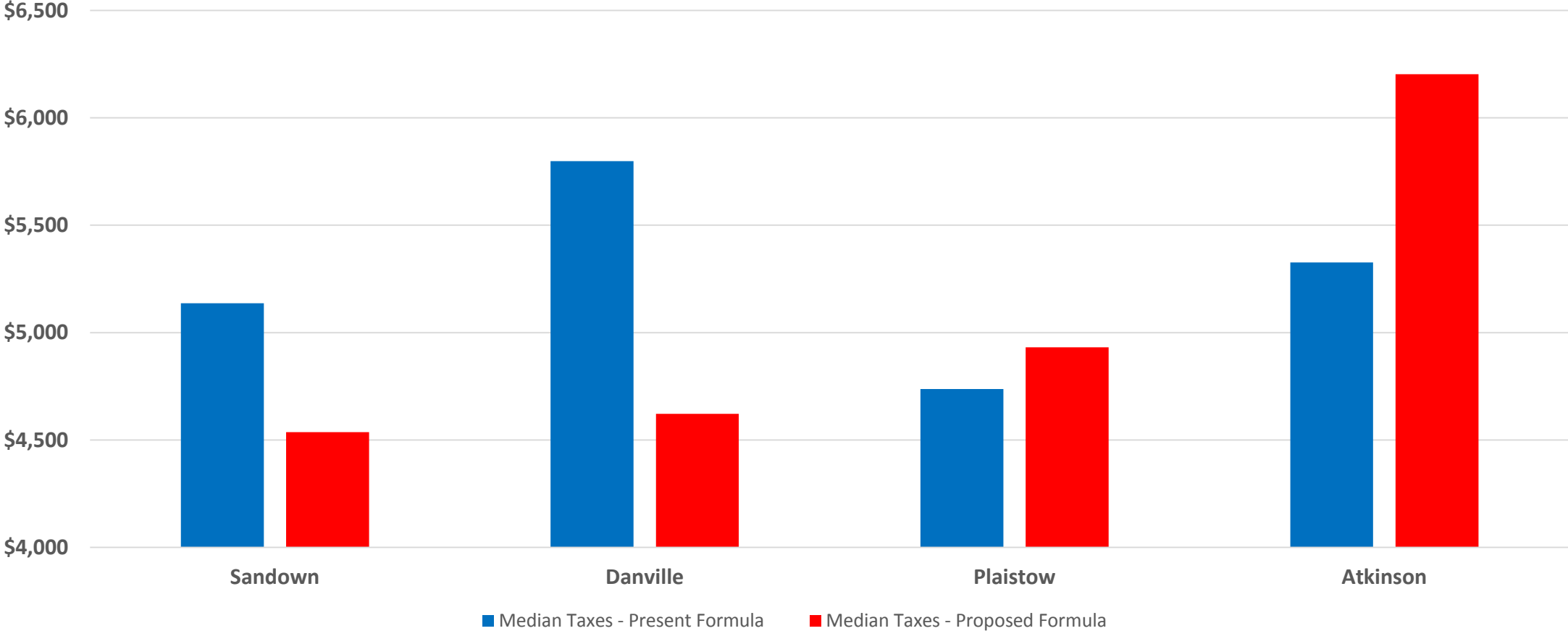


Cost per Pupil per Town Proposed Formula

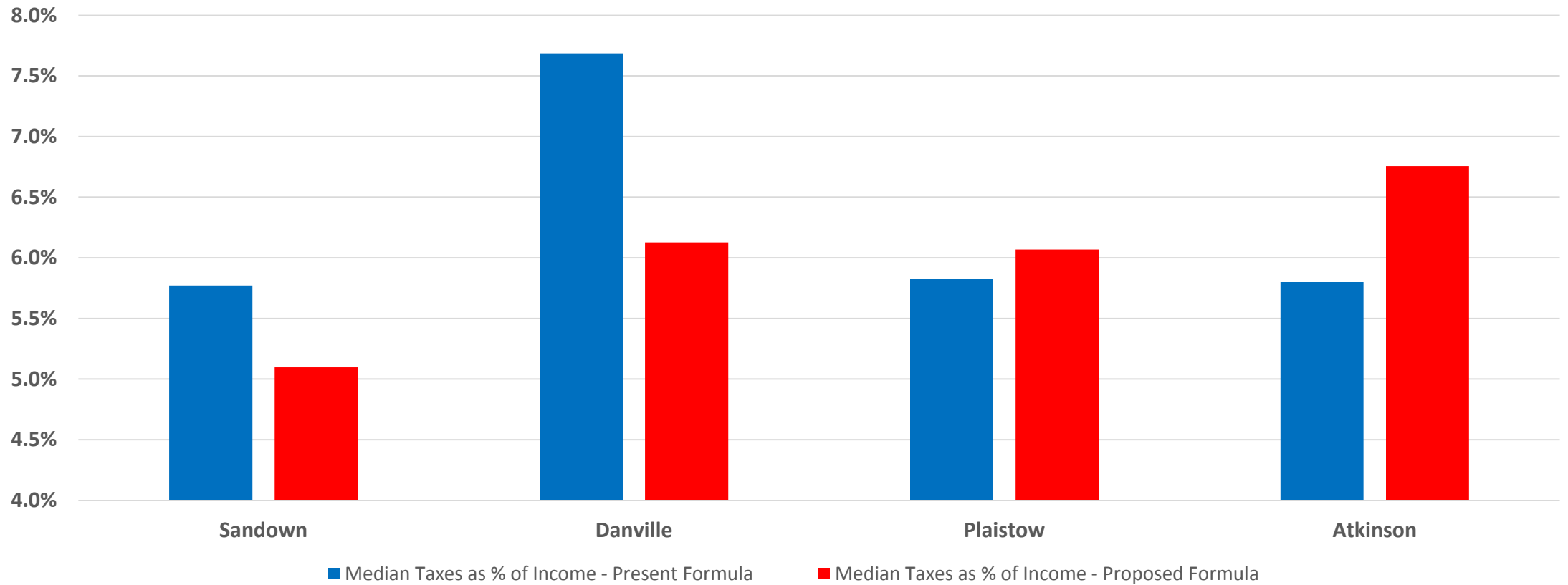


Why should Atkinson be asked to pay 2X more than Danville to educate each of its students?

TRSD Tax per Median Household



Taxes as % of Median Income



Final Affect of the Proposed Change

- Removes linkage of resource use to cost
- Removes incentive to fix the issues internal to towns
 - Towns negatively affected by change have no say in getting situation fixed
- Under any change, somebody's ox gets gored TANSTAAFL
- Proposed change sets up class & town conflict

I urge Voters to vote NO on this proposal