

# New Legislator Orientation, Phase II

## Education Briefing

### What Drives K-12 Spending

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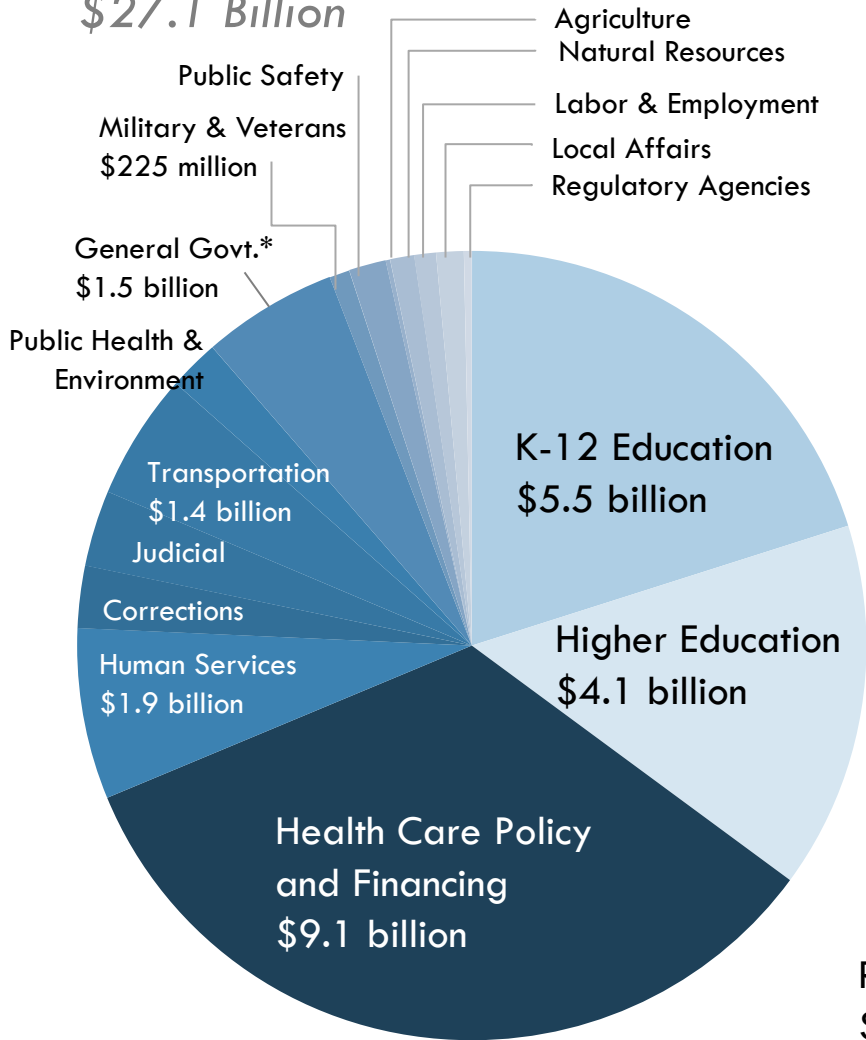
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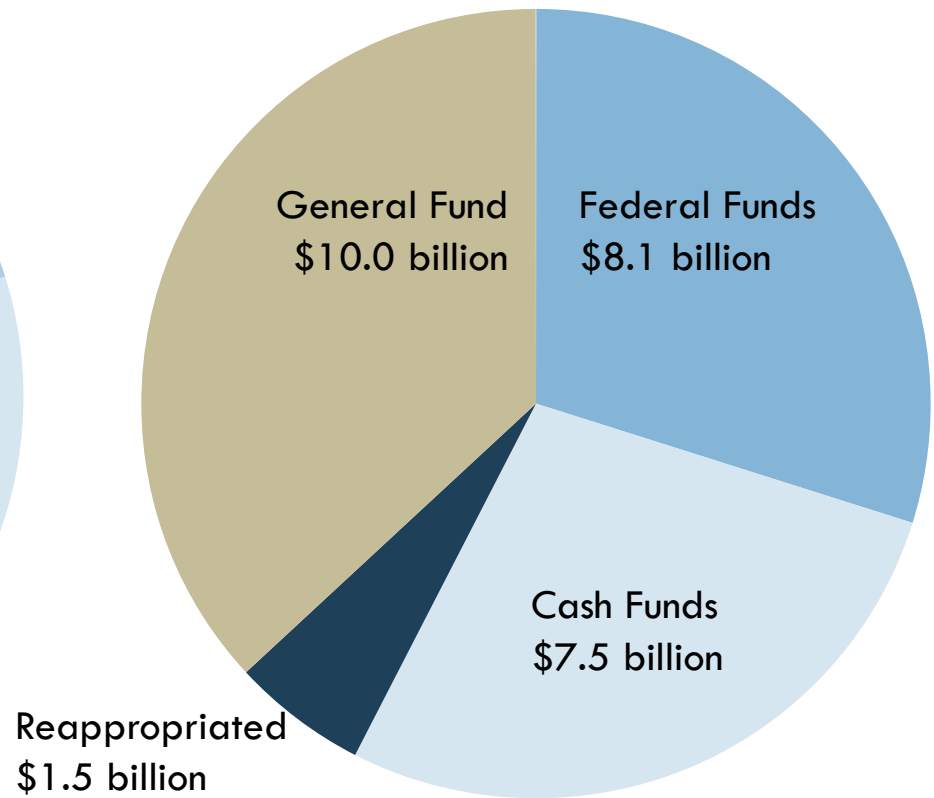


# FY 2016-17 State Operating Budget Overview

**\$27.1 Billion**



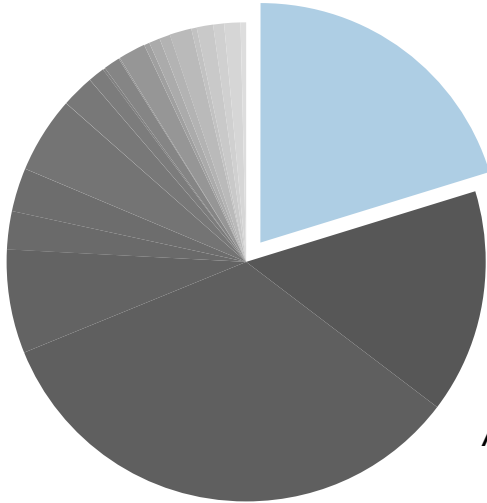
**State Budget  
By Funding Source**



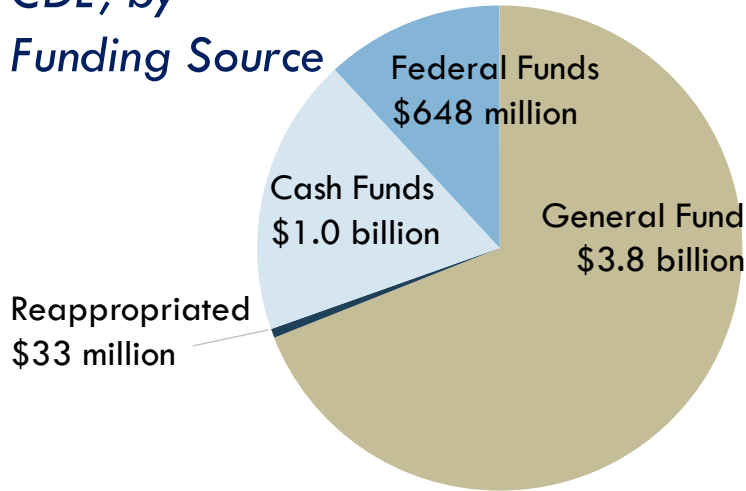
\*General Government: Governor, Legislature, Law, State, Personnel & Administration, Revenue, and Treasury

# Department of Education (Pre-K—12)

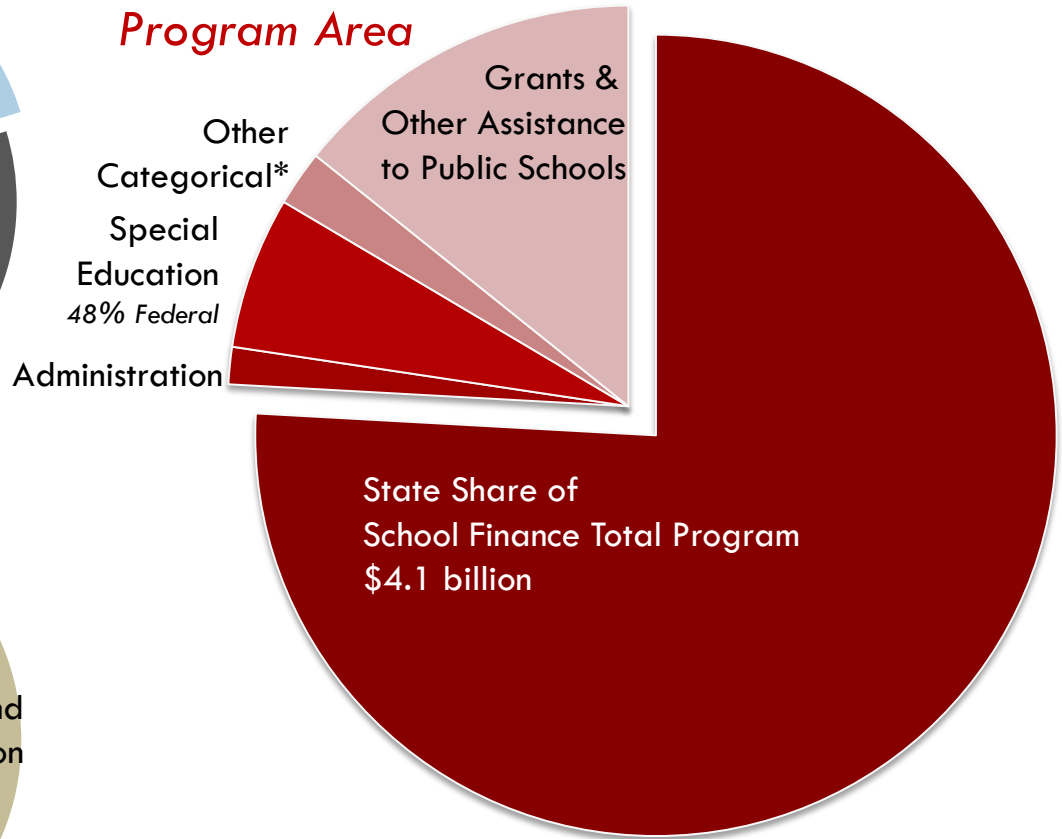
**\$5.5 Billion**  
 20.1% of Total  
 37.7% of GF  
 599.5 FTE



**CDE, by  
 Funding Source**

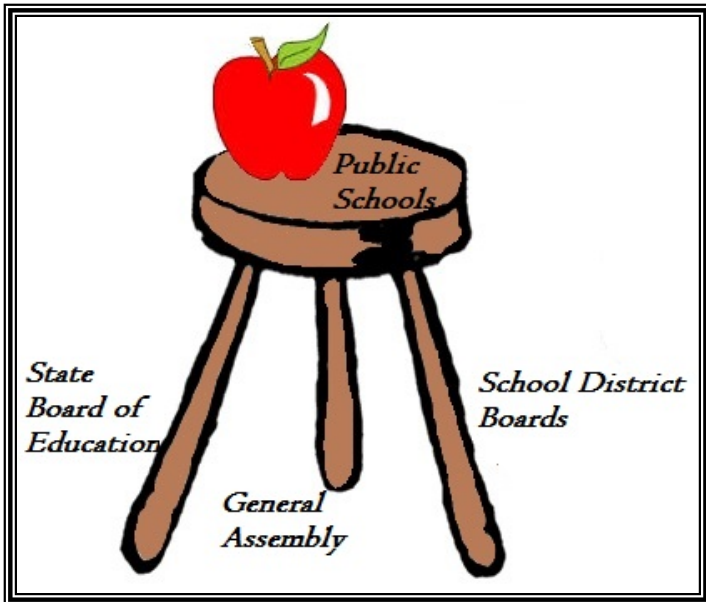


**CDE, by  
 Program Area**



*\*Other categorical programs include English Language Proficiency, transportation, career and technical education, expelled and at-risk student services, small attendance center aid, and comprehensive health education.*

# Key Colorado Constitutional Provisions



- The “*general supervision* of public schools of the state” shall be vested in the **State Board of Education**. The State Board shall appoint the **Commissioner of Education**. [Article IX, section 1]
- The **General Assembly** shall "provide for the establishment and maintenance of a *thorough and uniform system* of free public schools throughout the state". [Article IX, section 2]
- **Local school district boards** of education "shall have *control of instruction* in the public schools of their respective districts." [Article IX, section 15]

# Factors Driving the Budget

Amendment 23 requires:

- **base per pupil funding** under the *Public School Finance Act* to be increased annually by inflation

School finance formula increases **base per pupil funding** for various factors, such as:

- higher **cost-of-living**;
- smaller district **size** measured by pupils; and
- higher percentage of **at-risk students**.

# New Member Exercise

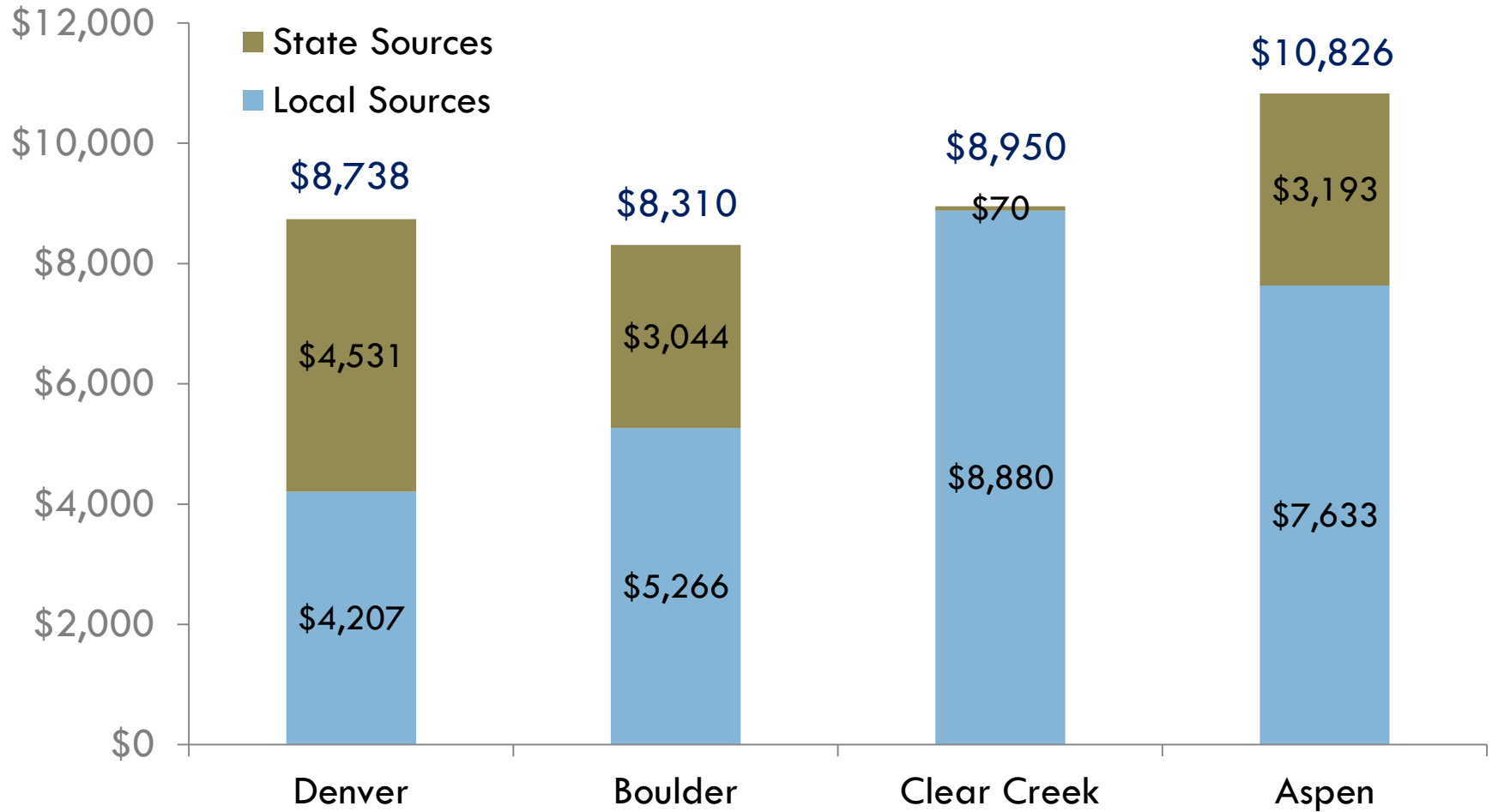
- Determine per pupil funding levels for the four school districts identified below, based on the information provided:
  - Denver
  - Boulder
  - Clear Creek
  - Aspen

# Exercise Data

<u>District</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Cost-of-Living Factor</u>	<u>% Students At-Risk</u>
– Denver	86,552	1.243	62.0%
– Boulder	30,034	1.265	18.9%
– Clear Creek	831	1.214	22.9%
– Aspen	1,667	1.650	2.8%

# Who Pays for School Finance?

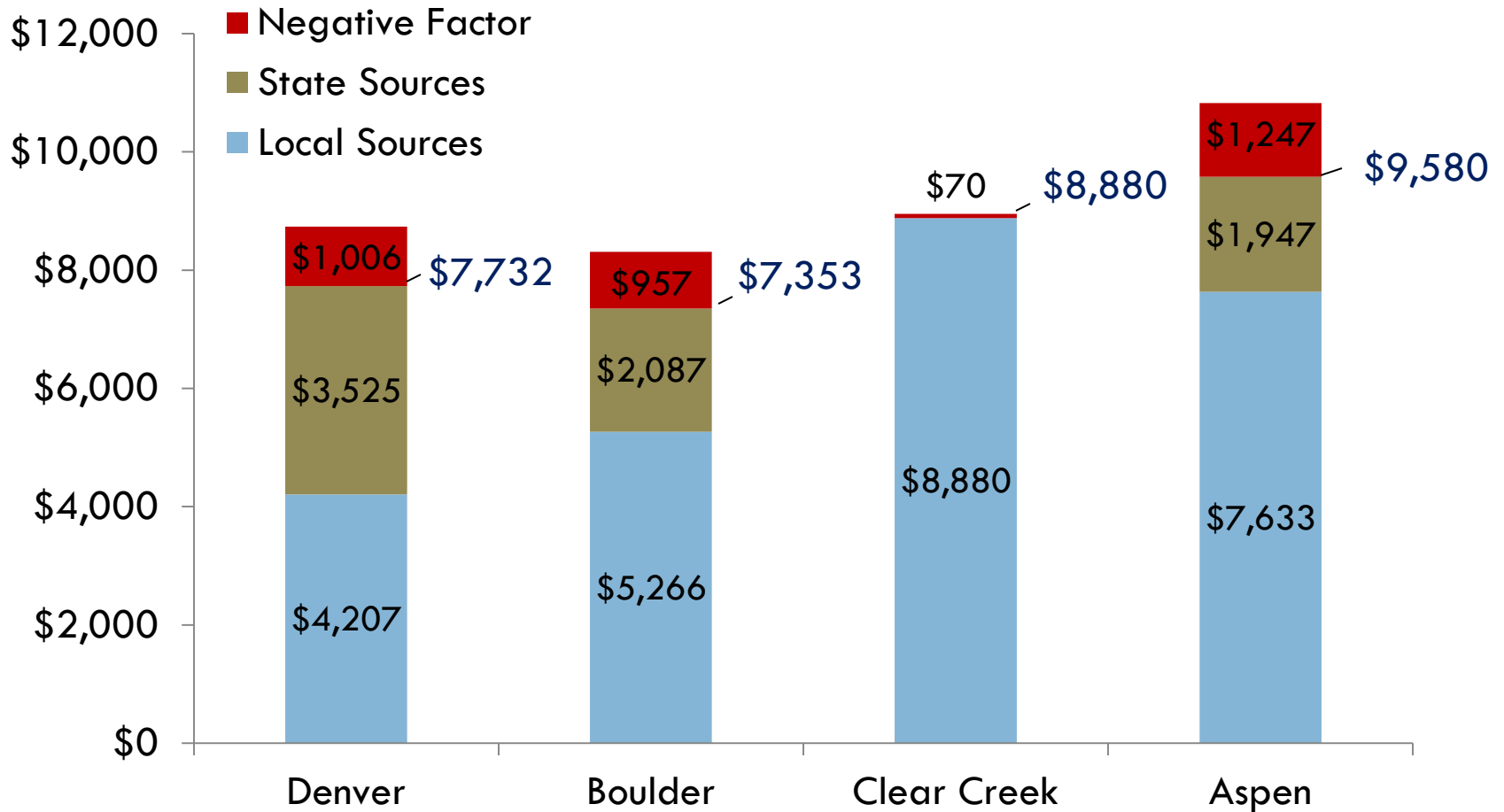
## State and Local Sources of Funding Per Pupil



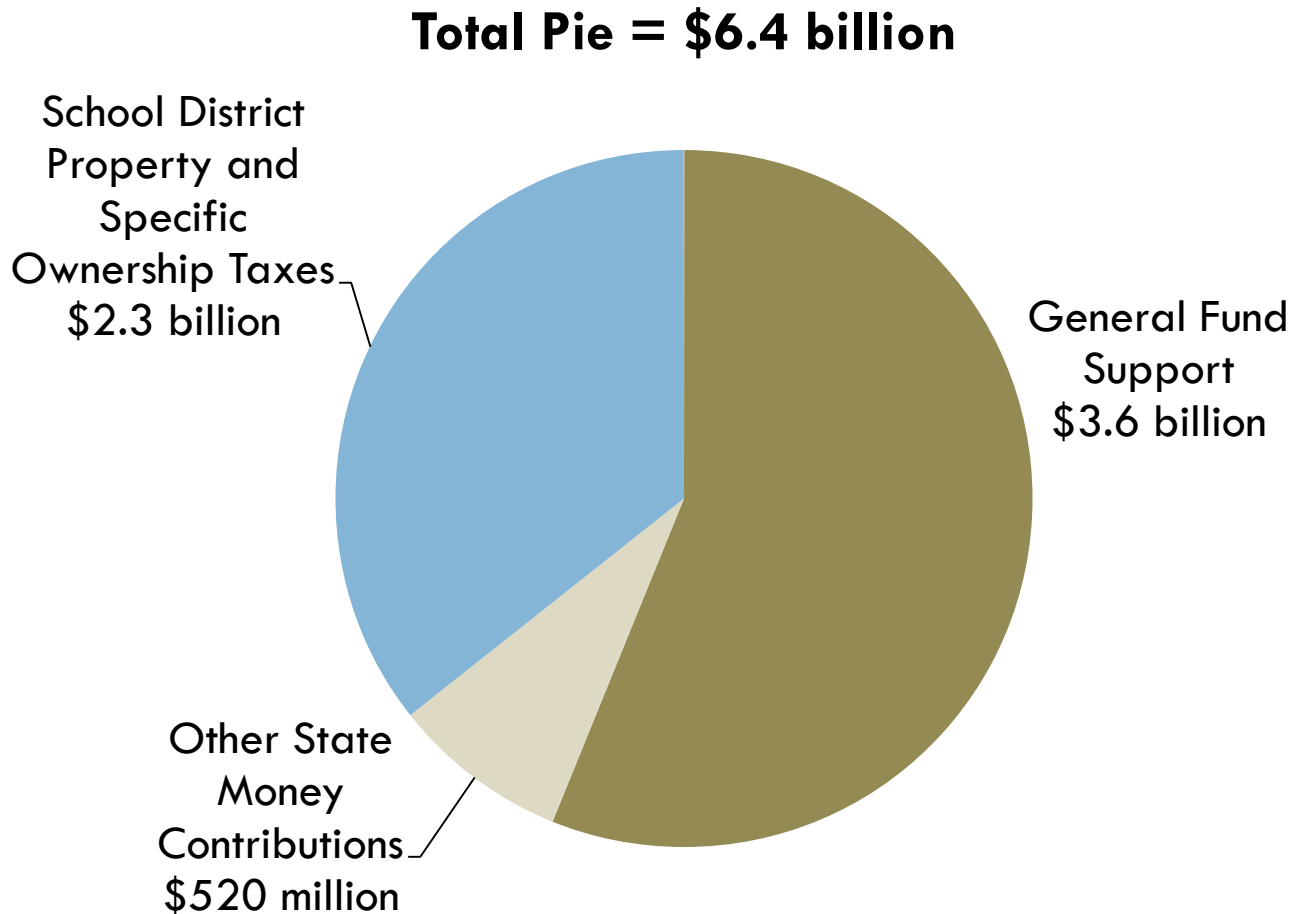


# Who Pays for School Finance?

State and Local Sources of Funding Per Pupil After Negative Factor



# School Finance: Sources of Revenue



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