

Policy Perspectives

Pennsylvania's School Funding Crisis

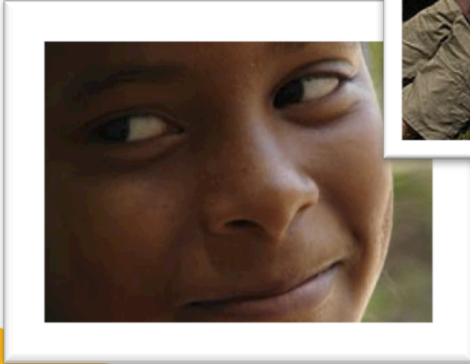
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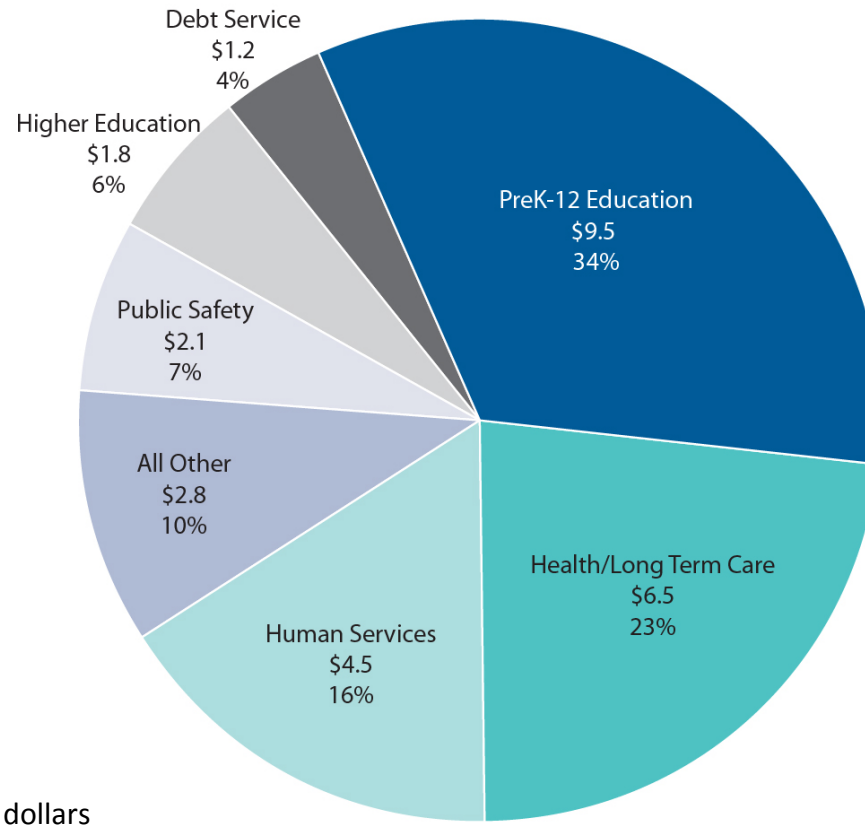
Education is Critical to Pennsylvania's and Philadelphia's Success





Education One-Third of State Budget

- 34% of State General Fund spent for education, healthcare is next at 23%.

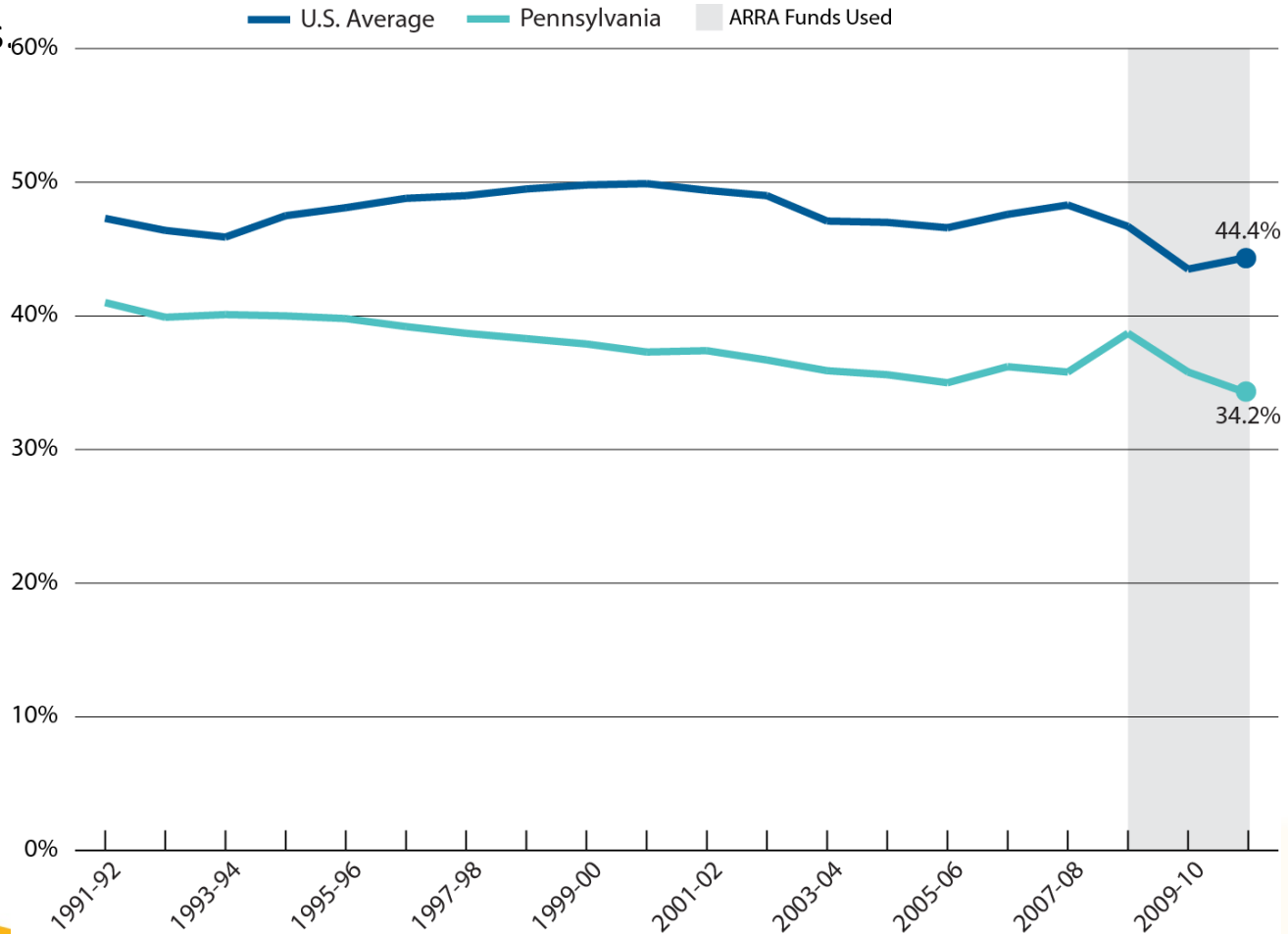


Billions of dollars



State Share of Support for Schools Below National Average

In FY 2011 PA ranked 47th in state share and 8th in reliance on local taxes

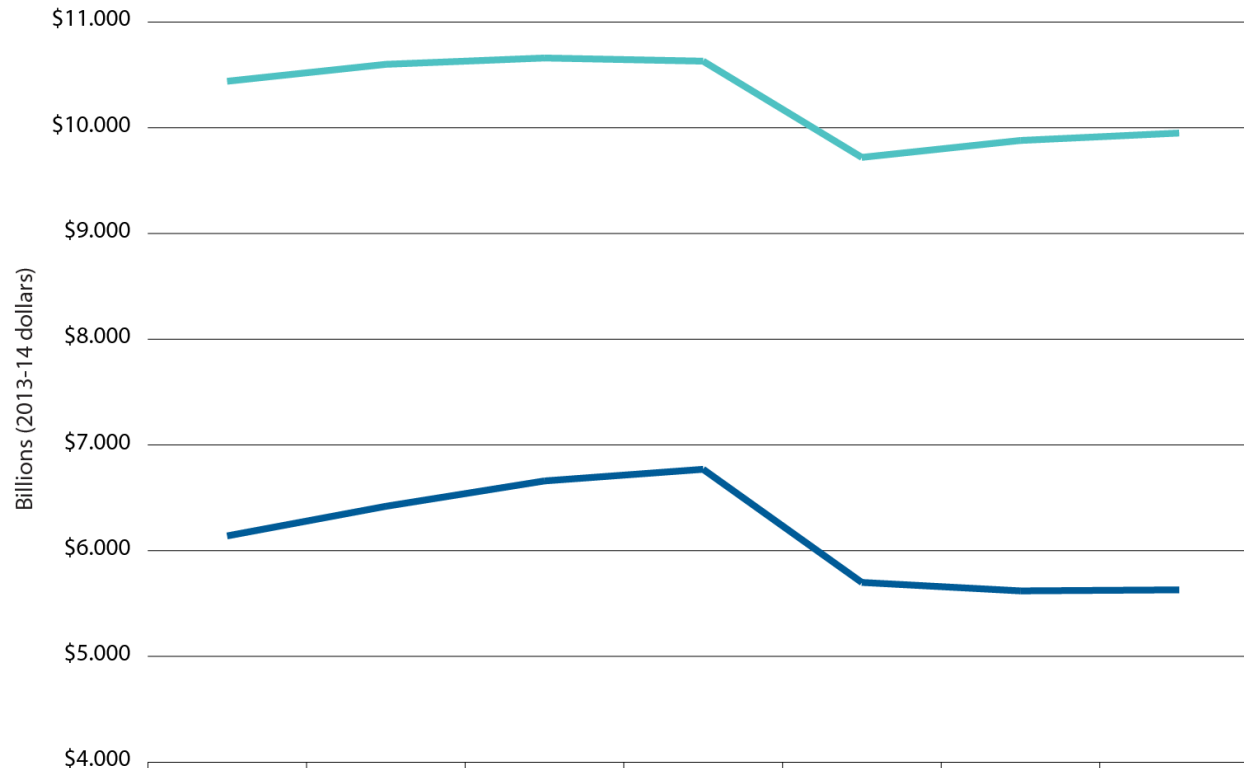




Steady Improvement Reversed

(inflation adjusted)

- After increasing throughout the decade, education funding reduced in 2011-12.

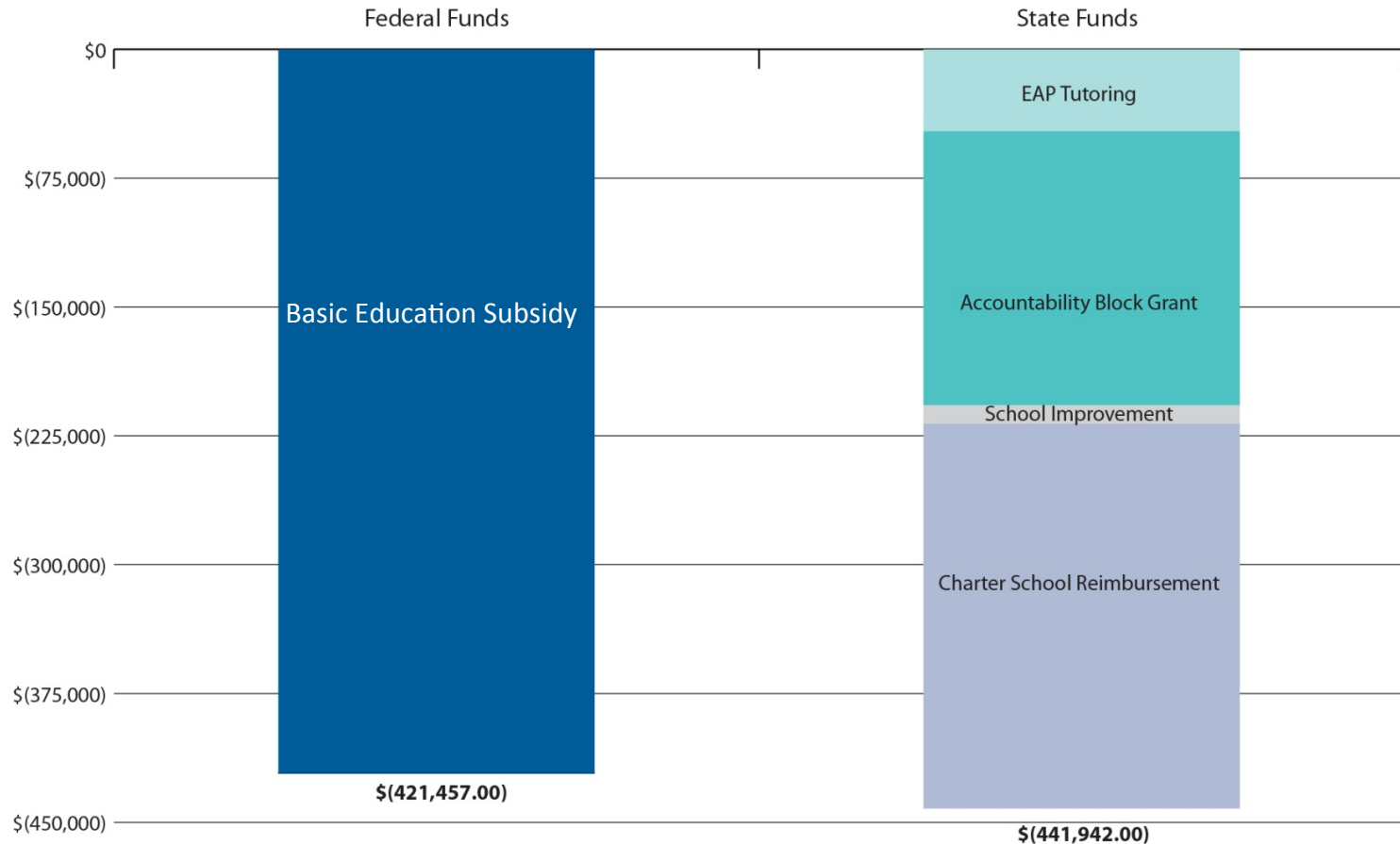


	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
PreK-12	\$10.441	\$10.596	\$10.660	\$10.627	\$9.721	\$9.882	\$9.947
Classrooms	\$6.135	\$6.422	\$6.663	\$6.767	\$5.698	\$5.620	\$5.629



Classroom Funding Reductions

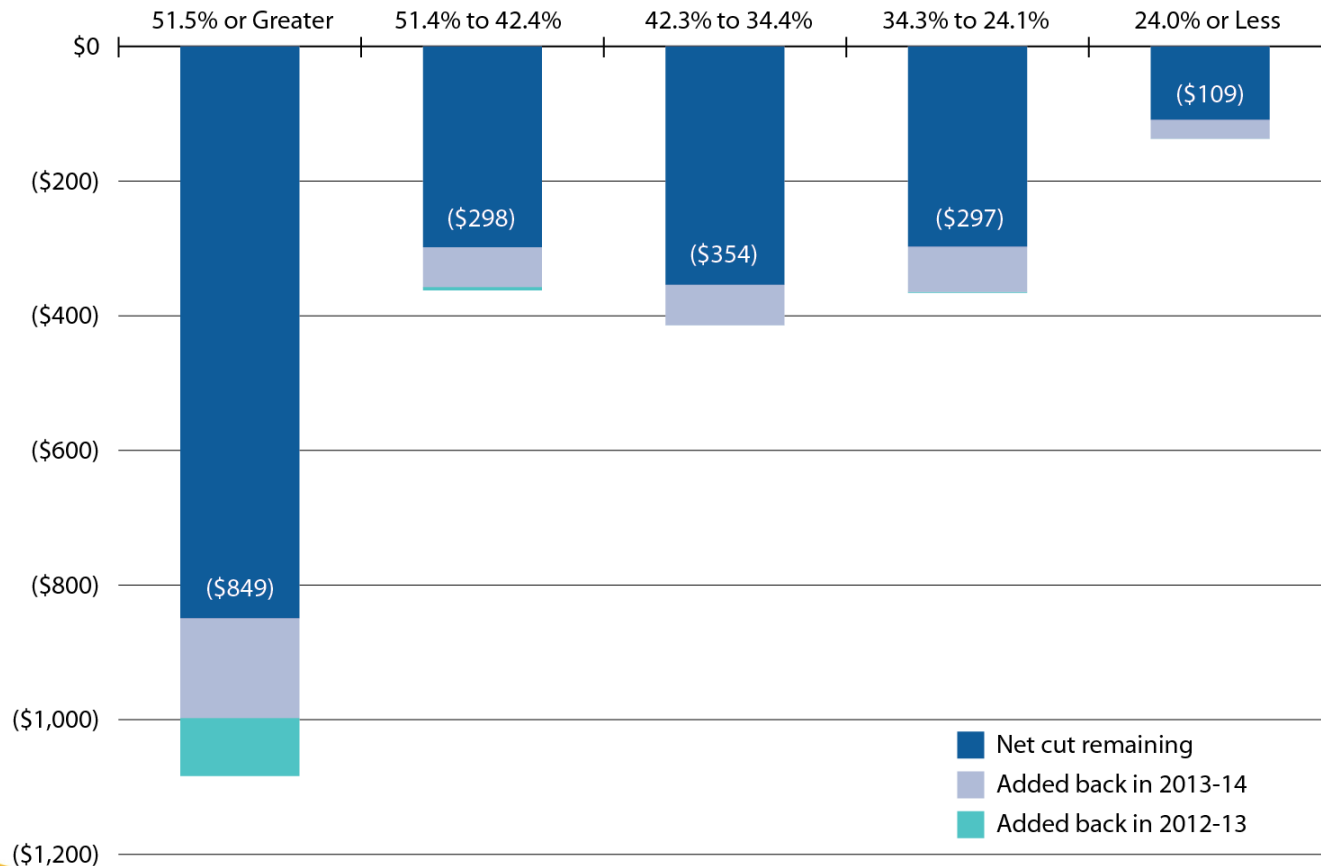
- Both federal and state funded programs reduced or eliminated.





Greater Cuts to Poorer Districts

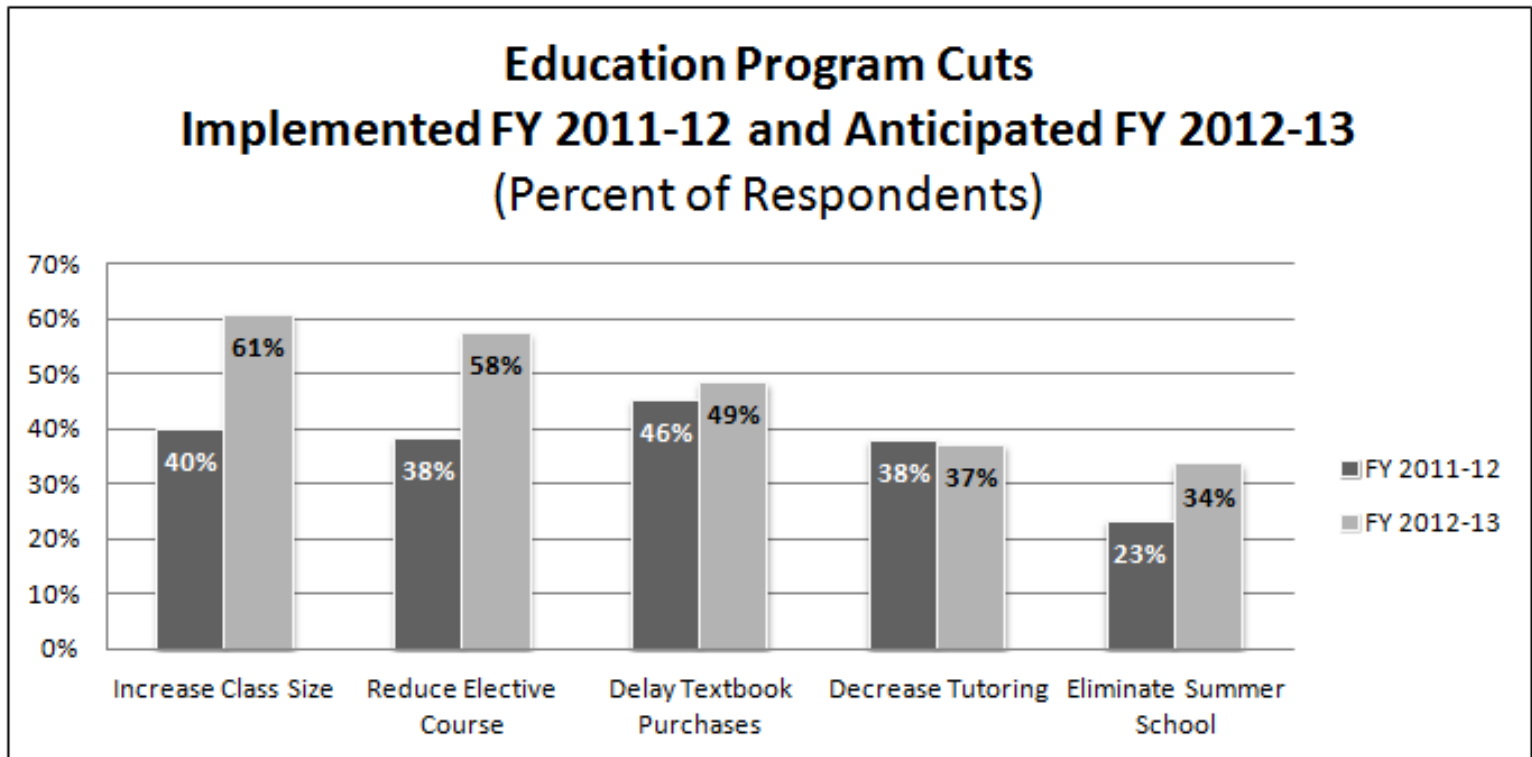
- Greatest cuts in the poorest quintile, smallest in wealthiest quintile.





Most School Districts Affected

- Districts across the Commonwealth reduced classroom programs and services.

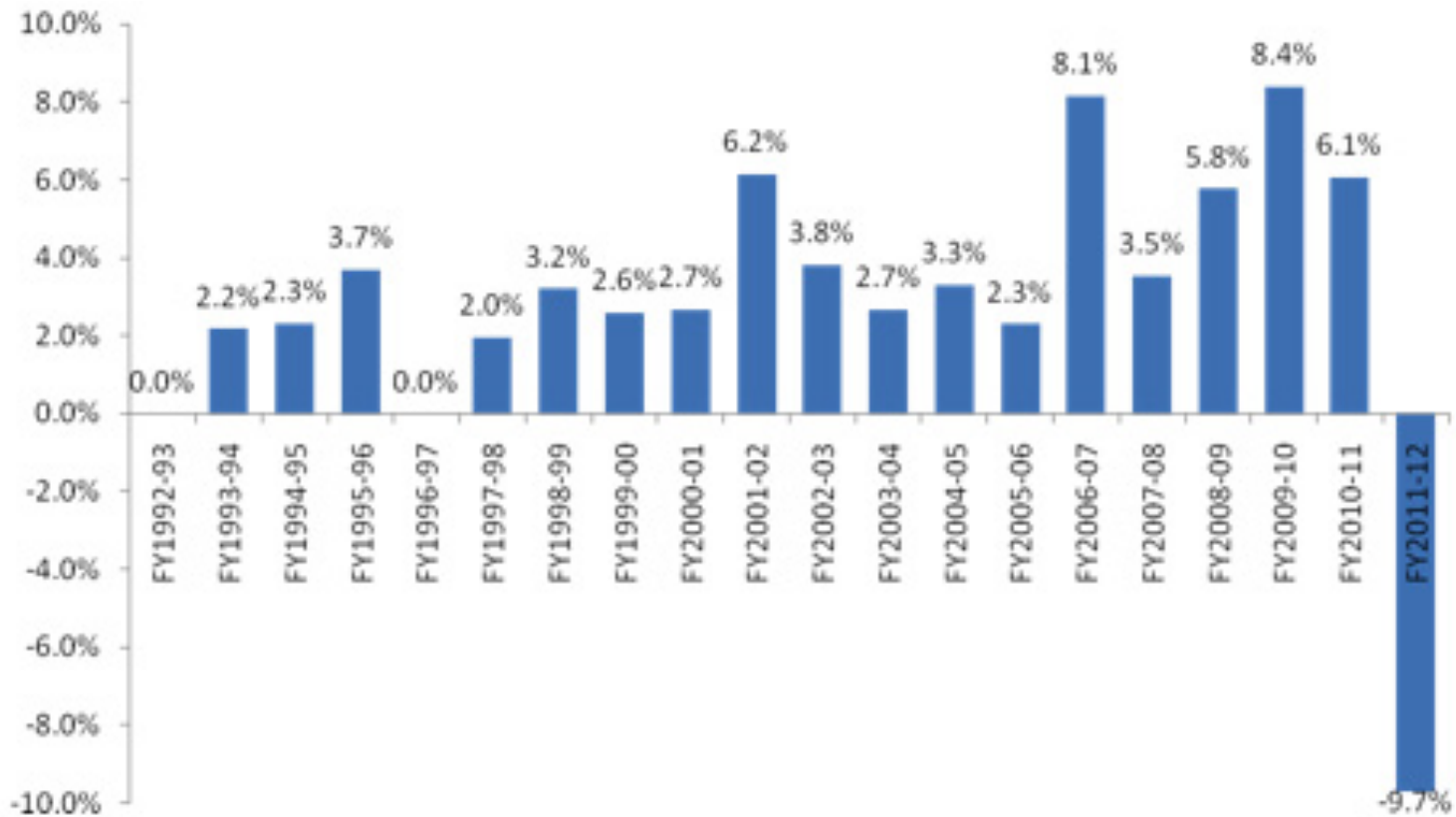


Source: PASBO-PASA Survey of School Districts May 2012



Impact on Philadelphia

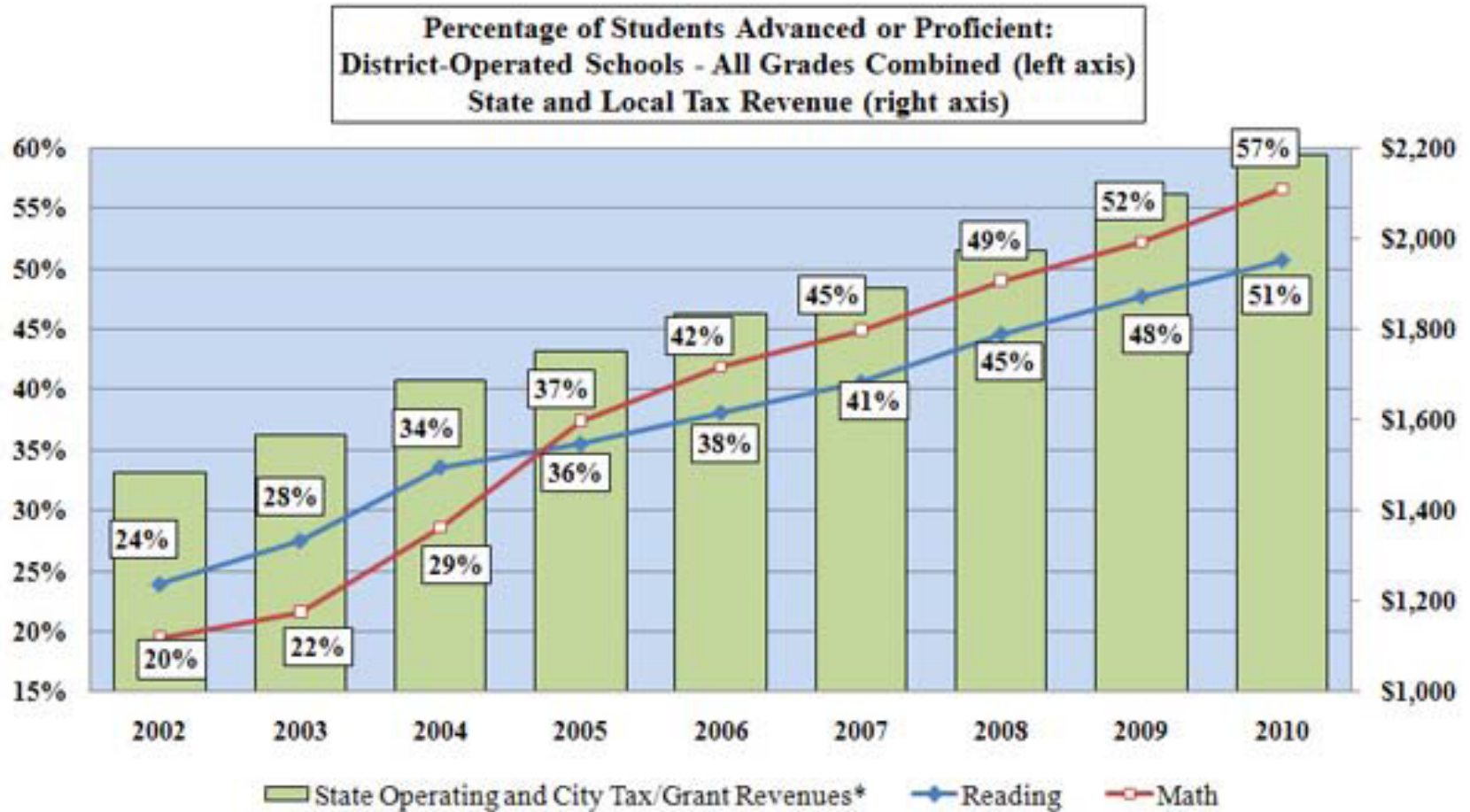
- Basic Education Subsidy Funding for SDP Growth from 1992-93 to 2011-12.



Source: SDP Budget in Brief 2011-12



Resources Make a Difference

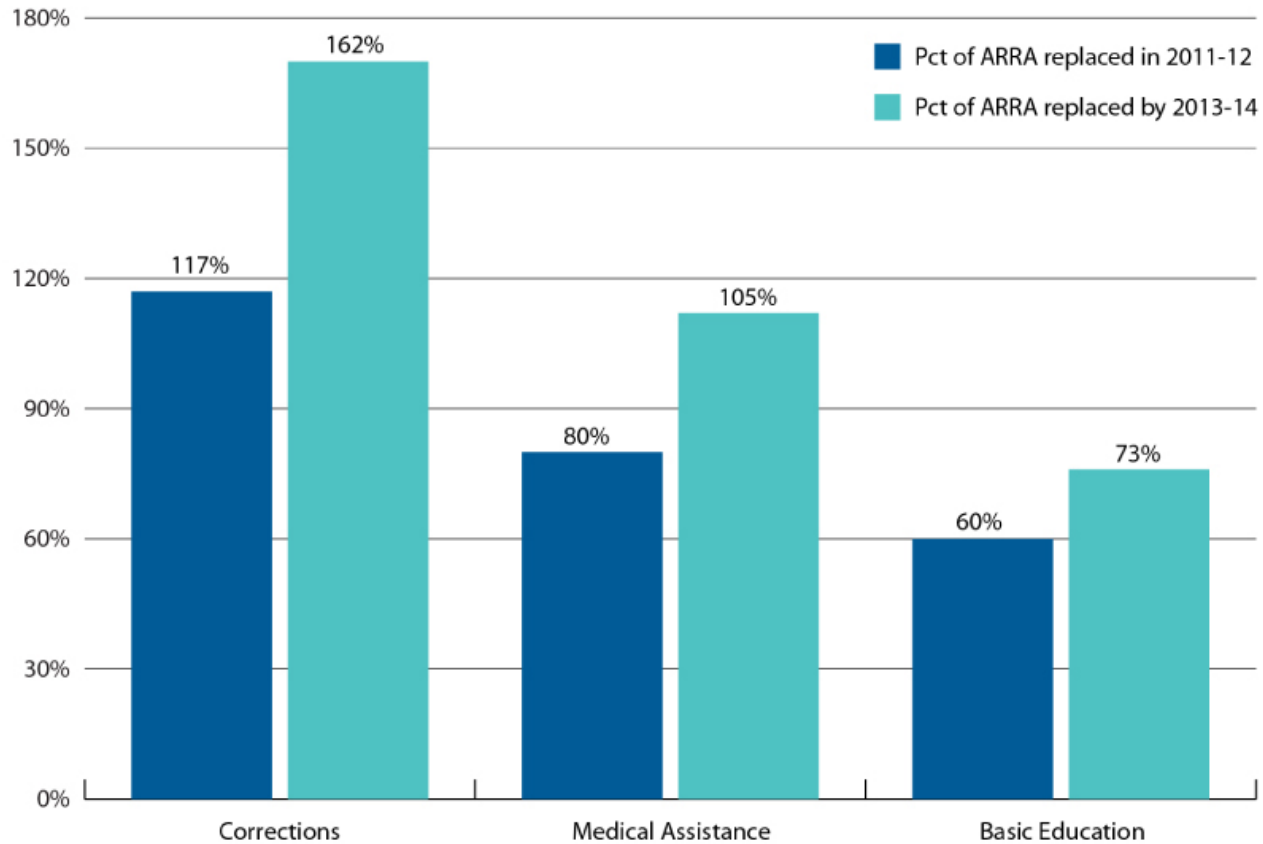


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Federal Funding Replacement Varied

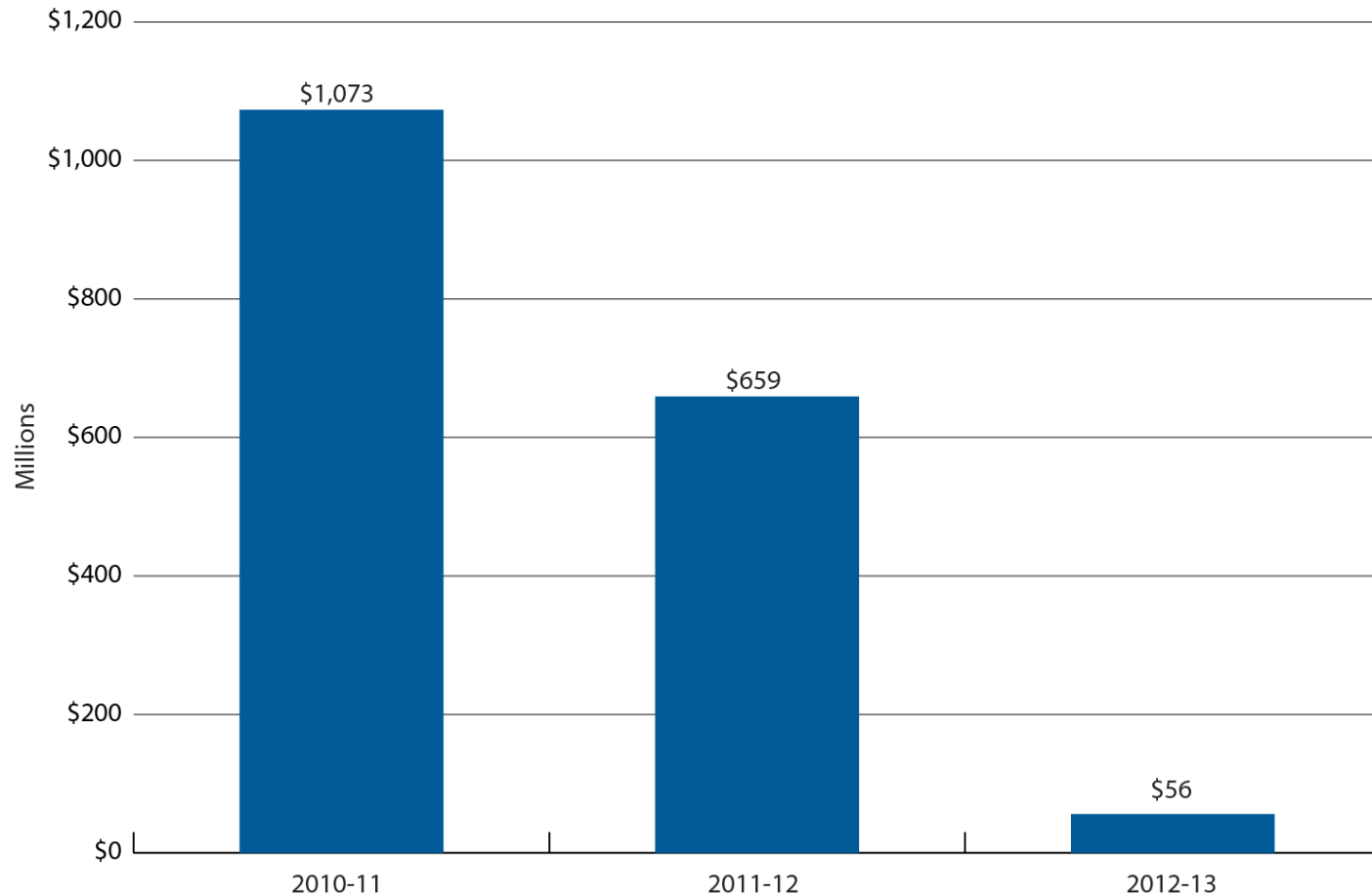
- Share of Federal Recovery Act funds replaced with General Fund dollars, FY 2011-12 through 2013-14.





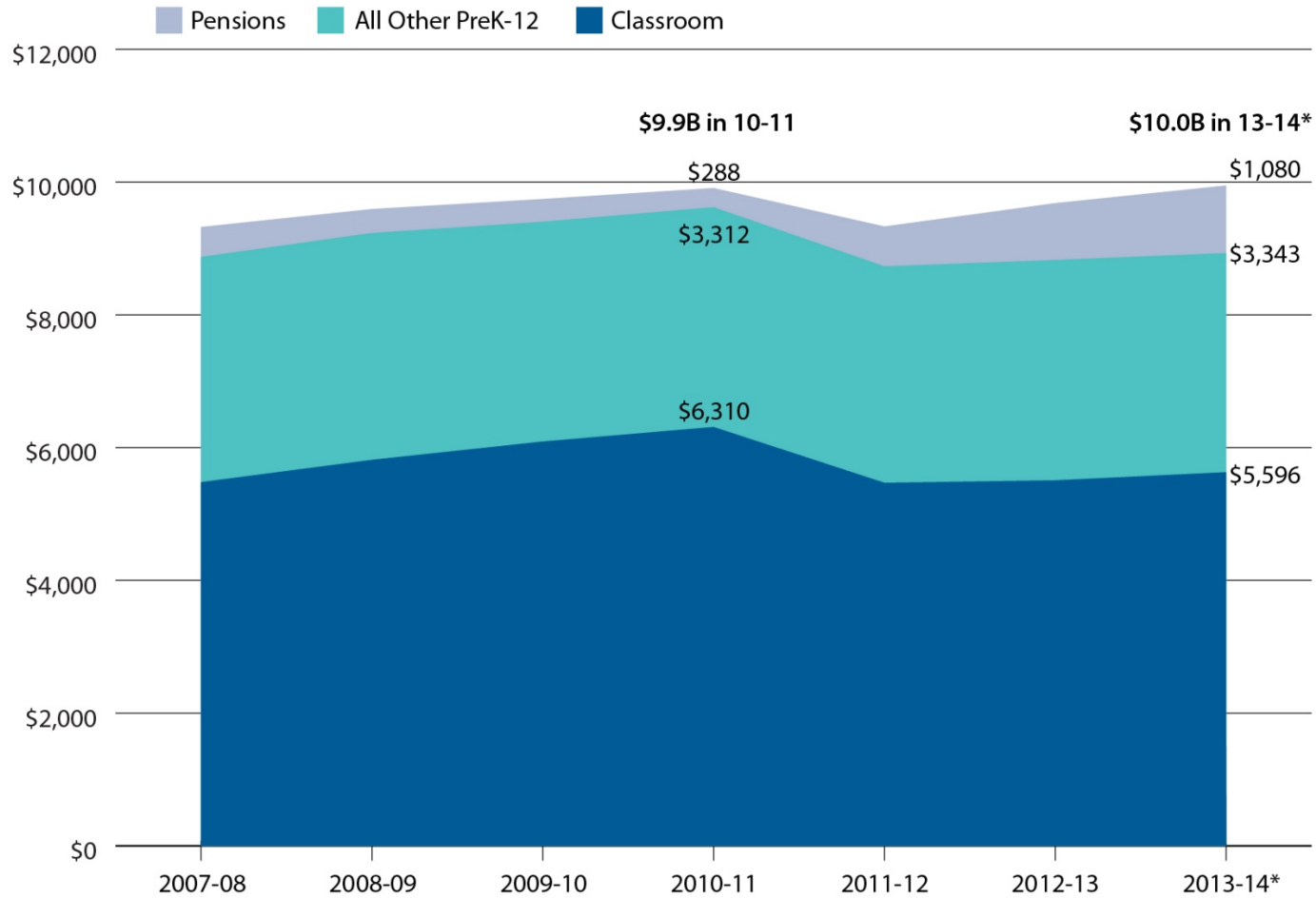
General Fund Revenue Balances

- Revenue balances could have mitigated cuts.





Education Spending Growth Driven By Mandatory Pension Contributions (Nominal dollars)





Wide Disparities in Cuts Per Student

- Funding restorations not determined by transparent or predictable factors

<u>School District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Per Student Cut</u>	<u>2013-14 Rank (cuts)</u>	<u>Share of Students Near Poverty</u>	<u>2011-12 Rank (cuts)</u>
Philadelphia City SD	Philadelphia	\$(1,273)	1	81%	1
Bristol Borough SD	Bucks	\$(433)	168	67%	183
New Hope-Solebury SD	Bucks	\$(39)	481	4%	494
Oxford Area SD	Chester	\$(549)	60	38%	73
Great Valley SD	Chester	\$(49)	475	14%	489
Southeast Delco SD	Delaware	\$(424)	173	63%	85
Marple Newtown SD	Delaware	\$(49)	476	15%	490
Pottstown SD	Montgomery	\$(442)	151	67%	163
Springfield Township SD	Montgomery	\$(46)	478	13%	488
Chester-Upland SD	Delaware	\$271	496	76%	2
Upper Darby SD	Delaware	\$29	492	59%	266



Thank you

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