Colorado School Funding Facts at your fingertips:

Colorado spends $551 less per pupil than the national average, for comparison:
- Kansas spends $844 more per pupil than Colorado
- Montana spends $759 more per pupil than Colorado
- Nebraska spends $1627 more per pupil than Colorado
- New Mexico spends $178 more per pupil than Colorado
- Wyoming spends $2321 more per pupil than Colorado

Ranks 44th in percentage of taxable income on K-12.

Ranks 44th in the nation in technology for schools.

Ranks 49th in spending for teacher salaries and benefits.

(In relation to personal income)

(Source 1-3 Ed Week, Quality Counts, 2003-04; 4 US Census Bureau 2004-05)
Why do our schools need more than Amendment 23 and Ref C?

**Amendment 23 (A-23)** – was simply designed to stop state K-12 cuts and to restore Colorado to 1988 funding levels. It was to close a “gap,” not to provide “adequate” funding for schools – i.e., to ensure all children are able to meet academic standards.

**Ref C** – allows the state to fund the **minimum** required by A-23. This year it also allowed for some modest increases in preschool, special ed and school construction. It does not “adequately” fund K-12.

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