PER PUPIL SPENDING AND COLORADO’S SCHOOL FINANCE AND EDUCATION REFORM

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Adjusting for inflation, Colorado’s per pupil spending, after increasing for over a decade by about $1,600 per student, has plummeted to just below the 1995 level of $8,342.

Adjusted for inflation, the U.S. average per pupil spending increased $2,614 per pupil from 1995-2012.

Data Sources: State Profile Reports http://www.cosfp.org/CoSFPStateProfile.html, Colorado Department of Education, Colorado and National Consumer Price Index. Per Pupil spending includes Federal dollars and capital dollars.
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**2009:** 08-09 **$5.8M Mid-Year Rescission**, Concurrent enrollment, Standards Review,

**2010:** 09-10 **$130M Mid-Year Rescission**, A23 not fully funded, **$231M (6.3%) cut, SB191 Educator Effectiveness (SB191)**, new CO Accreditation Program takes effect, Fed Edu Jobs (one-time money, must be spent June 30).

**2011:** 10-11 **$16M Mid-Year Rescission**, A23 not fully funded, 1% increase from A23 & Ref C Sunset, ARRA Stimulus Revenue ends, **11-12 $338.9M cut (4.2% less than 10-11, $-344 per pupil)**, June Fed Edu Jobs ends, Race to Top phase 3 $17.9M over 4 years, apply for ESEA waiver, Districts adopt new State Standards.

**2012:** Receive ESEA waiver, districts continue implement Ed Effectiveness, **2012-13 Negative Factor grows to 16.11% ( $-1B, districts continue multiple years of cuts)**, A23 not fully funded, **SB12-1240: State Board of Education Graduation Requirements 5/15/13 CDE Cost Study for PSWR diploma endorsements 10/1/14, HB12-1345: READ $5.4M, $1.3B fund BOCES, CDE $3M acquire early literacy assessment tool RFP (preference to high at-risk schools), $3.8M at-risk support, 6th graders register CollegeInColorado, safe schools, HB12-1124: CDE commission study (via gifts, grants, donations) of issues integrating digital learning, SB12-172: SBE join PARCC testing consortium, SBE adopt Common Core standards. CAP4K Costing Out final report delayed.

**2013:** 2013-14 **Negative Factor 15.49% ($-1B)**, A23 not fully funded, **SB13-260: CPP +3,200 slots, Charter school cap construction +$1M, Refinance READ act from Public School (permanent) Fund, $200K from SEF to Great Teachers / Leaders FY13-14, SPED +$20M Tier B, 75% of FY13-14 GF surplus to SEF. creates Quality Teacher Recruitment Program ($3M SEF), **SB13-213 not implemented as statewide ballot measure A66 did not pass**, SBE HS Graduation proof of competency Class of ’21, Sequestration 5% selected Federal programs. July: $15M supplement R2T Early Learning Challenge

**2014:** 2014-15 **Negative Factor $894.3M**, A23 not fully funded, **$110M buy down of Negative Factor (includes $17M for 5,000 more CPP slots (HB14-1298)), $18M READ act (HB14-1292), $27M ELL (HB14-1298), COLA adjustment, Charters $18M for capital construction, BEST capped at $40M for Lease/Purchase, $3M CDE transparency website, $2M BOCES.