

Colorado School Finance Project

School Finance & Education Reform Timeline

Condensed Timeline 1980 - 2017

1980 - 1999

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1982: *Gallagher Amendment*

1983 - 1987: **5 Mid-Yr Rescissions**

1988: School Finance Act

1990 - 1999

1992: Partial Fiscal Year. *TABOR, Initiative 6 lost (1% sales tax increase to fund schools, set standards and assessments).*

1993: **92-93 Mid-Yr Rescission**

1994: School Finance Act

School Reform during the 1990's:

New Content Standards, CSAP, Safe Schools Act, District Accreditation, Expanded Choice Legislation, Online Education, Basic Literacy Act, School Accountability Reports (SARs), Student Identification/Data Warehouse

2000 - 2005

2000: *Amendment 23 (1% increase sunsets in 2011)*, Giardino Facility Settlement. *Ref F lost (\$50M in excess revenue to fund K-12 math & science grants).*

2002: **01-02 \$1.4M Mid-Yr Rescission 3.8% cut**, No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

2004: CCHE Requirements (initial)

2006 - 2011

2006: *Ref C*

2007: Mill Levy Stabilization, P-20, revised CCHE Requirements

2008: CAP4K, BEST, partial full-day K & pre-school funding, Counselor Corp, declining enrollment, P-20 continues. *Amendment 59 lost (divert TABOR refunds to K-12).*

2009: **08-09 \$5.8M Mid-Year Rescission**, ARRA Stimulus Revenue, Concurrent enrollment, Standards Review, CO Supreme Court Lobato "thorough & uniform," CAP4K Costing Out begins, Long-term Fiscal Stability Commission, School Finance Interim Cmte.

2010: **09-10 \$130M Mid-Yr 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), received EAGLE-Net Grant \$101M for statewide district broadband (36 months)

2011: **10-11 \$16M Mid-Yr 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, Lobato trial begins Aug. 1, Lobato District Court ruling: **CO school finance system "irrational and inadequate, unconscionable"** Dec 2011, Race to Top phase 3 \$17.9M over 4 years, apply for ESEA waiver, Districts adopt new State Standards. *Prop 103 lost (\$536M temporary increase for education).*

Bold = reductions in K-12 funding.
Italics = Election.

Update September 4, 2014

2012 - 2017

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: SBE Grad. 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 CollegenColorado, 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. State appeal Lobato Decision to Supreme Court, 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, Supreme Court ruling Lobato-current school finance system is constitutional. 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. Dwyer v CO (Amendment 23) filed.

2015: Transparency-Districts post financial data required by HB10-1036 into new HB14-1292 format.

2016/2017: Transparency-Districts post school level finance data into new HB14-1292 format.

2017: State Graduation Guidelines in effect for incoming Freshmen 2017-18