Colorado School Finance Project

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TABLE 4 PER STUDENT CURRENT SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

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		1992-93	2002-03	2006-07	2007-08	Change over 5 years*	Change from 1992-93 to 2007-08	U.S. Change (5 year)
(1) CURRENT PER STUDENT								
SPENDING**		\$4,323	\$6,550	\$7,557	\$8,375	27.9%	93.7%	
- National		\$5,160	\$8,076	\$9,565	\$9,963	23.4%	93.1%	
	Adjusted							
	for Inflation	\$6,662	\$7,159	\$7,723	\$8,375	17.0%	25.7%	7.1%
(2) STATE/LOCAL REVENUE PER								
STUDENT**		\$4,820	\$6,905	\$8,003	\$8,324	20.6%	72.7%	
- National		\$5,237	\$8,366	\$9,948	\$10,363	23.9%	97.9%	
	Adjusted							
	for Inflation	\$7,428	\$7,547	\$8,179	\$8,324	10.3%	12.1%	7.5%
(3) BREAKDOWN OF CURR. OPER. REV. BY SOURCE								
(3a) State		\$2,229	\$3,524	\$4,158	\$4,231	20.1%	89.8%	
(3b) Local		\$2,591	\$3,381	\$3,875	\$4,093	21.1%	58.0%	
(3c) Federal		\$258	\$540	\$691	\$711	31.7%	175.6%	
(3d) State Share		43.9%	47.3%	47.7%	46.8%	-0.5pp	+2.9pp	
(3e) Local Share		51.0%	45.4%	44.4%	45.3%	-0.1pp	-5.7pp	
(3f) Federal Share		5.1%	7.3%	7.9%	7.9%	+0.6pp	+2.8pp	

^{*} Change figures over 5 years are between 2002-03 and 2007-08.

Note: The rates of inflation for Colorado are: 54.1% between 1992-93 and 2007-08; 9.3% between 2002-03 and 2007-08; and 2.2% between 2006-07 and 2007-08

Summary:

- 1. Amendment 23 (passed by voters in 2000) was designed to close the funding gap and bring Colorado back to 1988 funding levels.
- 2. 1988 funding was prior to the NCLB requirement for all students to be proficient or advanced by 2014.

^{**} Current operating spending includes federal funds. Colorado revenue is for operating purposes only; national revenue includes capital.