

Without Dollars or Sense

The Budget Crisis and California's School Funding

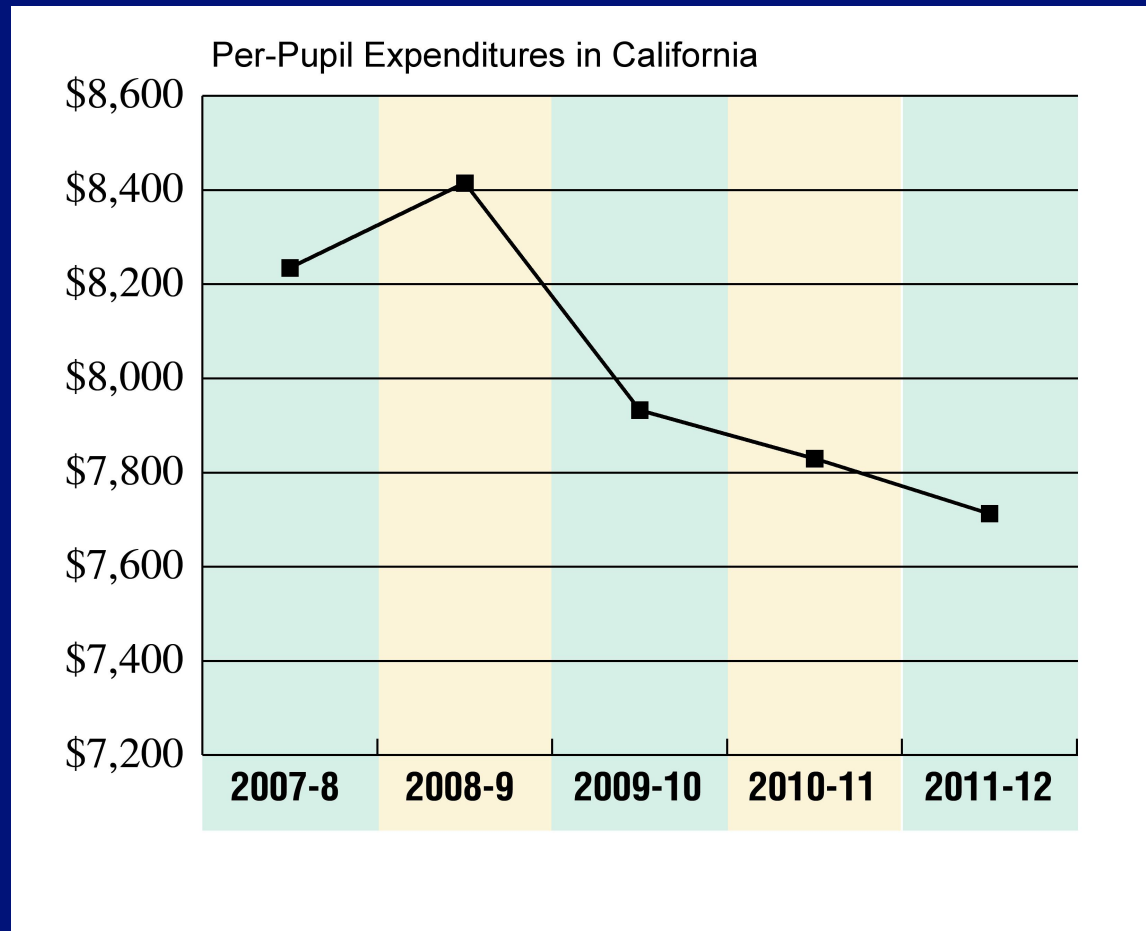
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Cuts, cuts, and
threats of even more cuts.



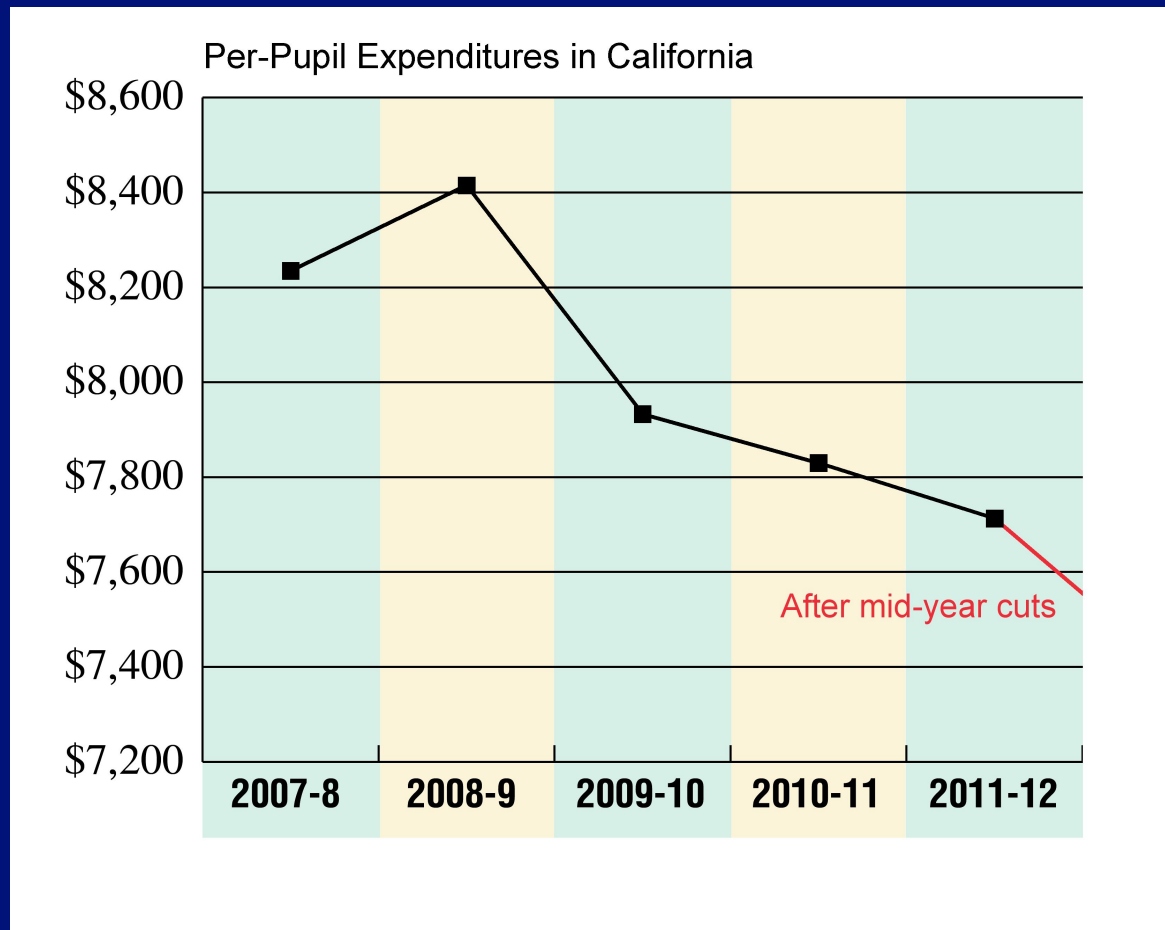
Expenditures have been falling



Source: California Legislative Analysts Office, August 2011



And may fall further ...



Source: California Legislative Analyst Office, August 2011

Conditions in California public schools in the “good old days”



I worry about the lack of infrastructure and resources that are available for these people to actually do their jobs.

---Father of California public school student, 2008

Its all about the zip codes in California. It's good if you live in what you call the exclusive, good areas.

---Mother of California public school student, 2008



Less then, Even Less now

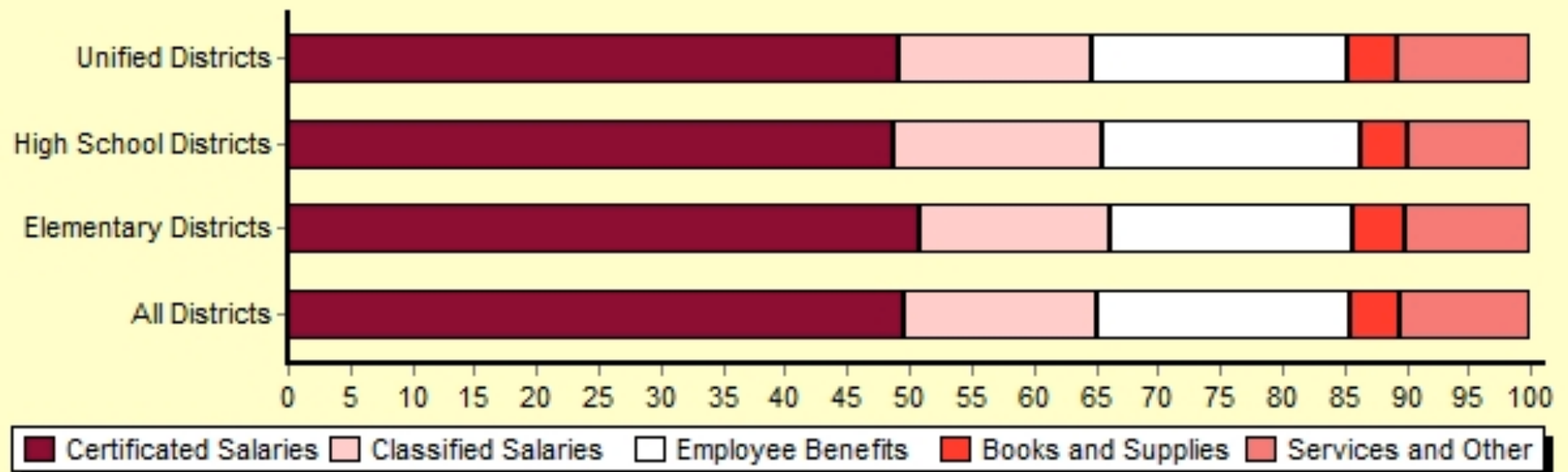
	California Per Pupil Expenditure	Gap between CA and US	California's Ranking
2007-8	\$9870	\$745	34th
2010-11	\$8908	\$2489	47th

Source: *Rankings and Estimates*, National Education Association, December 2010.



Less \$ means fewer educators

General Fund Statewide Percentages, Expenditures by Category, 2009-10

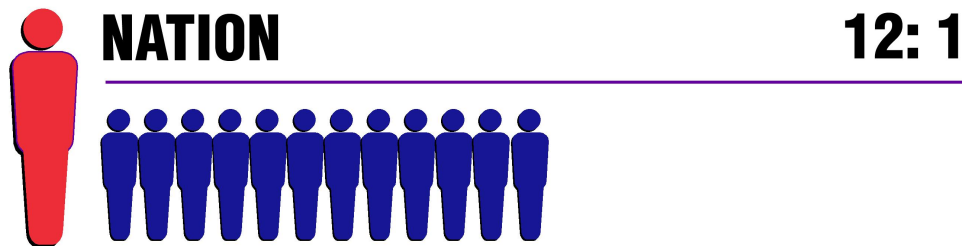
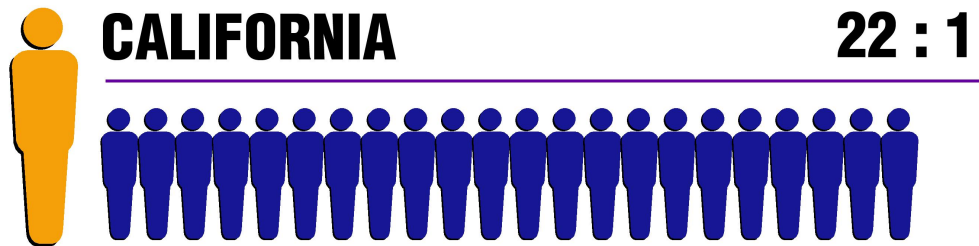


Note: The percentages are based on the average dollars per student by type of district.

Source: <http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us>



Students per High School Teacher



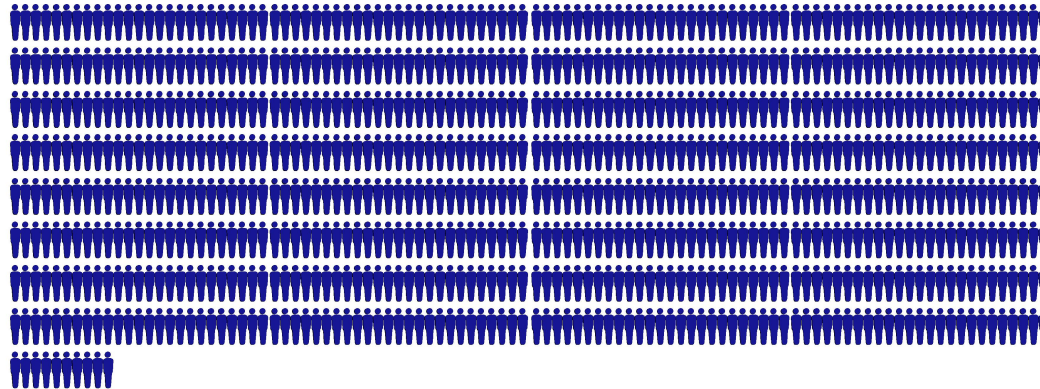
California's High School teachers are responsible for 85% more students than the national average.

Students per Guidance Counselor



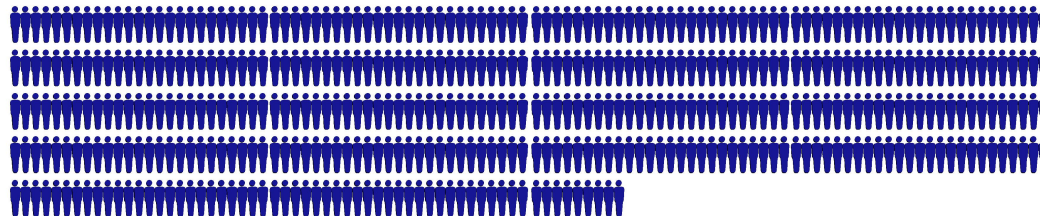
CALIFORNIA

810 : 1



NATION

459 : 1



California's guidance counselors serve
76.5% more students than the national
average.

Source: National Center for Educational Statistics, 2011 (based on data for 2009-10 school year);
Analysis by UCLA IDEA

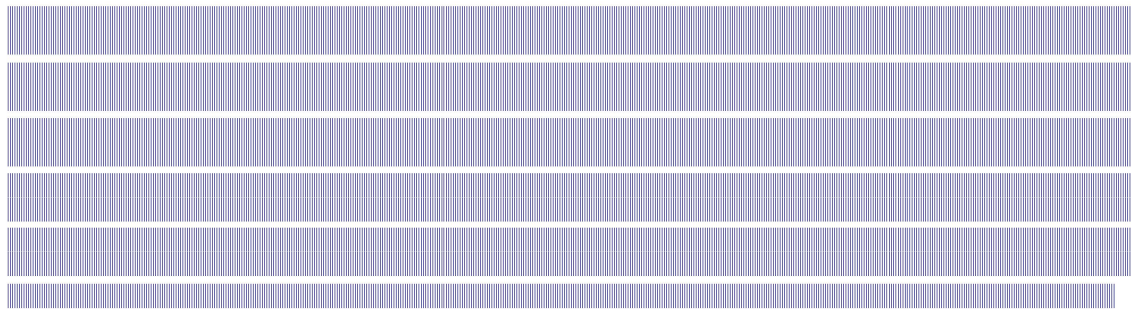


Students per School Librarian



CALIFORNIA

5489 : 1



NATION

940 : 1



There is one California school librarian for every 5489 public school students. They serve more than 5 times as many students as the national average.

Where California Ranks

- CA Ranks 49th of all states in students per teacher
- CA Ranks 51st in students per instructional aides
- CA Ranks 51st in students per librarian.
- CA Ranks 51st in students per guidance counselor
- CA Ranks 46th in students per school administrator

Source: National Center for Educational Statistics, 2011 (based on data for 2009-10 school year);
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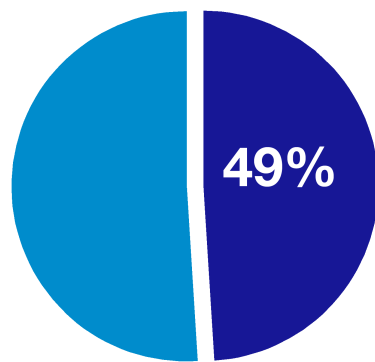


Things have gotten worse since
this data was reported ...

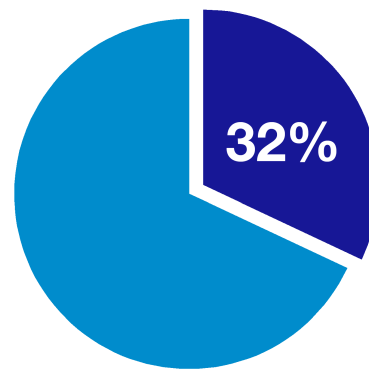
Less,
Less,
and Less



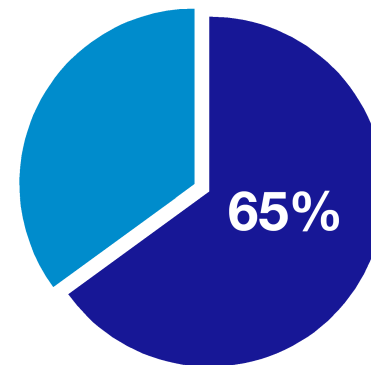
Less Time



% of Principals Reporting Fewer Days of Instruction



% of Principals Reporting Cuts to After-School Programs

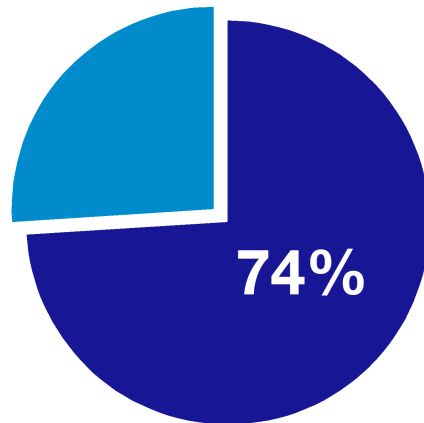


% of Principals Reporting Cuts to Summer School

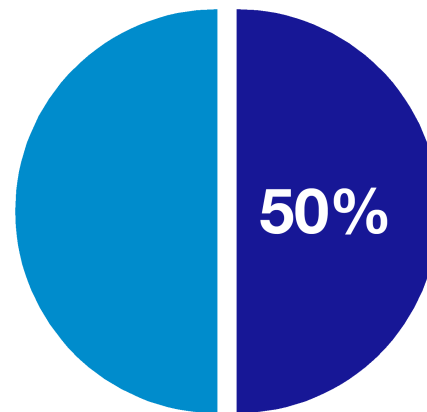
Source: UCLA IDEA, *Free Fall: Educational Opportunities in 2011*



Less Attention from Teachers and Counselors



% of Principals Reporting
Class Size Increases



% of Principals Reporting
Cuts to Academic Counselors

Source: UCLA IDEA, *Free Fall: Educational Opportunities in 2011*



Less Access to Instructional Materials

% Principals Reporting Less Student Access to...	
Materials for English Classes	52%
High-Functioning Science Labs	58%
Math Materials	63%

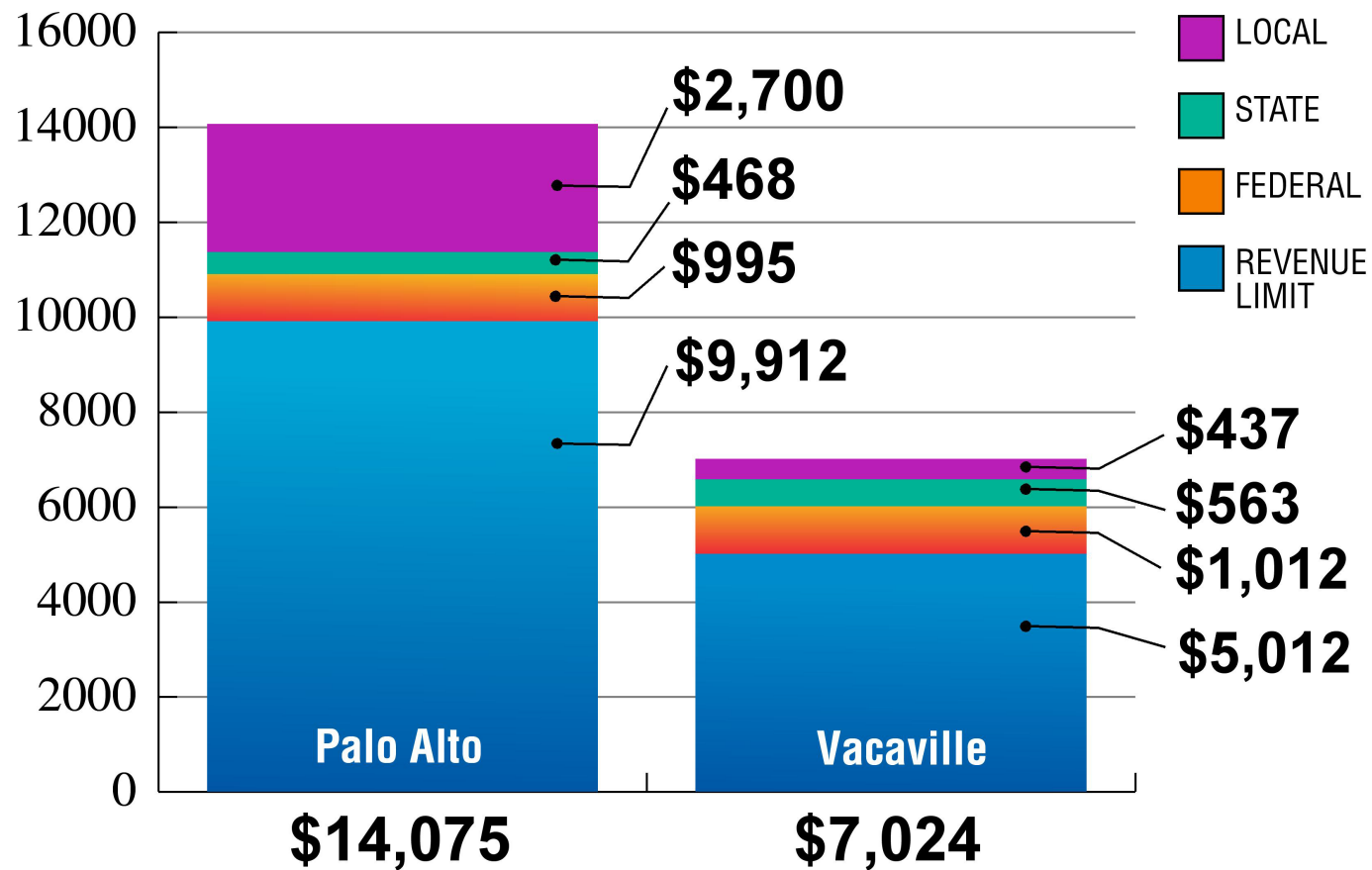
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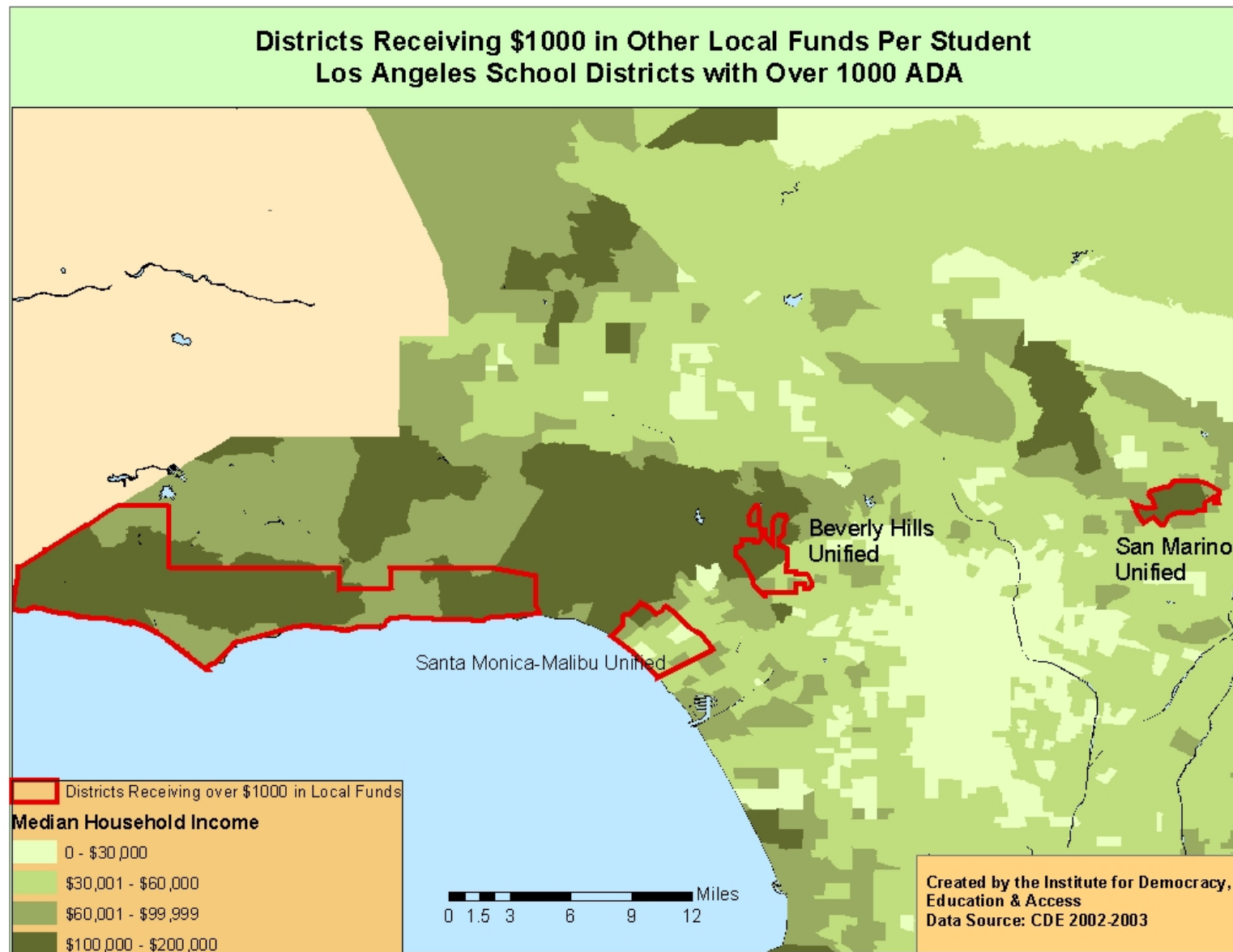
And Zip Codes Matter
(funding is not equally distributed)



Funding inequalities between districts



Source: California Department of Education, 2011 (for 2009-10 school year.)

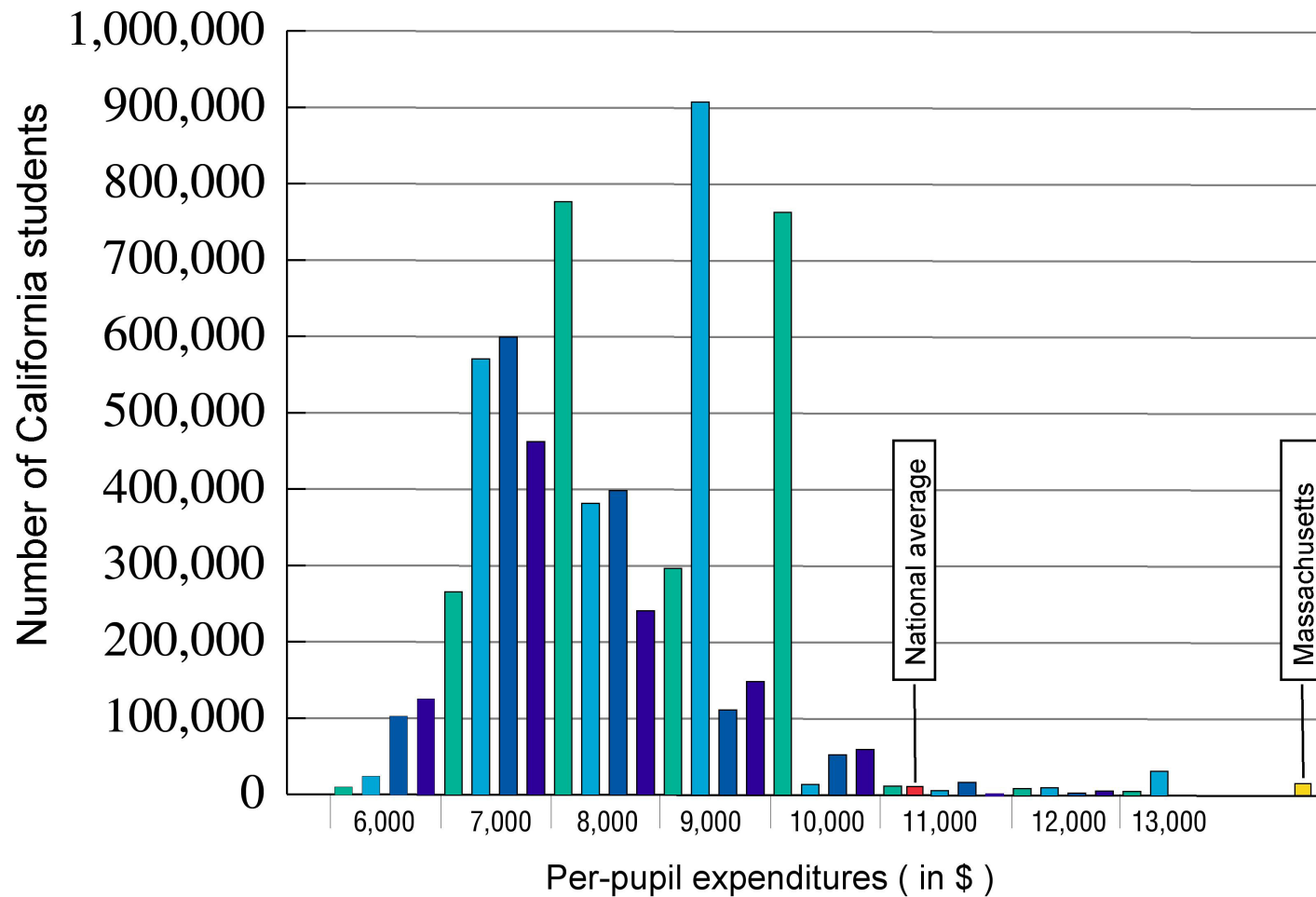


Source: California Department of Education, 2002-3 and US Census, 2000
Analysis by UCLA IDEA



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Per-pupil expenditures 2009-10



Source: California Department of Education, 2011 (for 2009-10);
NEA *Rankings and Estimates*, 2010 (for 2009-10)

Within District Inequality

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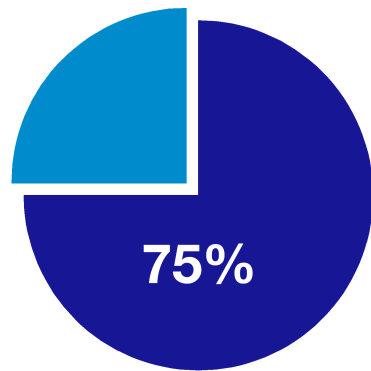
Difficult to follow the money

But inequalities are evident. . .

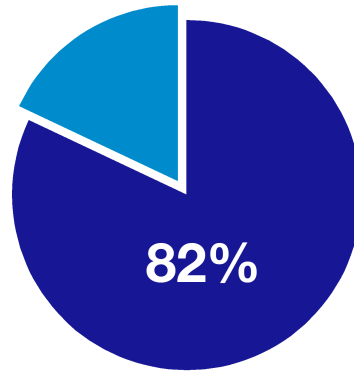
During hard times,
inequality grows



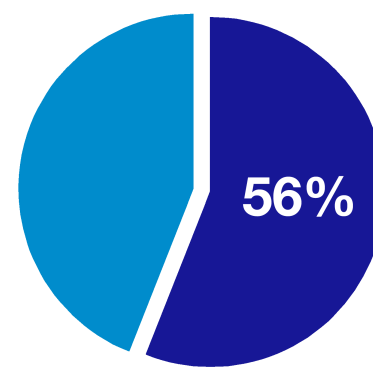
Growing Needs



% of Principals Reporting an Increase in Homelessness



% of Principals Reporting an Increase in Student Residential Mobility



% of Principals Reporting Student Food Insecurity

Source: UCLA IDEA, *Free Fall: Educational Opportunities in 2011*



Impacts in High Wealth Districts

% of Principals Reporting Cuts to ...	Schools in High Wealth Districts	Schools in all other Districts
Instructional Days	25%	51%
Counselors	25%	52%

Source: UCLA IDEA, *Free Fall: Educational Opportunities in 2011*



Donations to Low and High Poverty Schools

	All High Schools in Survey	Low Poverty High Schools	Mid-Level Poverty High Schools	High Poverty High Schools
% Free/Reduced Lunch		0%-33.9%	34%-62.9%	63%-100%
Median Donations	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$5,000

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Where do we go from here?



A Constitutional Debate in 1849

- Proceeds from Federal Lands “shall be inviolably appropriated to the support of common schools throughout the State.”
- Critics worried that leaving these funds open to other uses might create “too large a fund for the support of education ... [and] “might deprive the state of the means of supporting itself without onerous taxation.”

A Commitment to Education

I am decidedly in favor of placing every farthing that we can, and secure it by constitutional provision, in the hands of this community for the purpose of educating our children. Nothing will have a greater tendency to secure prosperity by the State, stability to our institutions, and an enlightened state of society, than by providing for the education of our posterity.

---Mr. McCarver

