

# Finance Committee Meeting: State Budgeting Update

April 11, 2023



# Mission and Vision

- **Mission**

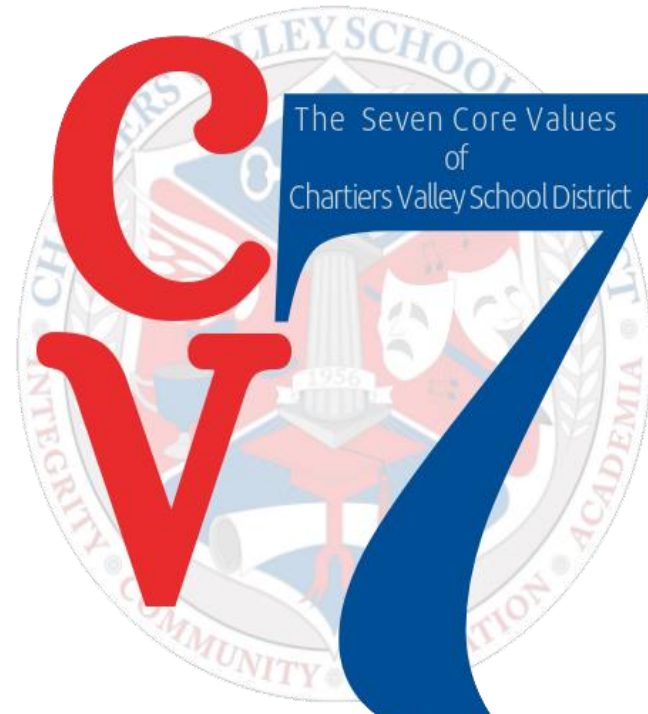
The mission of the Chartiers Valley School District, a community dedicated to shared leadership, is to graduate students who achieve personal success by providing an exceptional academic foundation in a safe, nurturing environment that inspires creativity and innovation while embracing diversity.

- **Vision**

We will inspire excellence in instruction, learning and innovation to prepare our students to achieve personal success.

# Chartiers Valley School District 7 Core Values

1. Demonstrate genuine care, concern and fondness for students.
2. Adopt an education-centered focus where students come first, followed closely by the needs of their parents.
3. Develop and nurture healthy, productive and cooperative relationships with colleagues.
4. Communicate regularly and clearly with students, their families and the community.
5. Create and cultivate a district-wide learning community where all employees and educators are valued.
6. Encourage innovation and creativity.
7. Embrace community and regional partnerships.



# Glossary of Terms

**ARP** American Rescue Plan

**BEF** Basic Education Funding

**ESSER** Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

**FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**OPEB** Other Post-Employment Benefits

**PCCD** Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

**PDE** Pennsylvania Department of Education

**PEMA** Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

**PSERS** Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System

**SEF** Special Education Funding

# Highlights from Gov. Shapiro's Budget



## 2023-24 Governor's Executive Budget

JOSH SHAPIRO  
*Governor*

URI MONSON  
*Secretary of the Budget*

AKBAR HOSSAIN  
*Secretary of Policy and Planning*

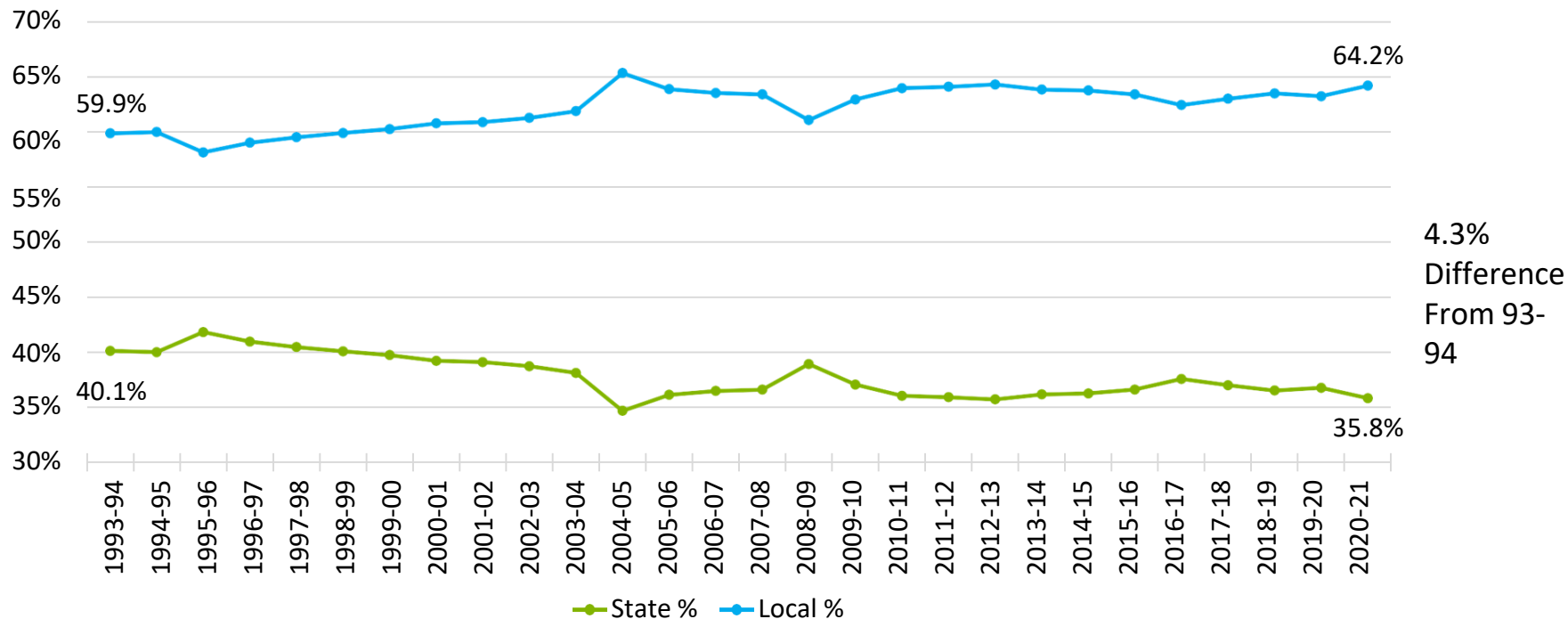
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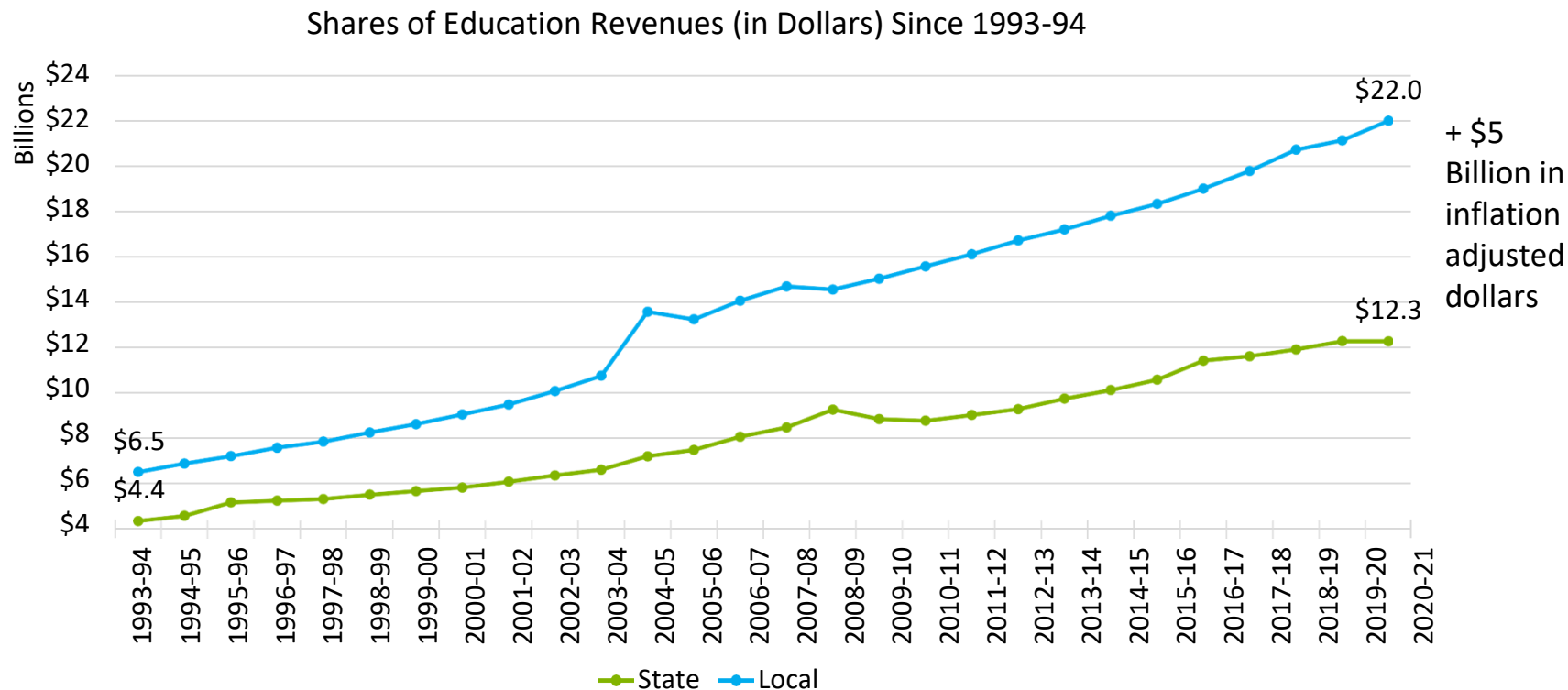
- Education a priority
- Calling this a “down payment” on public education spending
- Investments in careers and economic development
- Minimum wage increase
- Mental health supports
- **NO** Charter reform included

# Education Revenue Shares (%) Since 1993-94

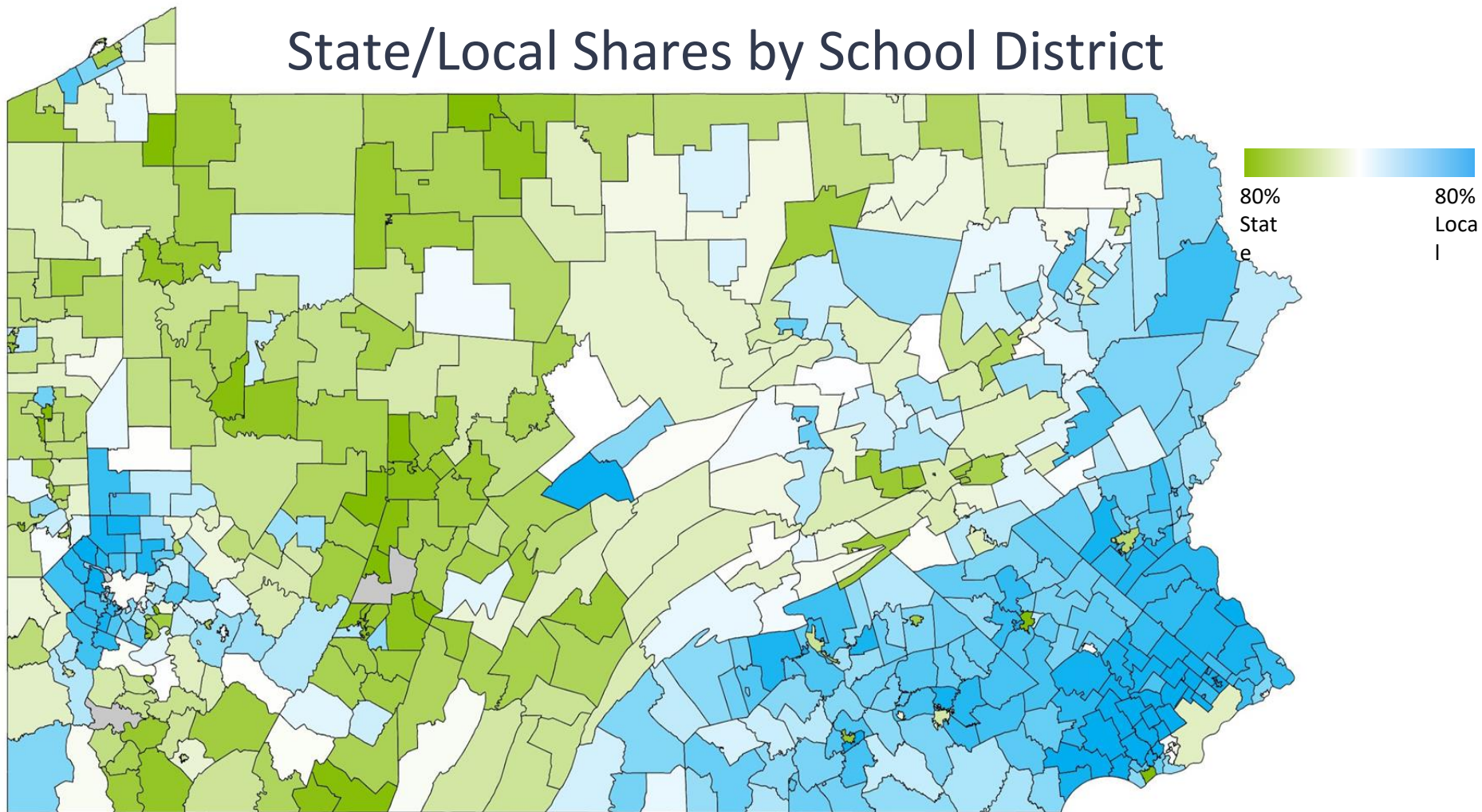
Shares of Education Revenue (Percentages) Since 1993-94



# Education Revenue Shares (\$) Since 1993-94



# State/Local Shares by School District





# Special Education Funding

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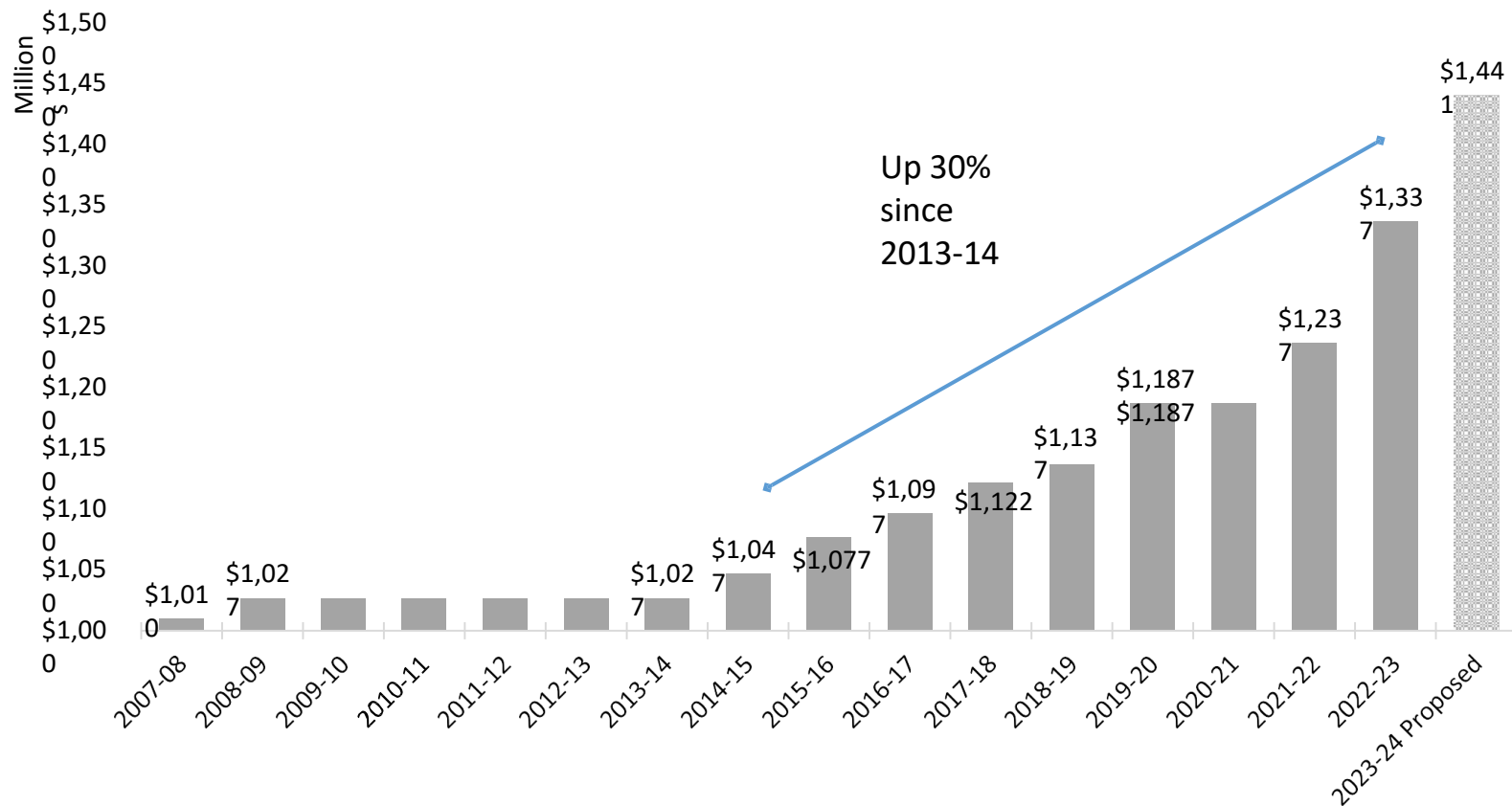
# Special Education

- Gov. Shapiro's proposal includes \$1.4 Billion in SEF funding
- Up 7.8% from 2022-23

*\$104 Million increase  
proposed*



# Special Education Funding (SEF)



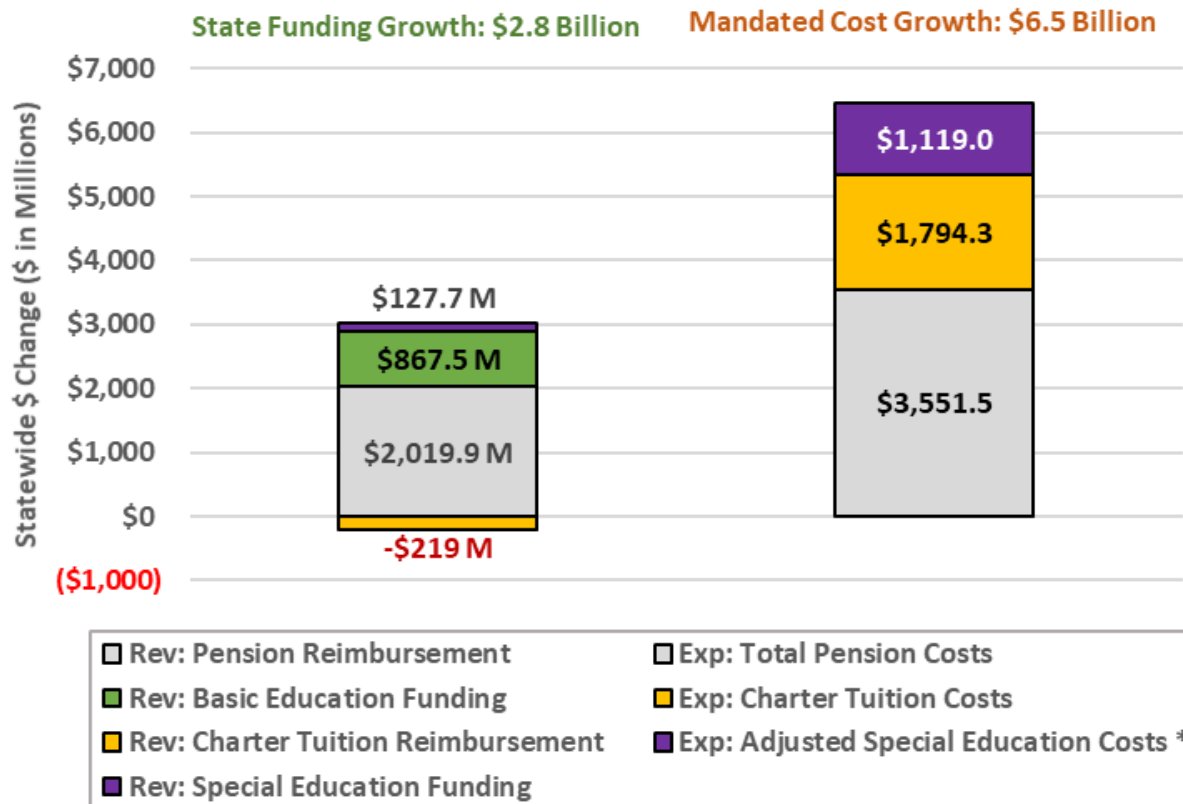


## UNFUNDED MANDATES

There are currently 74 unfunded mandates by the state of Pennsylvania.

These mandates require school districts to add staff or add to current positions without any funding to do so.

# Historic Mandated Costs are Significantly Outpacing State Funding Growth



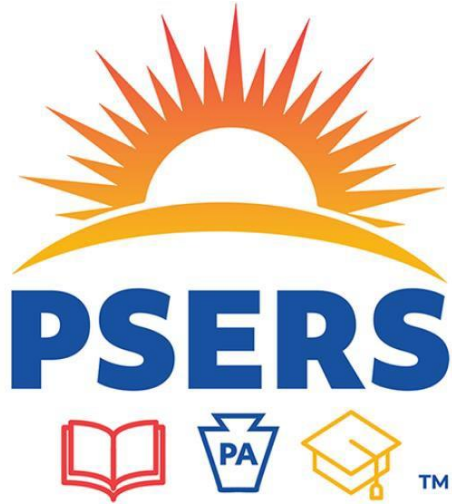
Source: PASBO, PASA, PARSS 2022 Budget Survey

# PSERS Update

(PA School Employee Retirement System)

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# Pensions

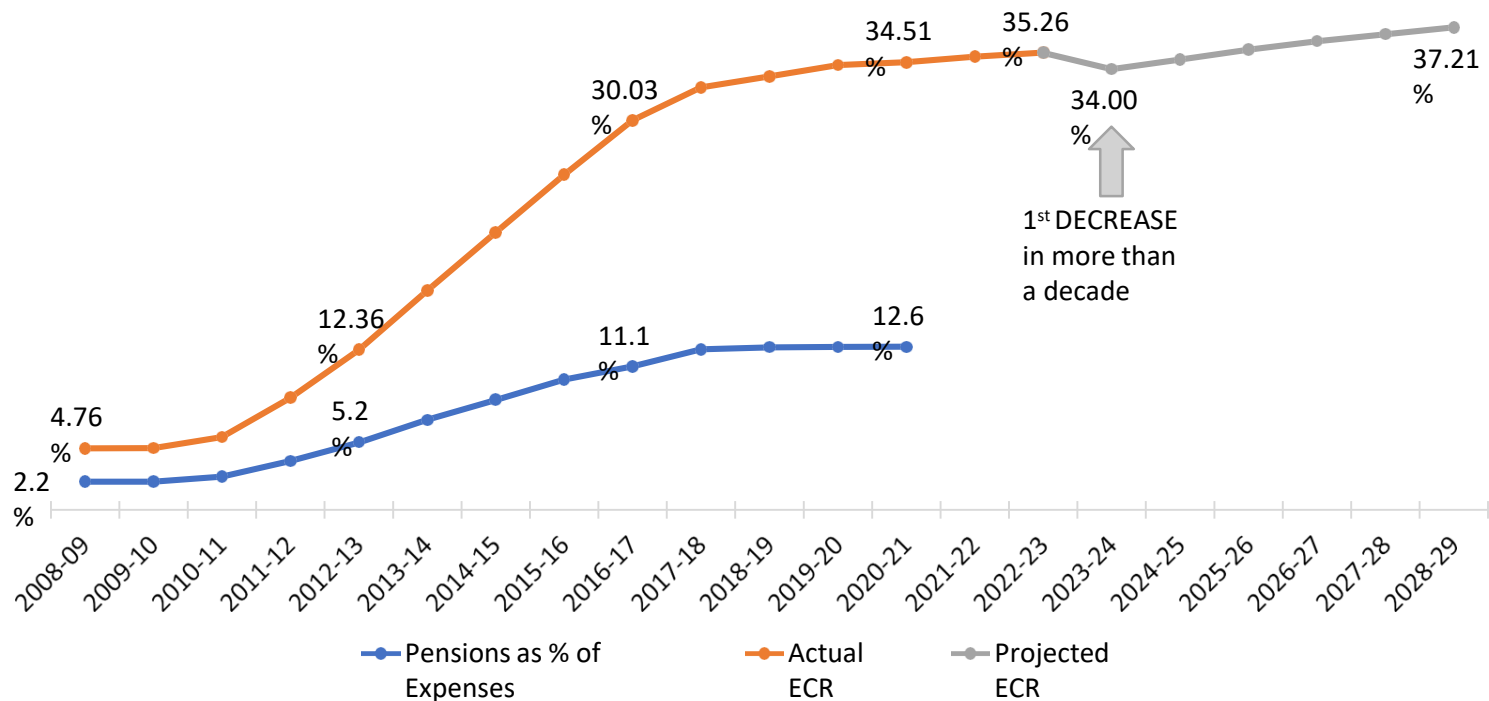


Governor's proposed budget includes a \$15 million **decrease** for state pension contributions

The state contributes 50-55% of the total school district pension contributions

Pensions	2023-24
State share	-\$15,000,000
Estimated local share	-\$12,300,000
<b>Total decrease</b>	<b>-\$27,300,000</b>

# PSERS Employer Contributions & Spending





# **Why did the FY 2023-24 Employer Contribution Rate decrease when the Fund did not meet its 7.00% investment rate of return in FY 2021-22?**

The Employer Contribution Rate (ECR) decrease, the first since 2008-09, was caused in large part by PSERS' employers

- strong payroll growth and favorable demographic changes
- involving mortality (actuarial tables)
- and retirement experience,

# School Safety and Security

## PDE Office of Safe Schools

- Level funded (\$11 million)
- Types of grants
  - Equipment and/or programs
  - School Police Officer (SPO)
  - School Resource Officer (SRO)

## PCCD School Safety and Security

- Level funded (\$100 million)
- Grants for 20+ purposes related to school safety and security



# School Food Service

Budget proposal includes \$38.5 million to continue to provide **universal free breakfast for all PA students, regardless of income.**

Will also cover the full cost of lunch for the 22,000 PA school students who are eligible for reduced-price lunches through NSLP.



# Chartiers Valley Charter School Data Enrollment

In the **2021-22** school year, the district had a total of 66 charter students out of approximately 3600 students.

- PDE classifies these students as 54 “regular education” and 12 “special education” students. Total Charter School costs for 2021-22 was **\$958,382**. This was broken down by the following:
  - Regular Ed: \$656,978**
  - Special Ed: \$301,404**
- For the **2022-23** school year, the District has **64** charter school students which includes 51 regular education and 13 special education students. Chartiers Valley School District is projected to spend **\$1,170,582** to charters schools under the current funding formula.

# Chartiers Valley Charter School Data Enrollment

CVSD charter tuition, the amount the district is required to pay for “regular education” students is **\$15,619.50** and for “special education” (which includes speech and itinerant students) is **\$29,970.33**.

*When one reads or hears the phrase “Charter and Basic Education Funding formula (BEF)”, it is in regards CVSD costs to educate pupil and/or required to pay the charter school. NOT that CVSD is receiving “funding”.*

# Public Education Funding

William Penn School District, et.al. vs. PDE,  
et.al.

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# PA Education Funding Lawsuit



**PENNSYLVANIA**

is UNDERFUNDING  
its public  
schools by

**\$4.6B**

# PA Education Funding Lawsuit



- In 2014, six PA school districts, the PA Association of Rural and Small Schools, the NAACP-PA State Conference, and a group of public school parents filed suit in PA Commonwealth Court against state legislative leaders, state education officials, and the governor for failing to uphold the General Assembly's constitutional obligation to provide a “**thorough and efficient**” system of public education. The school districts are William Penn, Greater Johnstown, Lancaster, Panther Valley, Shenandoah Valley, and Wilkes-Barre Area.
- The case was dismissed by the Commonwealth Court in 2015 but reinstated by the PA Supreme Court in 2017.



# PA Education Funding Lawsuit

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**PA SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS**

need more than \$2,000 more per student to adequately support their students' learning needs and graduate ready to compete in today's economy.

# PA Education Funding Lawsuit



- The lawsuit does not ask for a specific dollar amount. Instead, the petitioners ask the court to rule the school funding system unconstitutional and request that the General Assembly create a new, “well-funded” school funding system.
- The Commonwealth Court Trial is expected to conclude this month with a ruling by summer. It is anticipated that the Commonwealth Court decision will be appealed to the PA Supreme Court.