Colorado's Education
PROBLEM

The Education Foundation of Eagle County exists because Colorado has a big problem when it comes to properly funding education.

Funding

Colorado has a long history of underfunding public schools. **Reaching the national average would cost $2.1 - $2.8 billion annually.** We're not only behind the national average, current funding is $572 million behind inflation from 2008.

BS Factor

Introduced by the legislature in 2009, the **Budget Stabilization (BS) Factor has taken over $11 billion away from public schools.** With the recent passage of Proposition 121 (income tax reduction), legislators will likely continue to use the BS Factor to balance the state budget on the shoulders/backs of our schools/students.

$ 2nd
strongest economy in the U.S.

Per Pupil Funding

In 2018 (the most recent data available), **Colorado spent $3,087 less per pupil** than the national average, continuing **a 30-year slide in national competitiveness**.

– Colorado School Finance Project

1975
2018

41st
in pupil-teacher ratio

43rd
in spending on education
(adjusted for regional cost differences)

45th
in % of taxable resources spent on education

50th
in teacher wage competitiveness
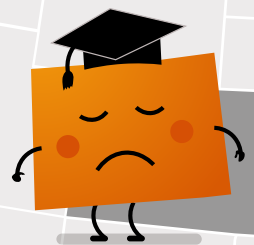
Teacher Retention

"It's nearly impossible to make a living as a teacher in Colorado. So what do they do? They go where they're valued, which is happening at an alarming rate."

– Phil Qualman, Superintendent of Eagle County Schools

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