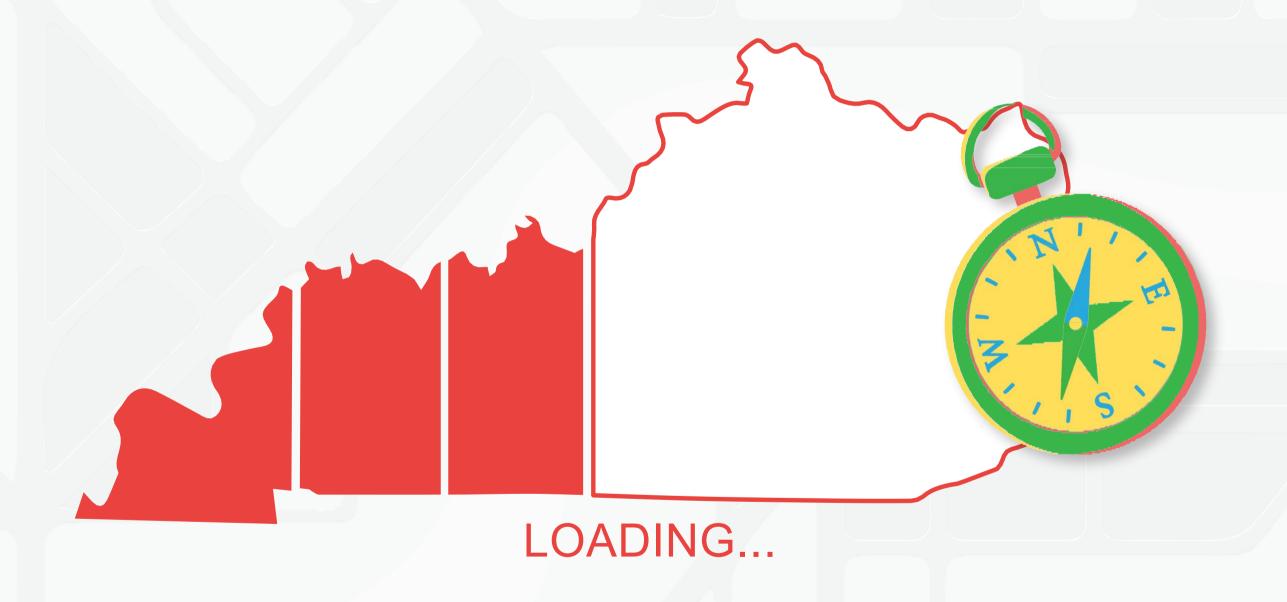
THE CURRENT STATUS OF SEEK FUNDING IN KENTUCKY

A LOCAL DISTRICT'S VIEW AND A STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE



PREPARED BY Oldham County Schools



COUNCIL FOR BETTER EDUCATION BACKON TRACKREPORTS

"Back on Track" means getting State SEEK funding "Back on Track" with K-12 funding due to inflationary erosion.

"Back on Track" Reports were Provided by CBE to ALL 171
Kentucky Superintendents.

"Back on Track" Reports Include a State-Wide Report and a District Specific Report.

These reports are Based on Changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2008 to 2023 and solely focus on the Kentucky SEEK funding formula during this most recent 15-year period.

- Additional Funding is Needed to Restore State SEEK funding to the same 2008 buying power "Back on Track"
- SEEK Base per Student was \$3,822 in 2008. In 2023, the SEEK Base when adjusted for inflation should be \$5,400. Note that State SEEK was only \$4,100 per student in 2023 for a difference of an additional \$1,300 required just to keep pace with inflation.
- The SEEK Base serves as a derivative for the SEEK Add-On's Children with disabilities; Students living in poverty, Students designated as free lunch, and EL students.
- SEEK Transportation funding (KY law requirement is supposed to be reimbursement of actual cost) remains funded at 69% when the law requires 100%. This should be an additional \$2,566,406, annually, for Oldham County. We DO appreciate the Legislature's effort to increase this funding from 55% to 69% in the last legislative session.

- We recognize we did not get here overnight. This is a 15-year problem. We ask that the Legislature begin moving in this direction over the next 2 4 year period.
- We know that Teacher/Staff recruitment and retention is a significant problem. This funding gap is the primary issue. If we can get "Back on Track", we can significantly help this problem.
- We do appreciate the Legislature's efforts to maintain the funding for the TRS actuarial required contribution (ARC). However, we must make strides to achieve funding for BOTH the TRS requirement and to ensure that our students have the full, inflationary adjusted SEEK funding required to provide KY's students the excellent education they deserve.

It's time to restore State SHK
to its 2008 buying power
and Get Back on Track.



\$100.00 in 2008 has the same buying power as \$139.44 in 2023?

\$1,000,000 in 2008 has \$1,000,000 in 2008 has the same buying power the same buying 2023? as \$1,394,369 in 2023?

Outcomes of Inadequate Funding 4



- Teacher/Staff Salaries Are Far Behind the Marketplace (nationally 25% lower as compared to other professions with comparable education)
- Unable to Meet the Academic Needs of Students (People & Instructional Resources)
- Negative Impact on Local District Property Tax Rates (15 years). Local communities are picking up larger share.
- Inversion of State Spending vs. Local Spending Per Pupil.
- Greater Separation in Wealth Inequities Among KY's School Districts (Equity).
- Bus Purchases Not on Schedule (Older Fleet).
- Increased Stress on Transportation Operations (69% Funded).

GETTING SEEK FUNDING BACK ON TRACK

Oldham County Schools
2022-2023
FULL BUY

MORE BASE FUNDING PER STUDENT	\$1,300
MORE FUNDING TO MEET ADDED STUDENT NEEDS	\$240
MORE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING	\$213
INCREASE IN STATE TIER 1 FUNDING	\$73
TOTAL ADDED FUNDING PER STUDENT	\$1,826
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED	\$21,969,636

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FULL BUYING POWER

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ADDRESSING COST OF TRANSPORTATION

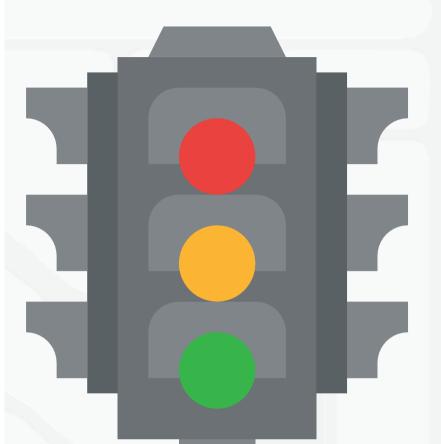
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Getting SEEK Back on Track report generated by The Kentucky Council for Better Education.

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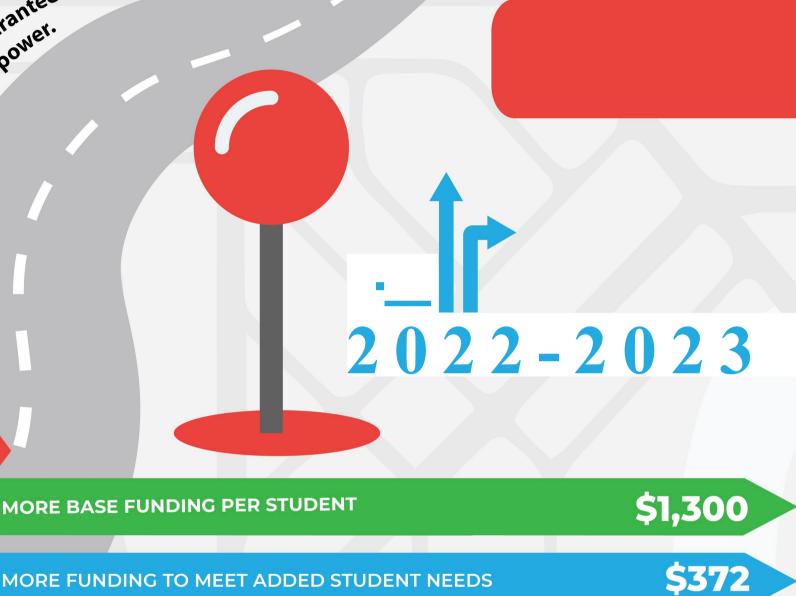
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SEEK BASE	CURRENT	BACK ON TRACK \$5,400 BASE	ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED
BASE GUARANTEE TOTAL	\$49,344,427	\$64,990,221	15,645,794
STUDENTS	12,035	12,035	N/A
BASE GUARANTEE PER STUDENT	\$4,100	\$5,400	\$1,300
SEEK ADD-ONS FOR STUDENT NEEDS	CURRENT	BACK ON TRACK \$5,400 BASE	ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED
ADD-ON FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS (15% OF BASE)	\$1,521,648	\$2,004,122	\$482,474
ADD-ON FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS (235%, 117% OR 24% OF BASE)	\$7,435,637	\$9,793,278	\$2,357,641
ADD-ON FOR HOME AND HOSPITAL STUDENTS (BASE MINUS \$100)	\$36,292	\$48,087	\$11,795
ADD-ON FOR STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (9.6% OF BASE)	\$118,867	\$156,557	\$37,690
ADD-ON TOTAL	\$9,112,444	\$12,002,044	2,889,600
STUDENTS	12,035	12,035	N/A
ADD-ONS PER STUDENT	\$757	\$997	\$240
SEEK TRANSPORTATION	CURRENT	BACK ON TRACK \$5,400 BASE	ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED
SEEK TRANSPORTATION	\$5,672,073	\$8,238,479	2,566,406.00
STUDENTS	12,035.23	12,035	N/A
SEEK TRANSPORTATION PER STUDENT	\$471	\$685	\$214

Districts qualify for SEEK Base, Add-ons, and Transportation by gathering local tax revenue equal to 30¢ for every \$100 in assessed property value. Residents in this school district are already contributing that local share. It's time to get the state share back on track.

TIER 1 ADDED EQUALIZATION	CURRENT	BACK ON TRACK \$5,400 BASE	ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED
TIER 1MAXIMUM	\$10,004,303	\$12,784,611	N/A
LOCAL SHARE OF MAXIMUM	\$6,881,594	\$8,794,068	N/A
STATE SHARE OF MAXIMUM	\$3,122,708	\$3,990,544	867,836
STUDENTS	12,035	12,035	N/A
STATE SHARE OF MAXIMUM PER STUDENT	\$259	\$332	\$73

GETTING SEEK FUNDING BACK ON TRACK

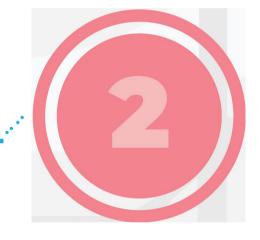


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MORE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

INCREASE IN STATE TIER 1 FUNDING

TOTAL ADDED FUNDING PER STUDENT

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED



\$203

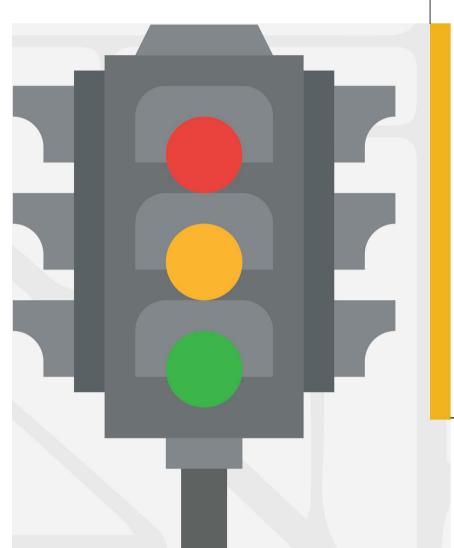
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Statewide

BACK ON TRACK SEEK BASE

BASE GUARANTEE TOTAL 3.303.370.67 795.255.90 2.508.114.76 STUDENTS 677.735

BASE GUARANTEE PER STUDENT

SEEK ADD-ONS FOR STUDENT NEEDS **FUNDING REQUIRED** ADD-ON FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS (15% OF BASE) \$301,737,295 \$72,640,460

CURRENT

\$229.096.83!

\$463,773,837 \$670,824,078 \$747,050,247 FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS (235%, 777% OR 24% OF BASE

OR HOME AND HOSPITAL STUDENTS (BASE MINUS \$700) \$73,772,279 \$3,230,943

\$14,023,576 \$78,470,079 \$4,446,503 OR STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (9.6% OF BASE

ADD-ON TOTAL \$944,203,73 227,368,747

STUDENTS

ADD-ONS PER STUDENT

BACK ON TRACK ADDITIONAL SEEK TRANSPORTATION

SEEK TRANSPORTATION

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LOCAL SHARE OF MAXIMUM

STATE SHARE OF MAXIMUM

TIER 1 MAXIMUM

FUNDING REQUIRED

CURRENT

\$457,044,794

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BACK ON TRACK

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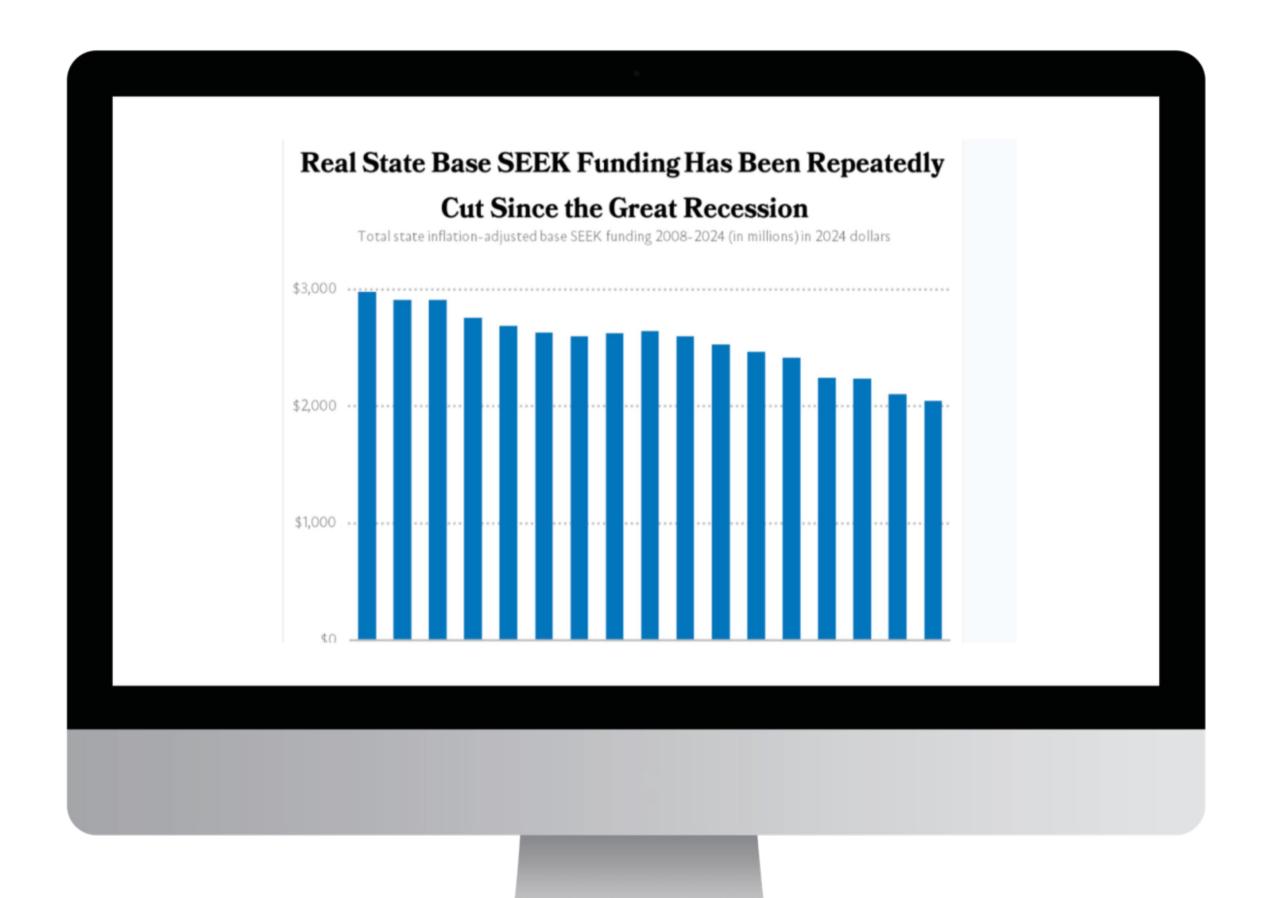
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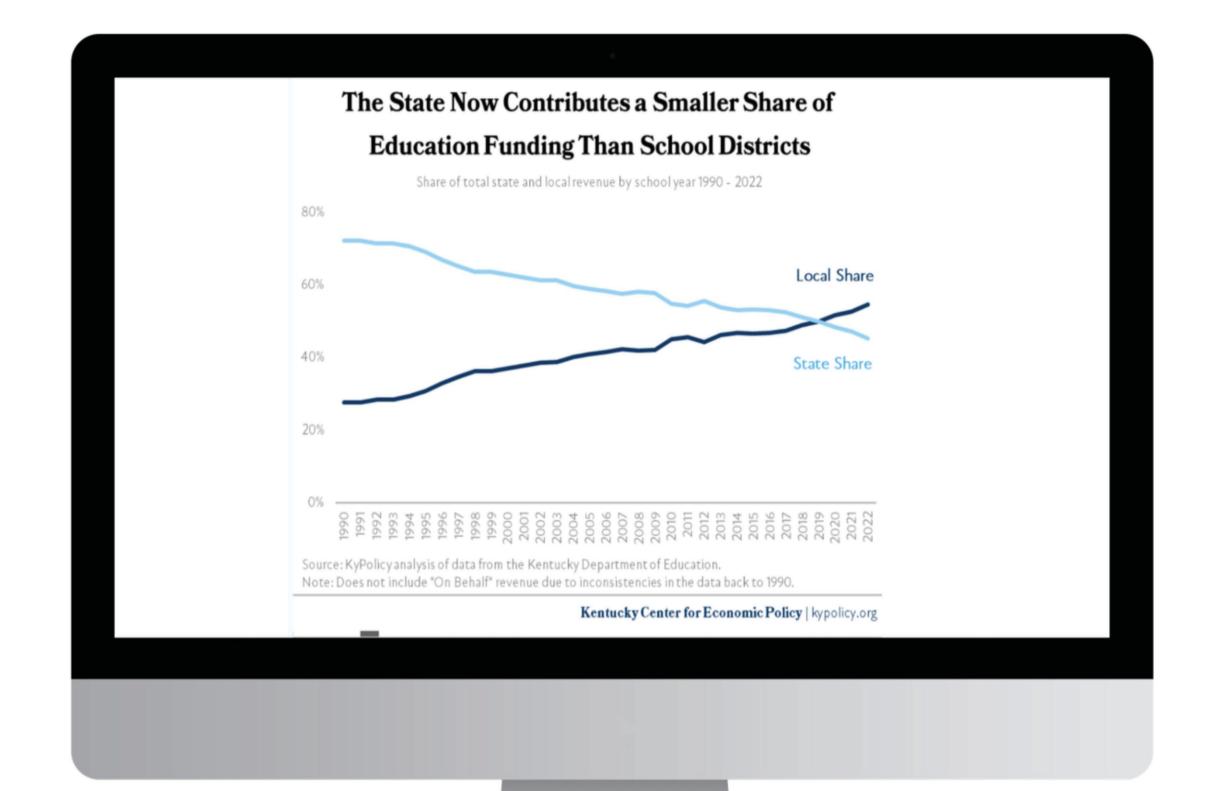
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State SEEK Base - Inflation Adjusted



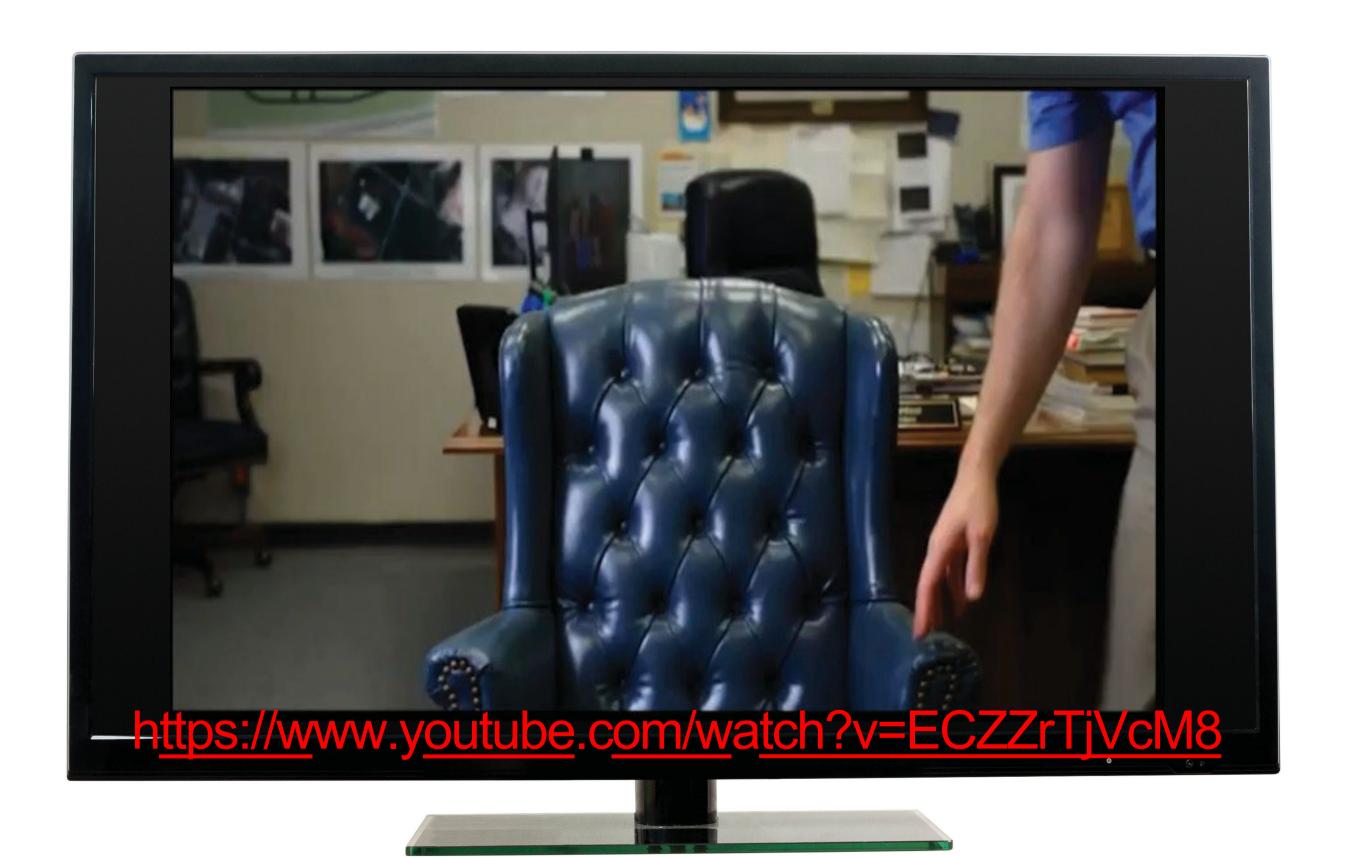
State Share Vs. Local Share



The Funding Gap – Equity Problems



"Crisis in the Bluegrass" Produced by KASA





Section 183

General Assembly to provide for school system.

"The General Assembly shall, by appropriate legislation, provide appropriate legislation, provide for an efficient system of common schools throughout the State".

Text as Ratified on: August 3, 1891, and revised September 28, 1891. In 1989, in Rose v. Council for Better Education,

"The children of the poor and the children of the rich, the children who live in the rich the children who live in the rich districts must be given the same opportunity and access to an adeoportunity and access to an

"To meet the constitutional requirement, the Court explained, the quirement, the Court explained, the education system must be adequately funded, ensure equality, quately funded, ensure equality, and be designed to provide every and be designed to provide every child with seven delineated capacities".

More from Rose Decision...

The KY Supreme Court listed the characteristics of an efficient system of schools in the Rose Decision:

- (1) The establishment, maintenance and funding of common schools in Kentucky is the sole responsibility of the General Assembly.
 - (2) Common schools shall be free to ALL, available to ALL KY children, aubstantially uniform throughout the substantially uniform throughout the state, provide equal opportunities to all Kentucky children, regardless of all Kentucky children, regardless of place of residence or economic cirplace of residence or economic circumstances, monitored by the General Assembly...

- (3) The premise for the existence of common schools is that ALL children in Kentucky have a constitutional right to an adequate education.
 - (4) The General Assembly shall provide funding which is sufficient to provide each child in Kentucky an adequate education.
 - (5) An adequate education is one which has as its goal the development of the seven capacities.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

