

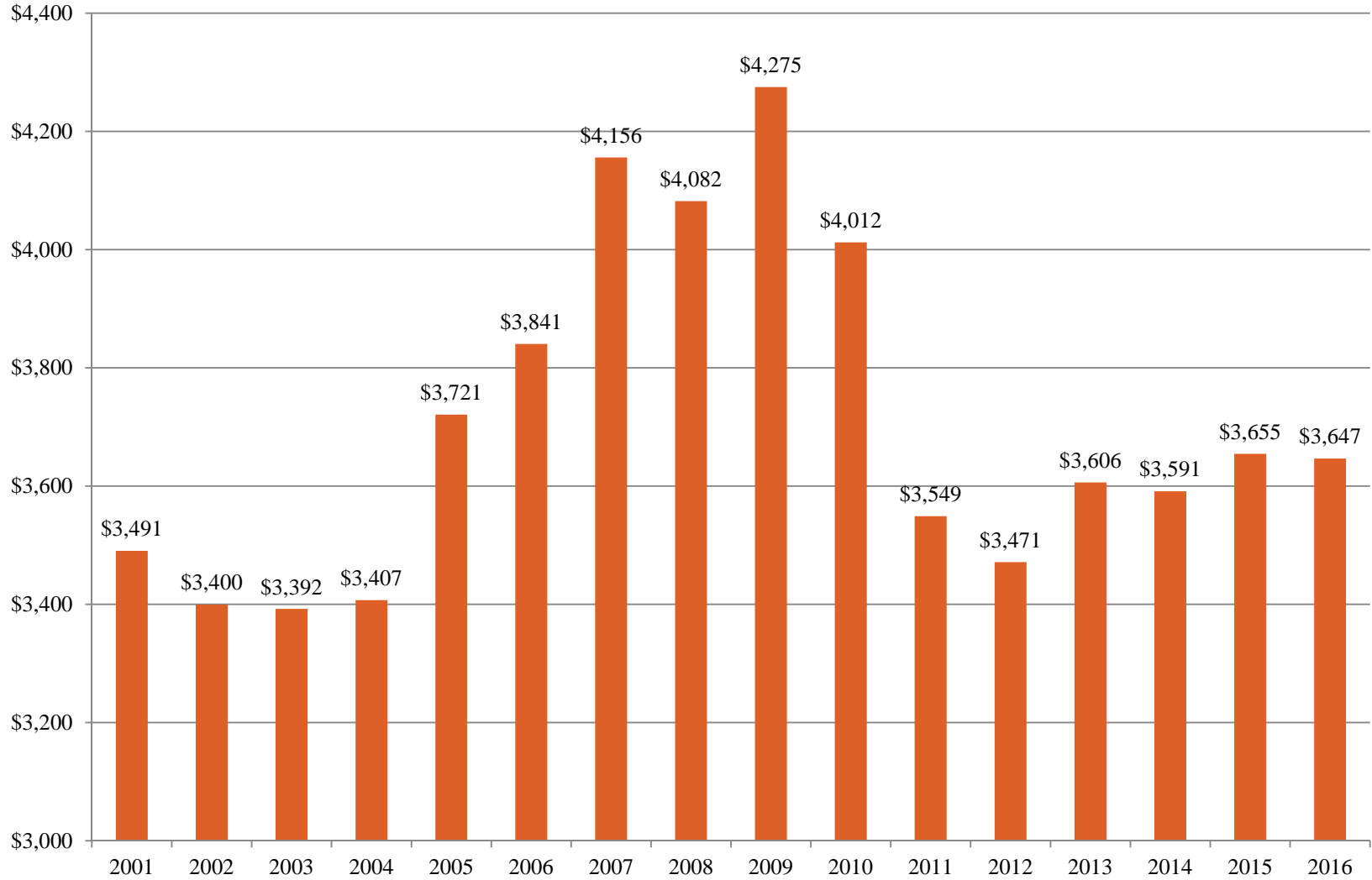
# Selected Data from VASS Spring 2015 Superintendent Survey

July 2015



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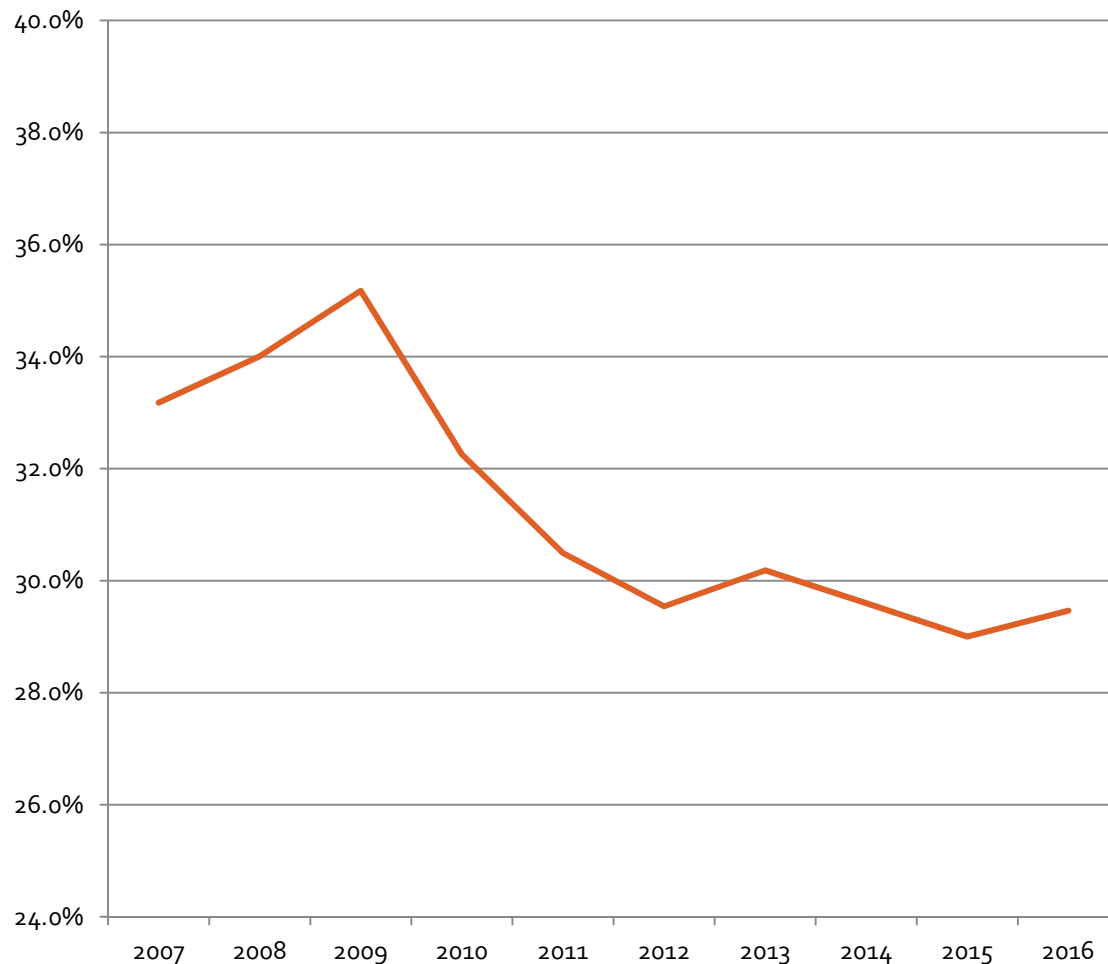
## Inflation-Adjusted State Per Pupil K-12 Funding (FY 2001 \$ - All State Appropriated Funds)



Sources: VA Dept. of Education Direct Aid Entitlement Calculation Templates, and Dec. 17, 2014 GACRE Report (CPI) Secretary of Finance

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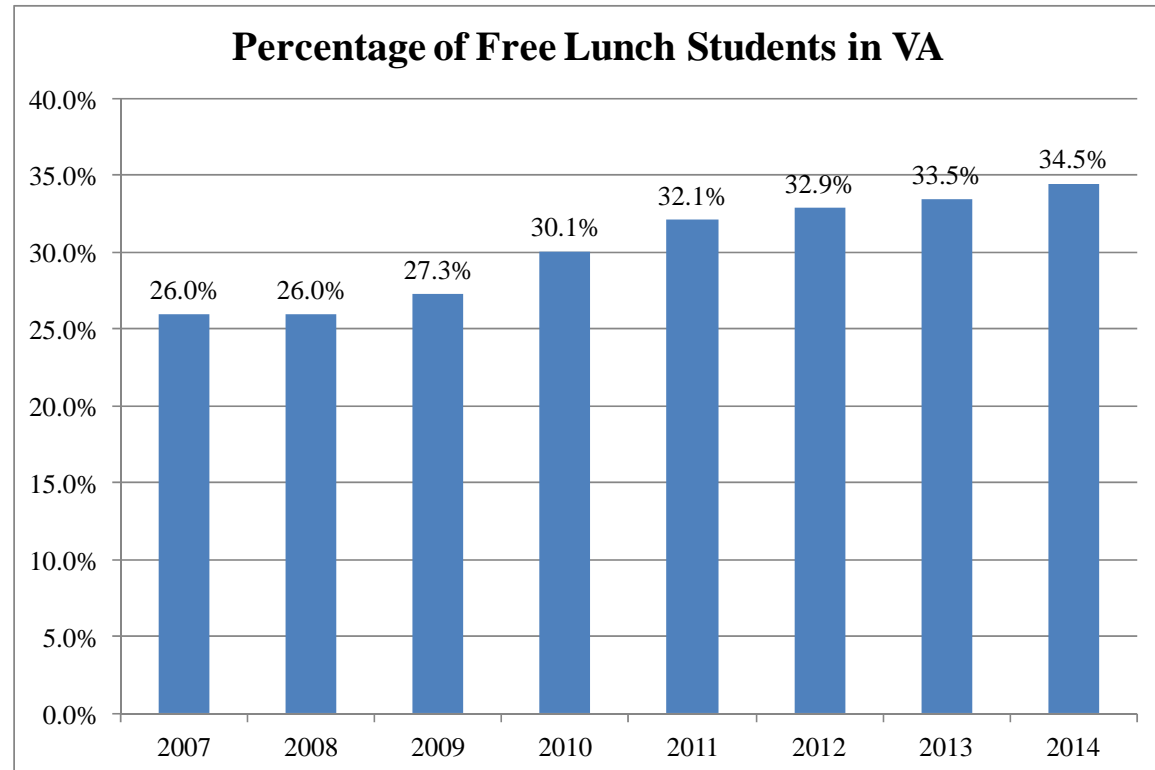
### Share of State GF for K-12 Direct Aid



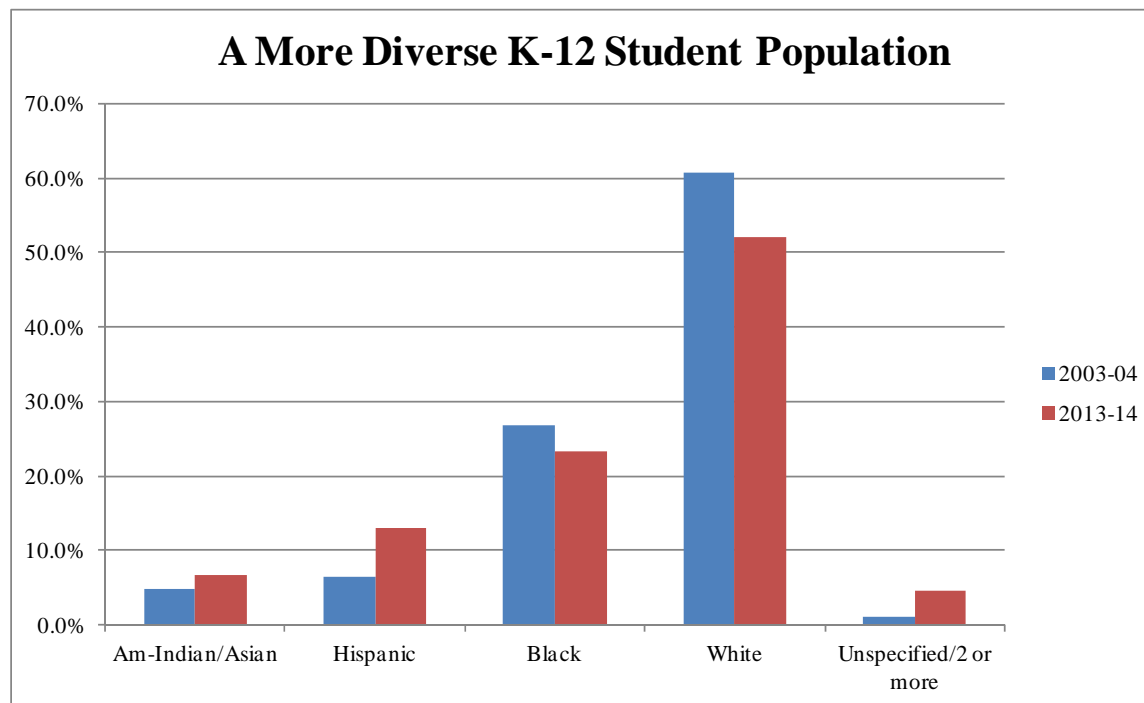
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<b><u>Major State K-12 Funding Policy Changes Since 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Session</u></b>	<b><u>Biennial \$Mil.</u></b>
Cap Funding for Support Positions	2009	(\$754)
Eliminate School Construction Grants	2009	(\$55)
Adjust Health Care Participation Rates	2010	(\$269)
Eliminate Equipment, Travel, Misc. Expenses From SOQ Calculation	2010	(\$244)
Include \$0 Values in Linear Weighted Avg Calculation	2010	(\$79)
Eliminate Lottery Support for School Construction	2010	(\$67)
Drop Lowest Tier From K-3 Class Size Calculation	2010	(\$36)
Extend School Bus Replacement Cycle From 12 to 15 Yrs	2010	(\$19)
Eliminate Enrollment Loss Assistance	2010	(\$16)
Eliminate Non-personal Inflation Update (not originally intended as permanent, <i>partially offset in 2012-14 biennium</i> )	2012	(\$109)
Reduce Nova COCA for support positions	2012	(\$28)
Use Kindergarten as Proxy for 4-yr-old Pre-K Count	2012	<u>(\$27)</u>
<b>Total Major Policy Changes Since 2009</b>		<b>(\$1,703)</b>

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## Summary of Respondents

- Division Enrollment-Size Categories:
  - **Small** – 2,000 or less
  - **Medium** – 2,001-15,000
  - **Large** – 15,001-40,000
  - **Grande** – 40,001 or greater

	Responses	Total	Percent
Small	31	36	86%
Medium	68	80	85%
Large	8	10	80%
Grande	5	6	83%
Total	112	132	85%

- Note: not all divisions responded to all questions

# State Funding Change per Student 2008-2014

	Increase	Decrease	Avg. Incr.	Avg. Decr.
Region 1	1	14	\$357	\$658
Region 2	2	13	\$114	\$719
Region 3	3	14	\$334	\$507
Region 4	9	10	\$423	\$110
Region 5	3	17	\$249	\$618
Region 6	1	14	\$10	\$636
Region 7	1	18	\$375	\$689
Region 8	1	11	\$915	\$657
Total	21	111	\$354	\$593

- From all divisions' ASRs (not just those responding to the VASS survey)
- Excludes State capital funding



# Local Funding Change per Student 2008-2014

	Increase	Decrease	Avg. Incr.	Avg. Decr.
Region 1	6	9	\$514	\$1,340
Region 2	11	4	\$500	\$929
Region 3	10	7	\$1,038	\$882
Region 4	9	10	\$1,235	\$1,919
Region 5	14	6	\$1,134	\$1,002
Region 6	9	6	\$850	\$2,175
Region 7	13	6	\$769	\$2,620
Region 8	8	4	\$320	\$554
Total	80	52	\$827	\$1,503

- From all divisions' ASRs (not just those responding to the VASS survey)

# Staffing Reductions

- 92% of divisions responding have reduced staff in response to budget pressures since 2008

	FTE Reduced
Teachers	5,138
School-Based Administrators	269
Support Staff (School & Division)	4,485
Division-Level Administrators	288
Total	10,180

## Impact on Staff

- In 2008 the average percentage of staff with five or few years experience was 25.9%, with the number in 2014 dropping to 23.8%
- 26% of respondents believe that their *starting salary* enhances the number of teacher applicants, **45% believe that it deters, with the remaining 29% unsure.**
- **77% of respondents believe that teachers have left their division due to their salary (10% No; 13 % Unsure)**
- 26% of respondents believe that changes in VRS benefits have affected the availability of qualified teachers (29% No; 45% Unsure)

## Impact on Staff

- 87% of respondents who have reduced staff have added duties to the remaining staff
- *20% of divisions have reduced employees' compensation since 2008 to accommodate funding reductions*
- The average increase in starting salary for those who have not reduced compensation is \$2,311.
- *44.5% of divisions have reduced employees' benefits since 2008*

## Impact on Class Size

- *71% of divisions responding have increased class sizes since July 1, 2008*
- *Of these, 54% say the reported largest class sizes below are the norm rather than the exception*

	Avg. Largest Class Sizes
Elementary	25.7
Middle	28.7
High School	29.8

## Program Reductions

- *52% of divisions responding have reduced curricular programs for cumulative reductions of:*

	Eliminated Programs
Fine Arts	50
Foreign Language	40
Physical Education	34
Career Technical Education	88.5
Total	212.5

- *76% of divisions responding have reduced professional development spending since 2008*

# Program Reductions

- *29% of divisions responding have reduced co-curricular programs for cumulative reductions of:*

	Eliminated Programs
Academic Clubs	53
Student Clubs	45
Athletics	59
Total	157

# School Closings

- *23% of divisions responding have closed schools for financial reasons for cumulative closings of:*

	Closed Buildings
Elementary	31
Middle	10.5
High School	3.5
Total	45