

School Choice: Options that work for Alaska

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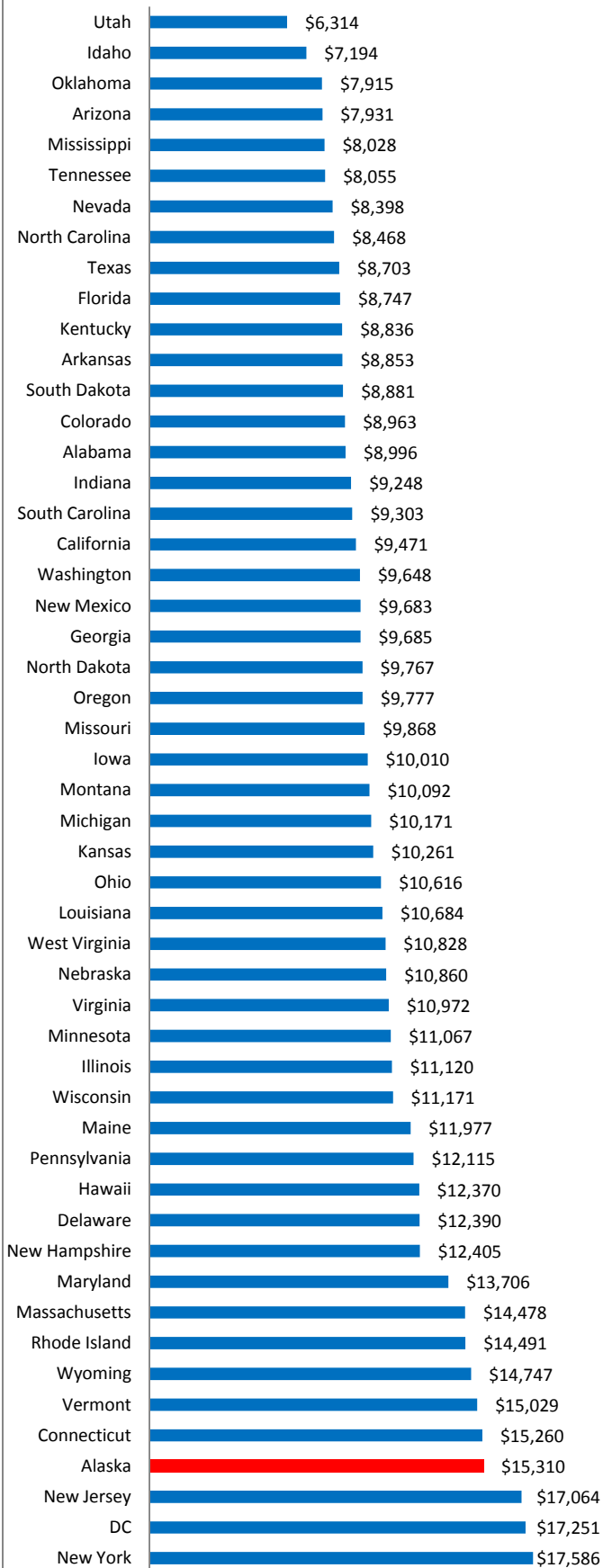
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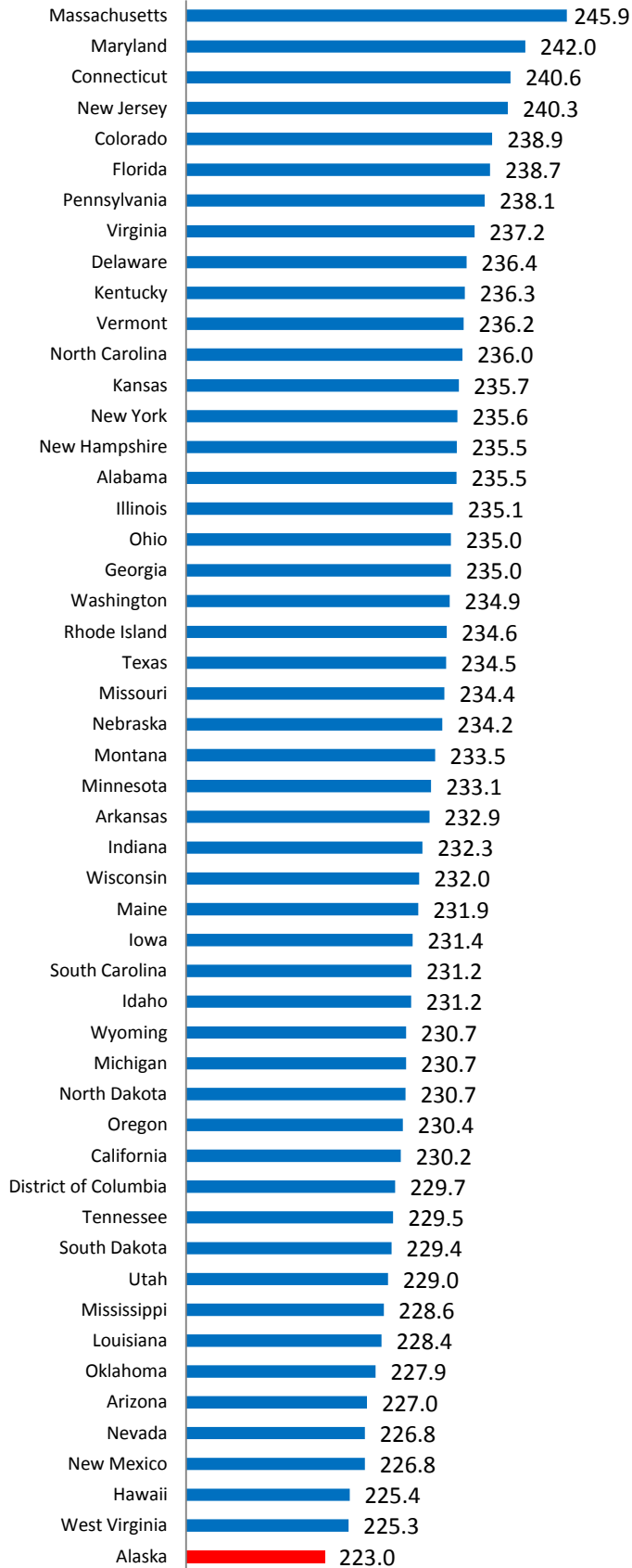
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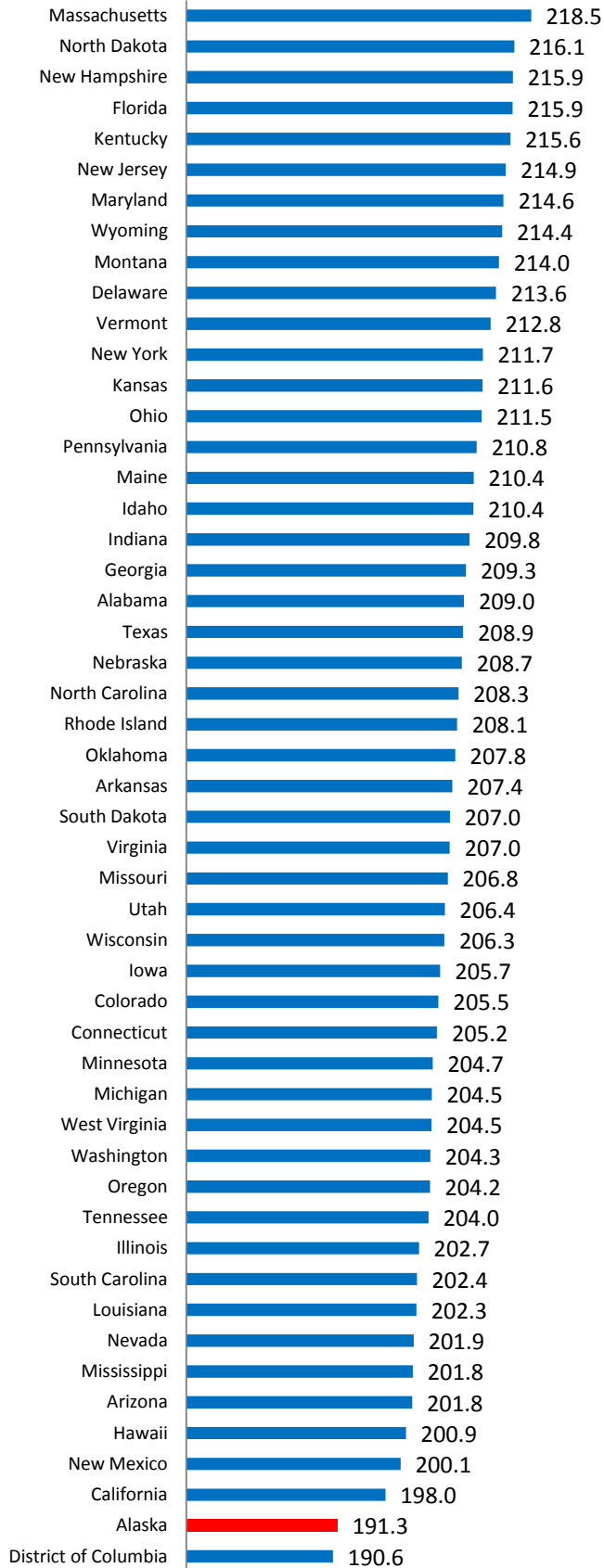
Cost per Student by State 2011 Source: US Dept of Education



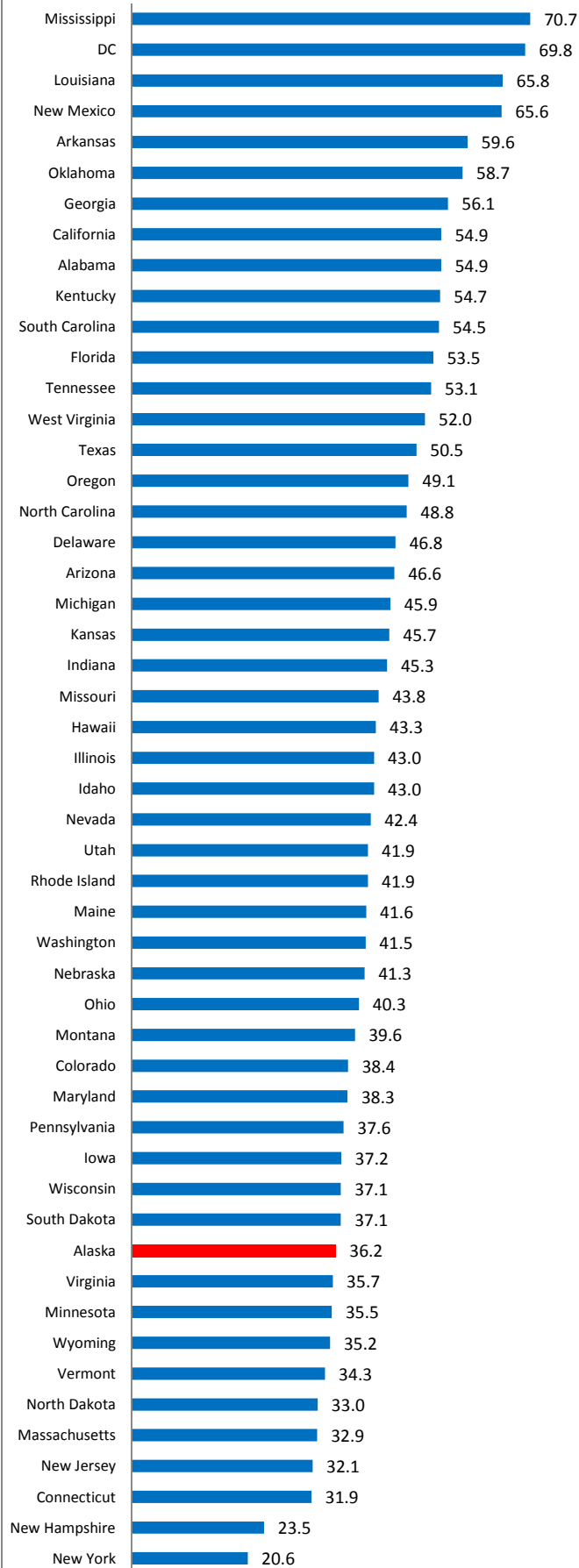
Upper-Middle Income Students 4th Grade Reading 2011 NAEP Test Scores



Low Income Students
4th Grade Reading 2011 NAEP Test Scores



% of Low Income Students by State 2011
Source: U.S. Dept of Education



- Input

- BSA

- Physical Plant

- Transportation

- Social Service

- Output

- Achievement

- Graduation Rate

- Student Engagement/Motivation

- Classroom Environment



Causes of Low Education Performance

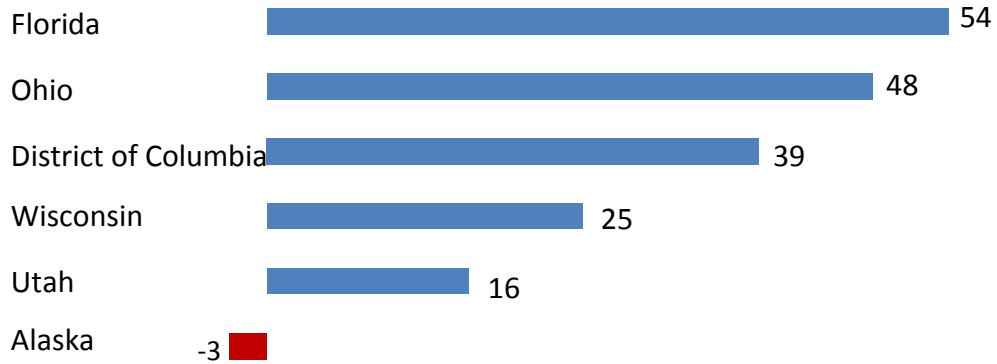
- Low Goals
- Lost Focus/Mission Creep
- Inflexible CBAs
- Cost Control
- Monopoly-Lack of Competition

What can we do differently?

- Education Tax Credits
- Distance Education
- Vouchers



**Combined NAEP Gains Math and Reading, 2003-2011
Alaska vs Voucher Jurisdictions**



The Future

- Where will Alaska go?
- Will we travel the same road with the same results?
- Will Alaska blaze a new trail with school choice?
- Education Fund Dividend

