

What to expect for another \$300 million ?

HB 152 income tax for public schools

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Legislature must fund public schools to a constitutional floor.

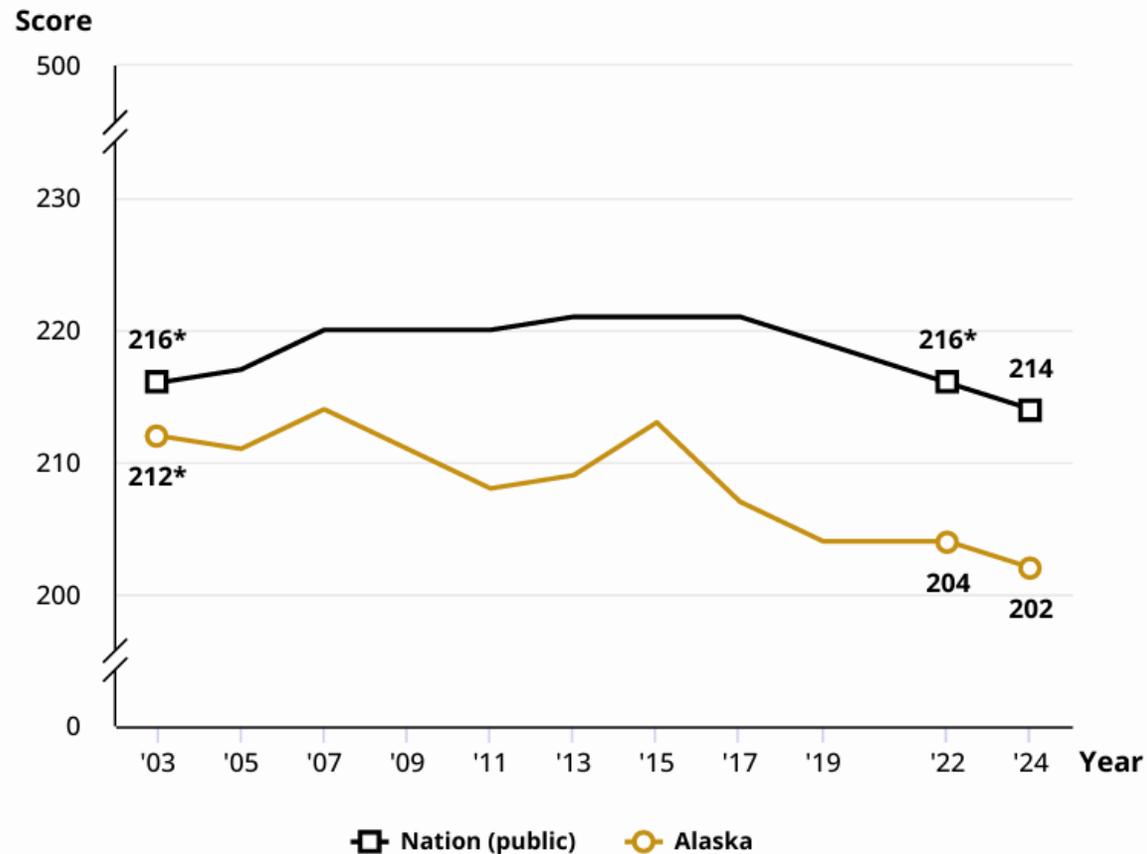
Moore v. Alaska, 2004 to 2012

Students must achieve state performance standards **“Substantial majority,” e.g., 60% to 70%**

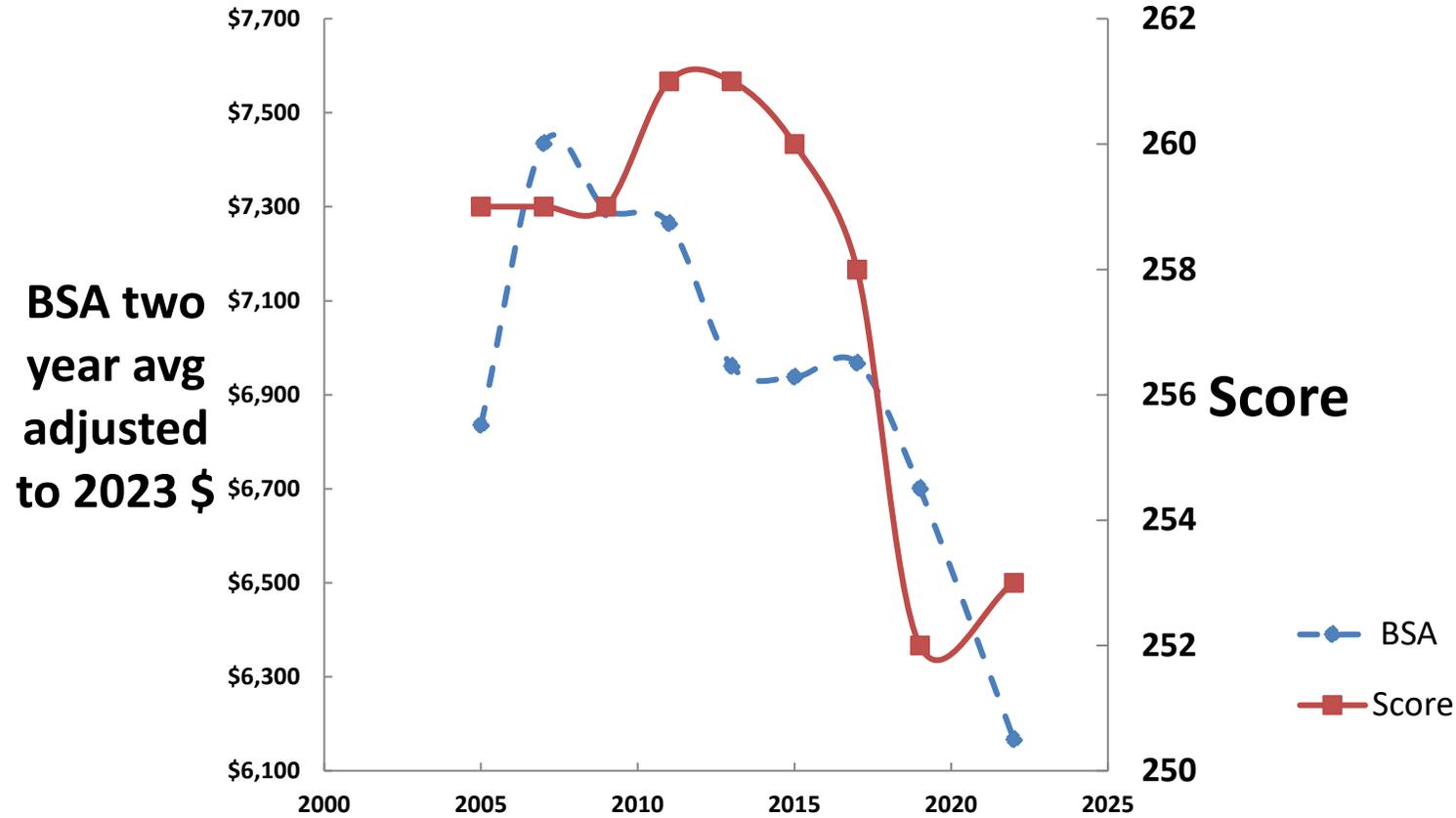
School must provide opportunity to meet the performance standards **“All children” and “each child,” i.e., 100%**

Reading 4th grade: Alaska is way behind.

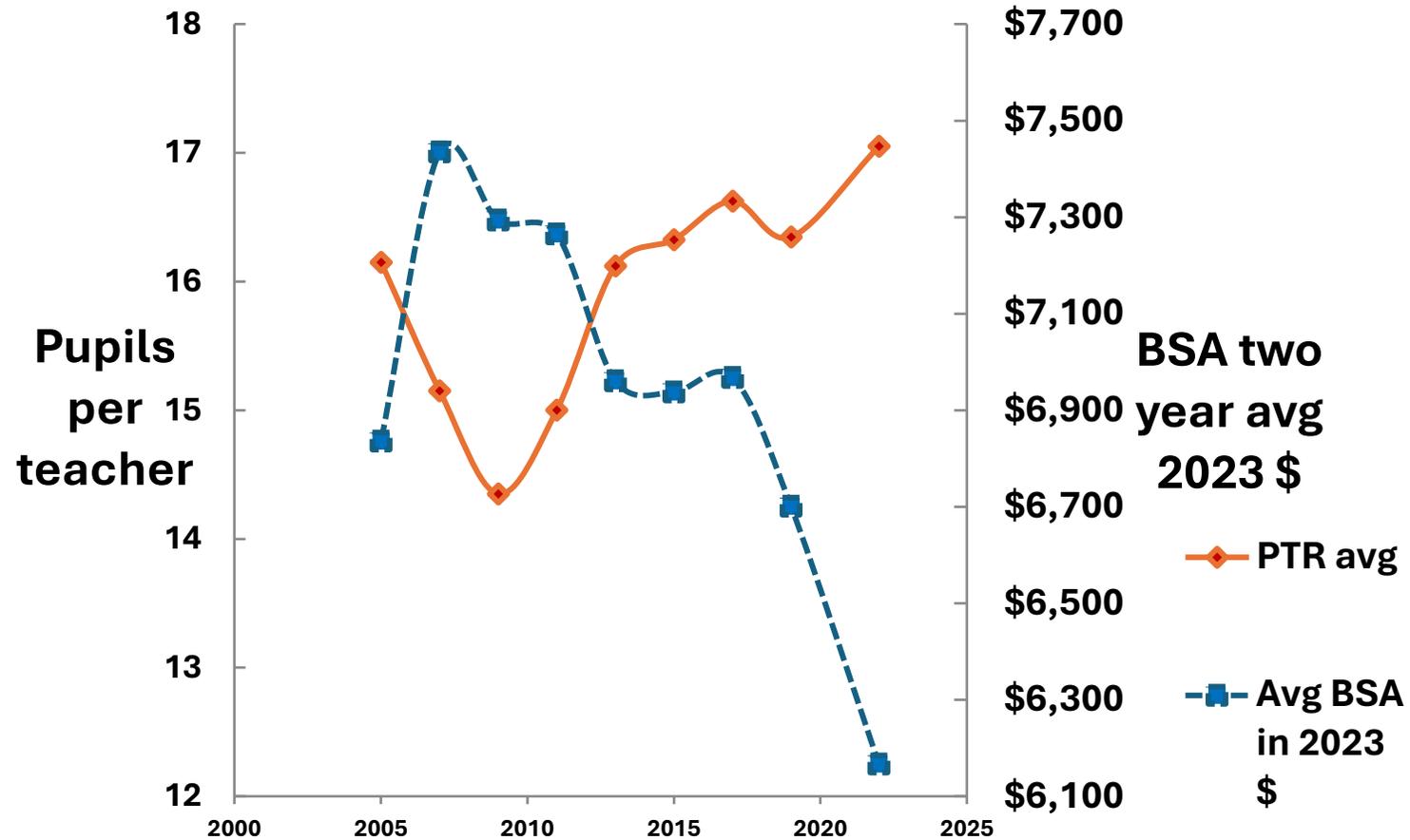
AVERAGE SCORES FOR STATE/JURISDICTION AND THE NATION (PUBLIC



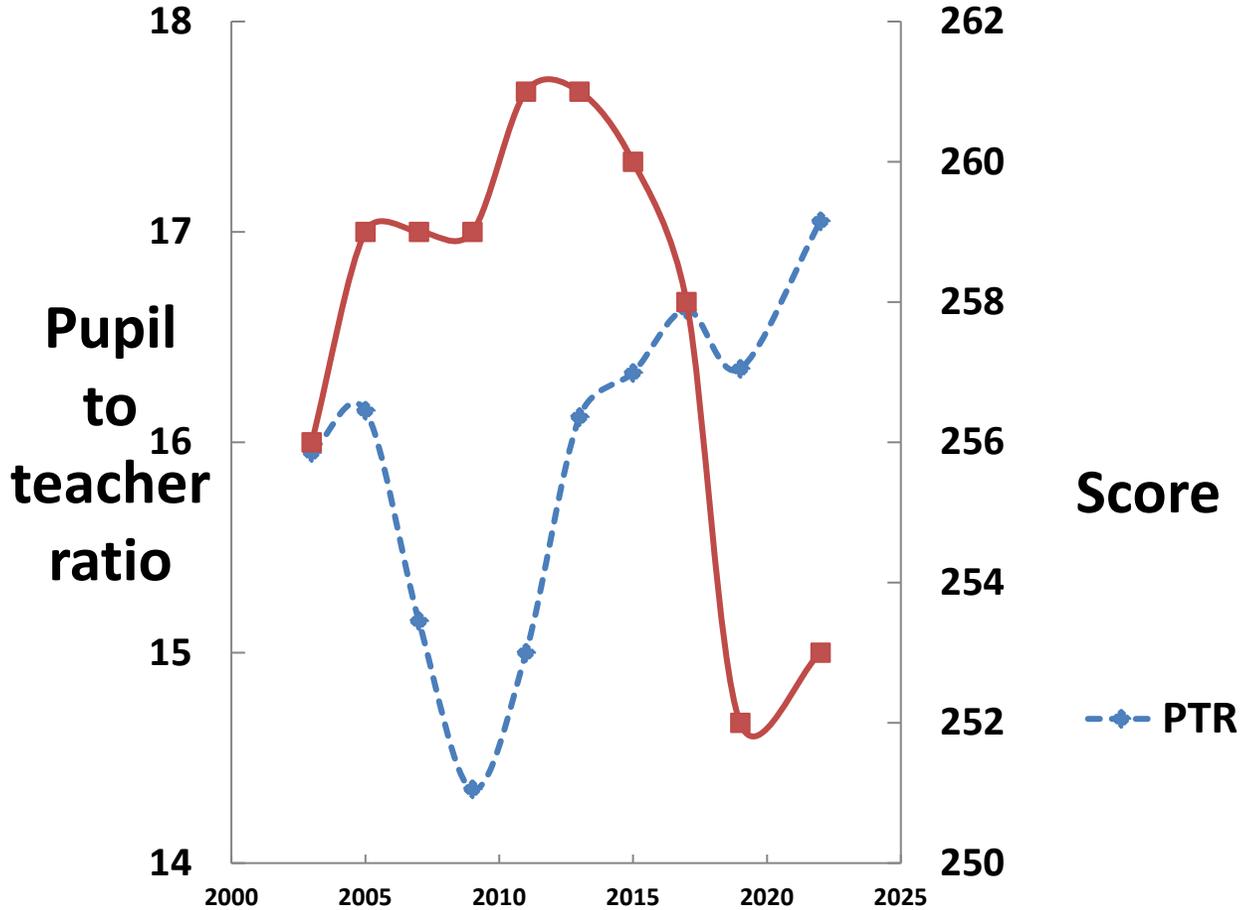
Eighth grade reading v. BSA



BSA's buying power dropped and class size increased.



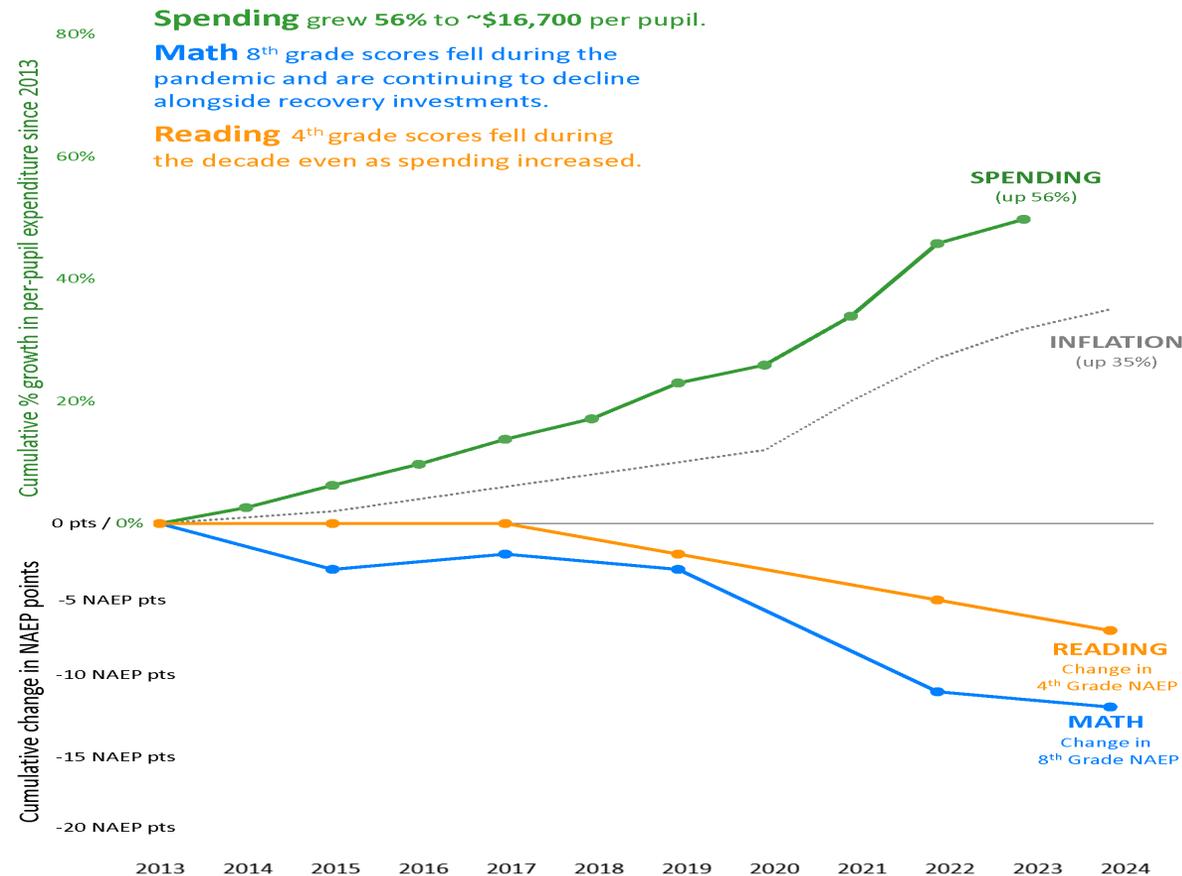
As class size climbed, 8th grade reading fell.



In USA, school spending beats inflation.

<https://edunomicslab.org/spending-v-outcomes-2/>

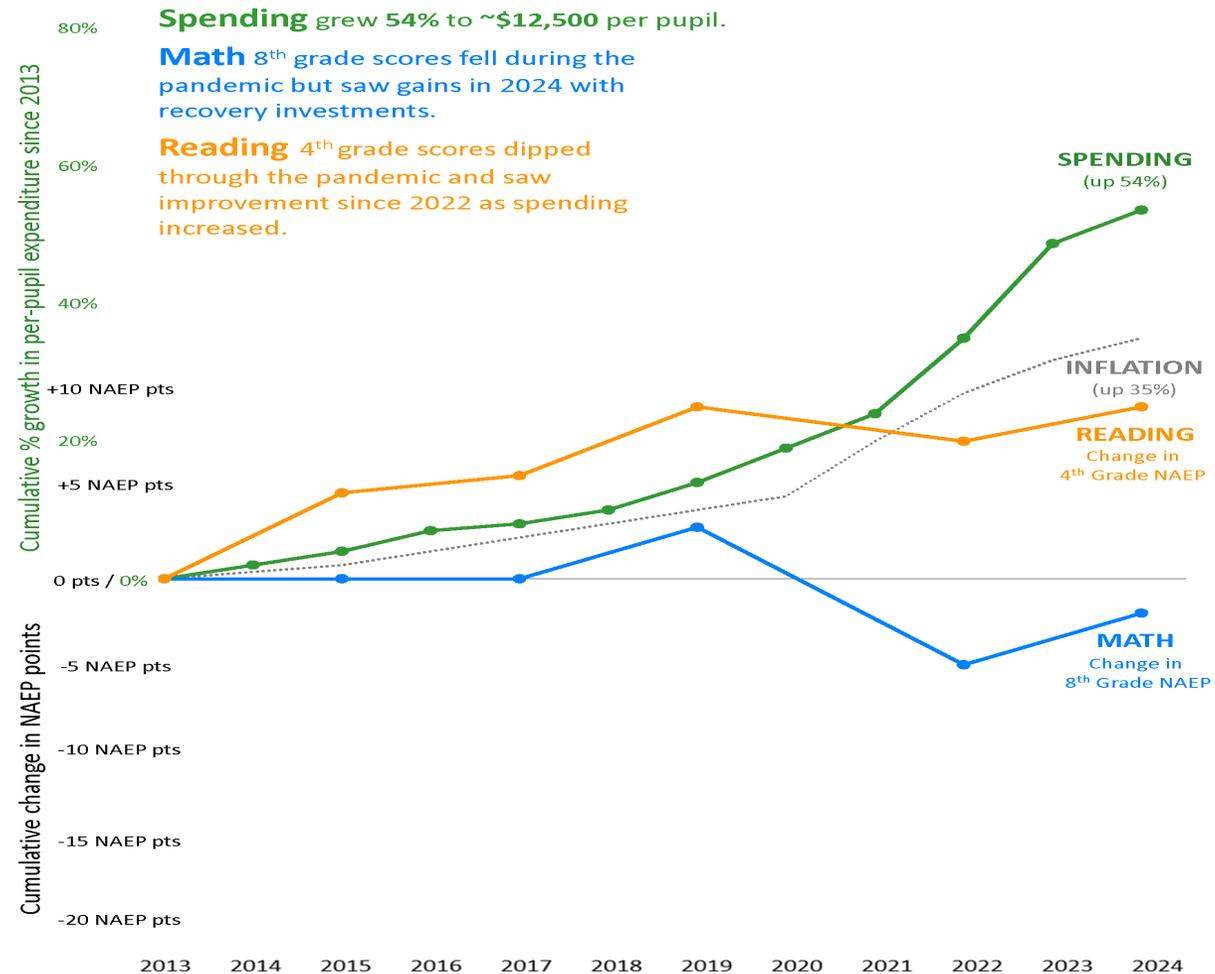
United States: Change in Spending and Scores since 2013



Analysis by Edunomics Lab using data from these sources: [Scores](#); The Nation's Report Card (NAEP) 2013-2024, [Spending](#); U.S. Census Annual Survey of School System Finances through 2023, [Inflation](#); CPI, BLS, [Questions](#); Edunomics@Georgetown.edu

Mississippi's "miracle" costs a lot.

Mississippi: Change in Spending and Scores since 2013

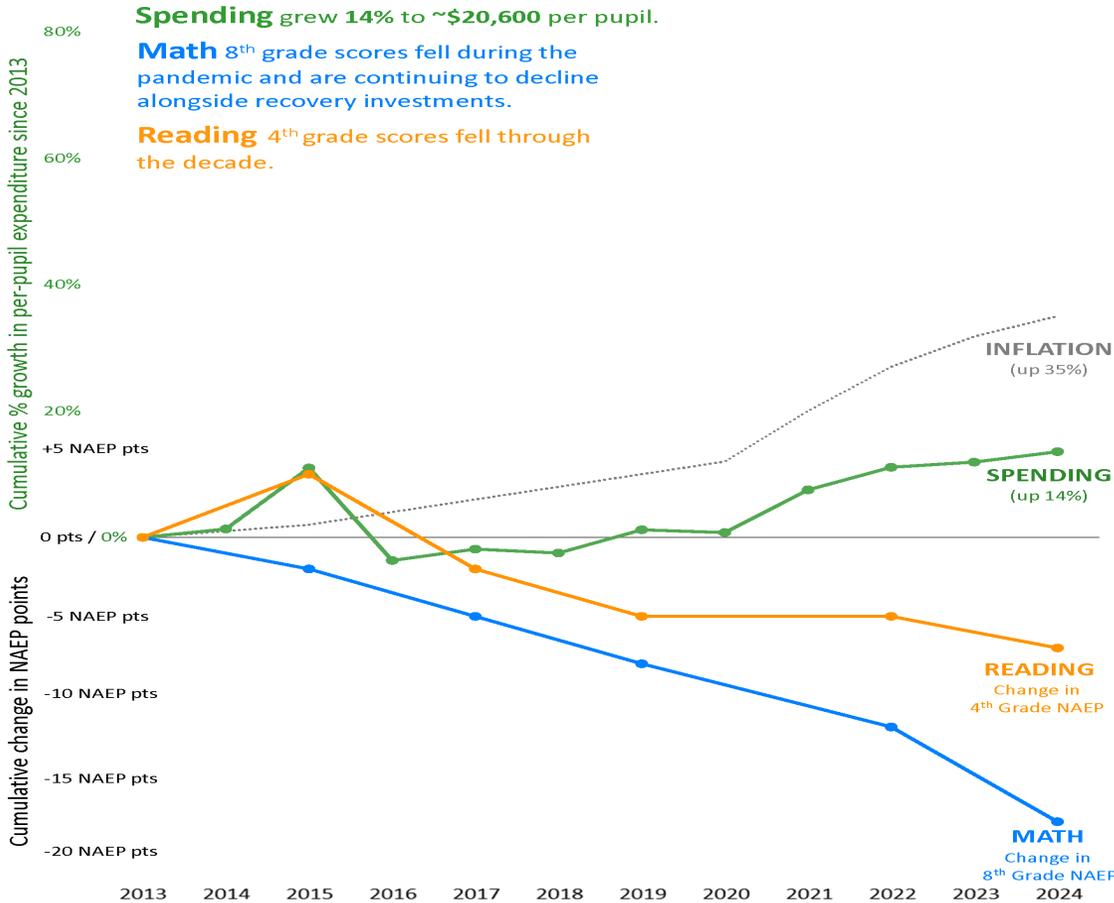


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Alaska spending is stingy.

- [Edunomics.org/roi-over-time](https://edunomics.org/roi-over-time)

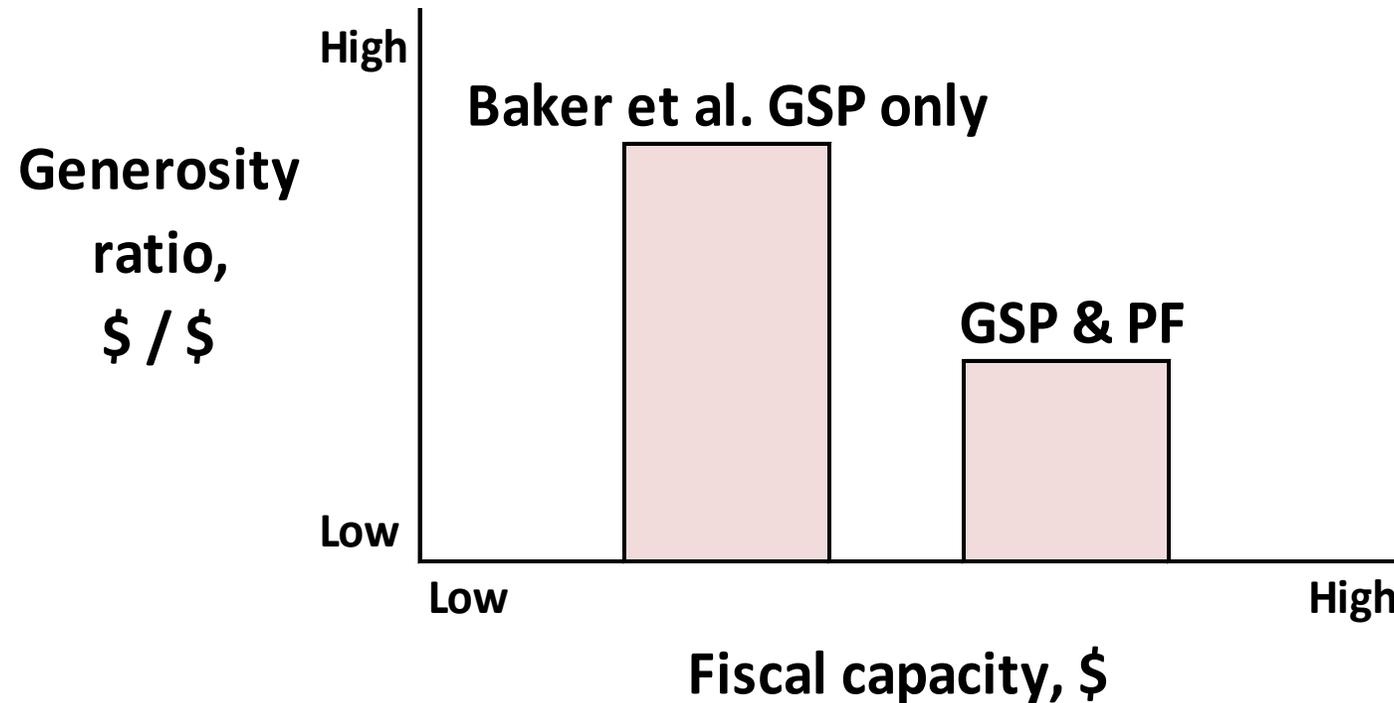
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They ranked State's generosity to schools but forgot Permanent Fund.

- Baker & DiCarlo; Farrie & Kim

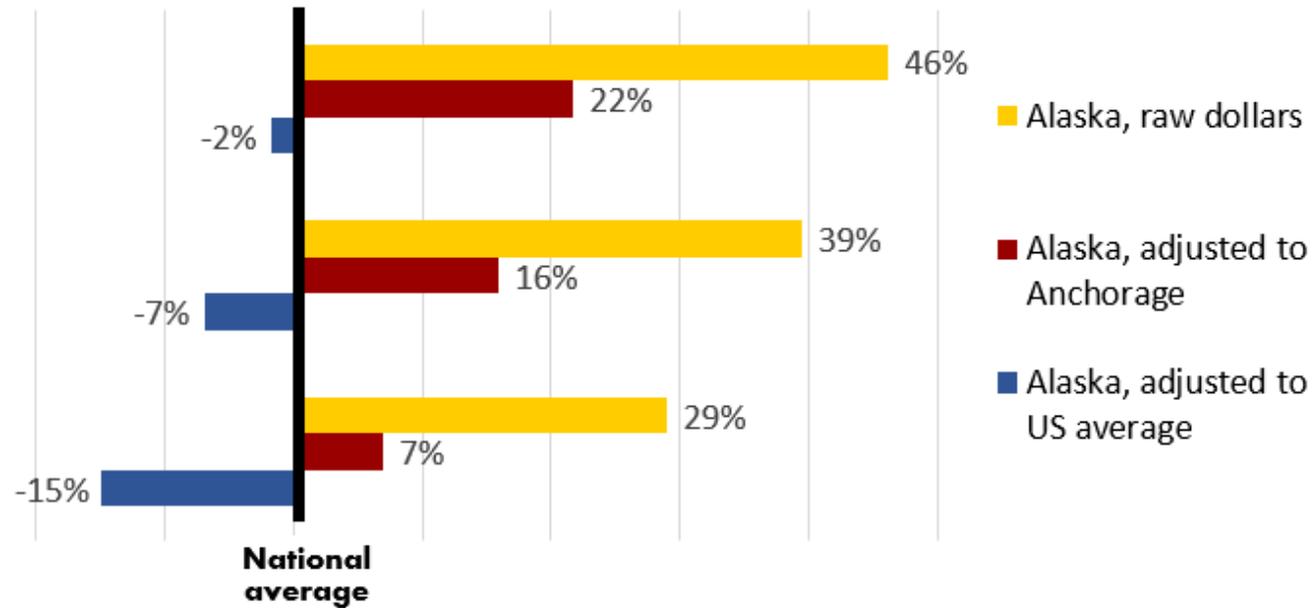


Alaska school spending is below average, Berman & DeFeo, 2025

Figure 2

Alaska's per-pupil spending, adjusted to Anchorage and the US average, 2017-2022

Source: US Census Bureau, Annual Survey of School System Finances



Adjustments show how Alaska's spending compares to the national average, considering the higher cost of living in the state. Since 2017 when we first started compiling these data, Alaska's spending has steadily declined, relative to the national average. The numbers in this figure reflect real dollars and are not adjusted for inflation.

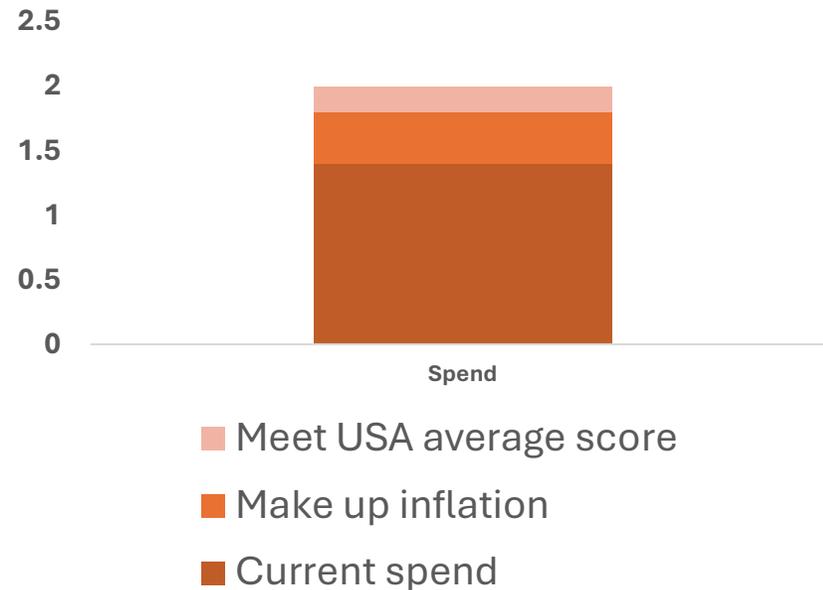
State school money comes mostly from Permanent Fund.

Where State aid for K-12 ops comes from now,
\$ billions



Constitutional schools will cost \$600 million per year more.

Projected State spend on K-12 ops, \$ billions

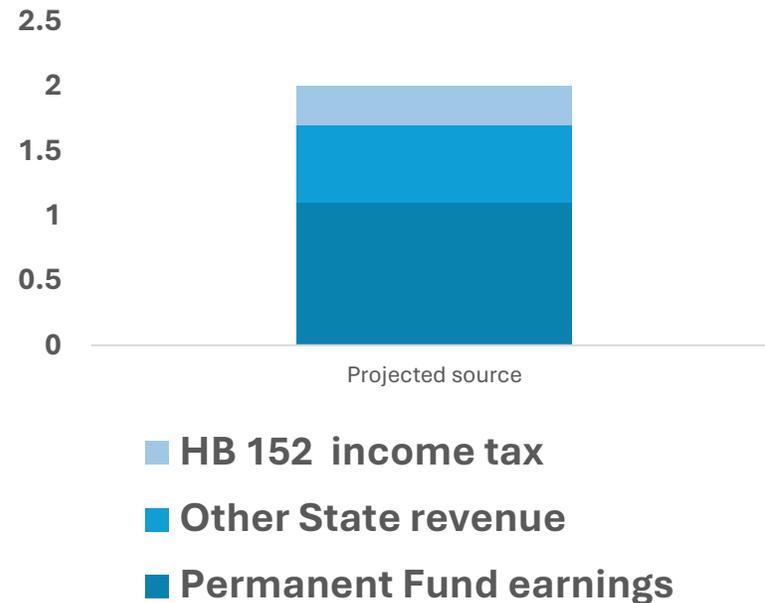


Projected cost of constitutional adequacy

Close ASD gap with USA	\$124 million	Picus-Odden 2015
Inflation 2015 to 2025	X 1.4	US BLS
<u>Ratio of State AADM to ASD AADM</u>	<u>X 3.5</u>	DEED
Result	\$600 million	

\$300 million will pay part of increased State budget toward constitutional schools.

Projected sources of K-12 aid, \$ billions



Thank you.

See Mike's Substack on Alaska schools.

