

## From National Leader to National Laggard:

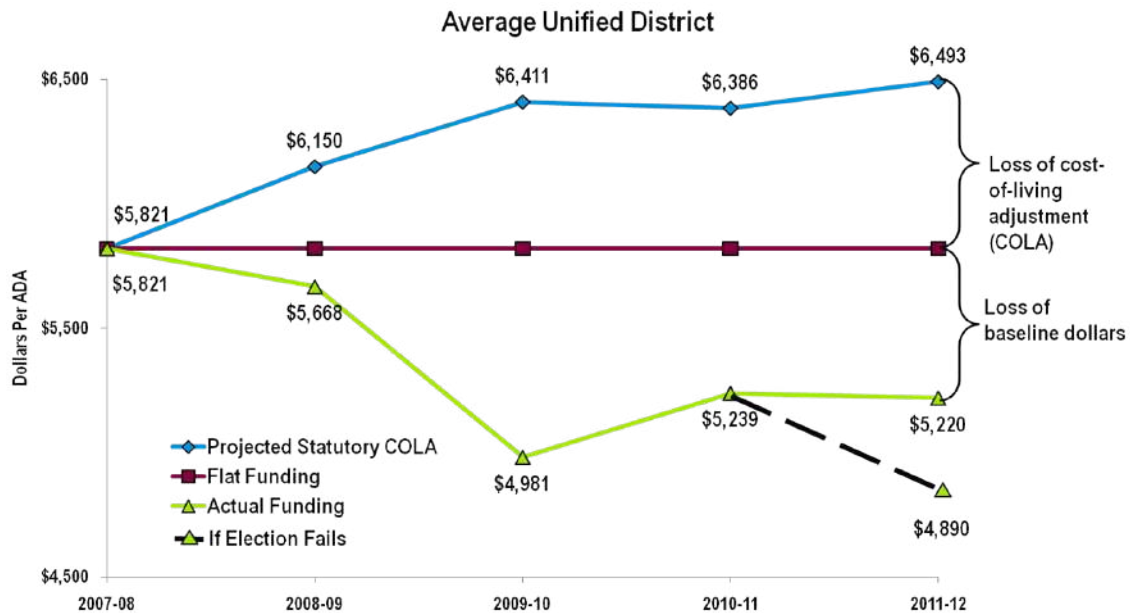
There was a time when California set the standard for American education. Now we rank near the bottom of the United States in most major categories. The facts below provide an ugly picture and a call to action. We must defend public education to provide for our children and to protect California's future.

<b>National Average</b>	<b>\$9,963</b>	
Michigan	\$9,809	26
Louisiana	\$9,787	27
Arkansas	\$9,756	28
New Mexico	\$9,525	29
Minnesota	\$9,476	30
Oregon	\$9,460	31
Missouri	\$9,146	32
South Carolina	\$9,008	33
Illinois	\$8,829	34
Alabama	\$8,769	35
Georgia	\$8,754	36
Virginia	\$8,725	37
Kentucky	\$8,681	38
Mississippi	\$8,635	39
Colorado	\$8,514	40
Florida	\$8,437	41
Oklahoma	\$8,255	42
Idaho	\$8,034	43
North Carolina	\$7,835	44
Washington	\$7,688	45
Tennessee	\$7,620	46
<b>California</b>	<b>\$7,571</b>	<b>47</b>
Texas	\$7,561	48
Nevada	\$7,213	49
Arizona	\$7,112	50
Utah	\$5,964	51

CA ranks **47th**, with per-pupil expenditures nearly **\$2,400 below the national average.**

Source: *Education Week Quality Counts 2009*

47 <sup>th</sup>	CA's national rank in per-pupil spending <sup>1</sup>
50 <sup>th</sup>	CA's national rank in ratio of staff to students <sup>2</sup>
43 <sup>rd</sup>	CA's national rank in fourth grade reading <sup>3</sup>
41 <sup>st</sup>	CA's national rank in eighth grade math <sup>3</sup>
\$7444	CA per-pupil CA state funding in 2009-2010 <sup>4</sup>
-\$2856	Difference in CA state-funding vs. national average <sup>5</sup>
\$58,000	The amount each CA prisoner costs the state every year <sup>6</sup>
\$11,000	CA per-prisoner health care costs in 2009-2010 <sup>6</sup>
52%	CA students that receive free or reduced-price lunches <sup>11</sup>
70.7%	CA students that graduate from high school <sup>5</sup>
73.9%	US students that graduate from high school <sup>5</sup>
25%	CA high school graduates that are prepared for college <sup>12</sup>
14%	CA Latino high school graduates that are prepared for college <sup>12</sup>
16%	CA African-American high school graduates that are prepared for college <sup>12</sup>
16,000	Number of CA teachers that lost their jobs in 2009 <sup>13</sup>
10,000	Number of CA classified workers that lost their jobs in 2009 <sup>13</sup>
6.2 million	Number of students in CA, 2 million more than the second most populous state <sup>11</sup>
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Facts courtesy of educacy.org

- 1 – Education Week Quality Counts, 2009
- 2 – Of 51 areas including the District of Columbia – National Center for Education Statistics
- 3 – NAEP, 2008-09
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- 7 – Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2003
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- 10 – Ed Source - [http://www.edsource.org/data\\_resourcecards10\\_EL.html](http://www.edsource.org/data_resourcecards10_EL.html)
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