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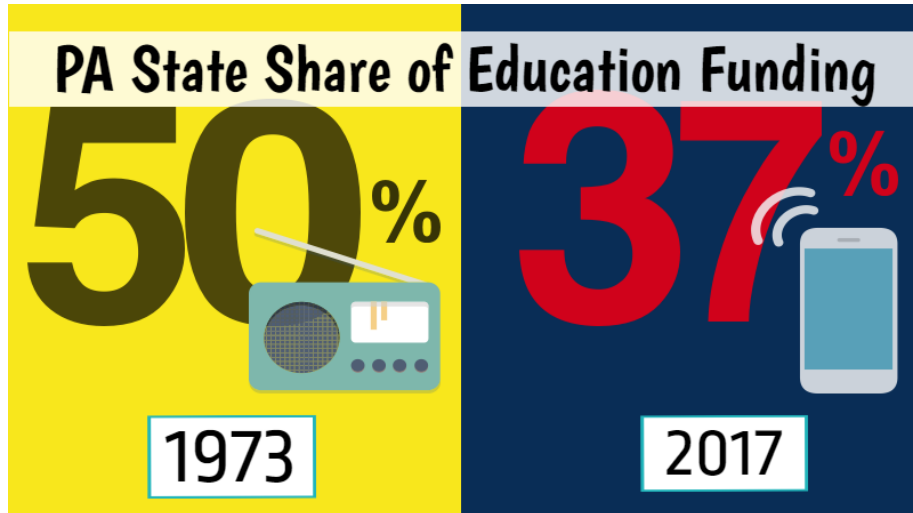
EDUCATION FUNDING IN PENNSYLVANIA



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Where does Pennsylvania stand?

Decrease in State Commitment to Education Funding



3rd

largest achievement gap between white and Latino students

6th

largest achievement gap between white and African American students

17th

largest achievement gap between wealthy and poor students

Nationally-Ranked Achievement Gaps

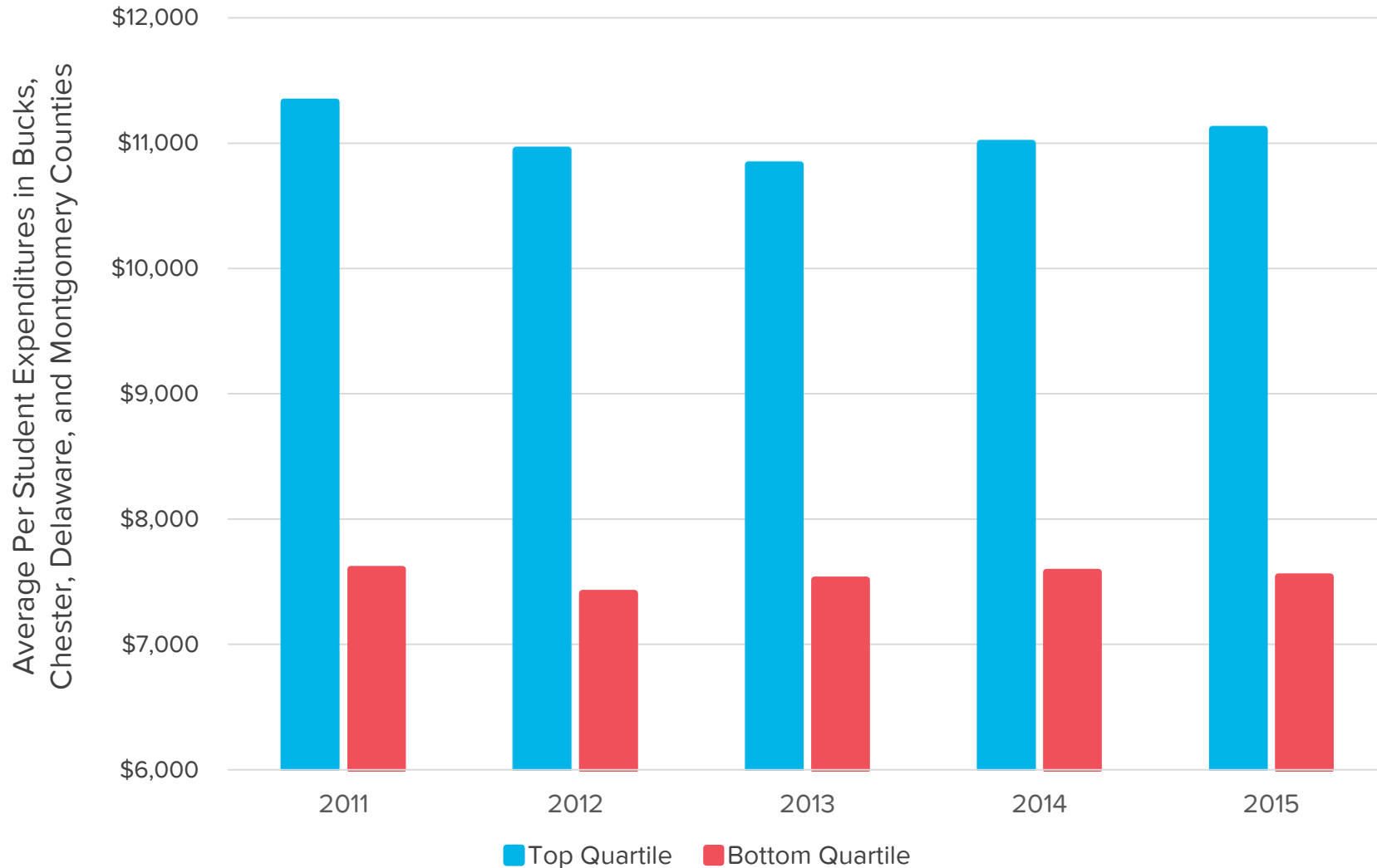
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How does this affect the Southeast?

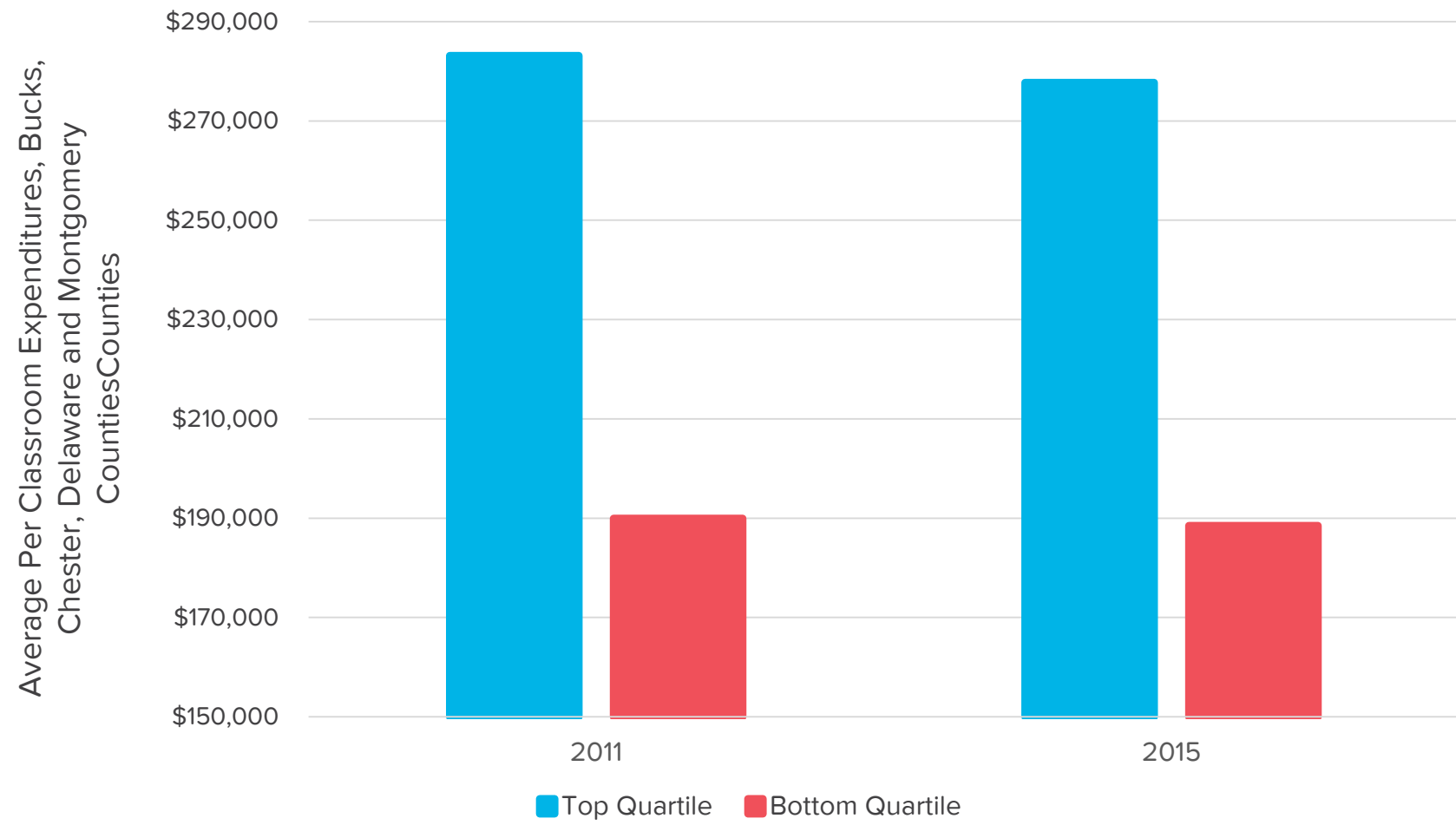
A closer look at Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties

The top-spending Southeastern PA districts consistently invest **\$3500** more in each student than the lowest-spending districts.



This means kids in poorly-funded districts receive nearly **\$88,000** less per classroom than kids in well-funded districts.

(And this gap shows no signs of closing.)



With an extra \$88,000, those classrooms could each fund...



1 Smart Board (\$6000)
25 Laptop Computers
(\$12,500)



1 Teacher's Aid (\$31,500)



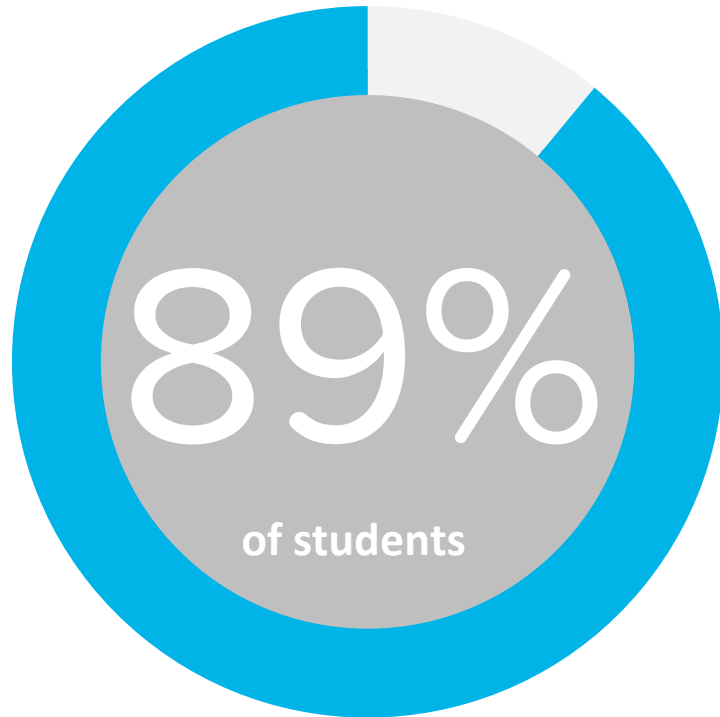
1 School Mural Project
(\$5,000)



1 Newly Renovated Lab
(\$33,000)

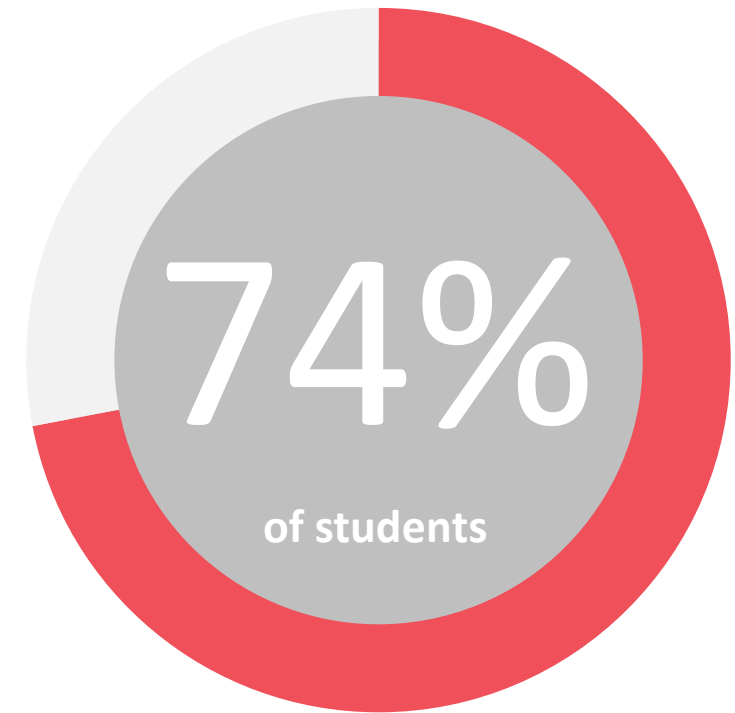
Kids in well-funded districts perform better.

In well funded schools



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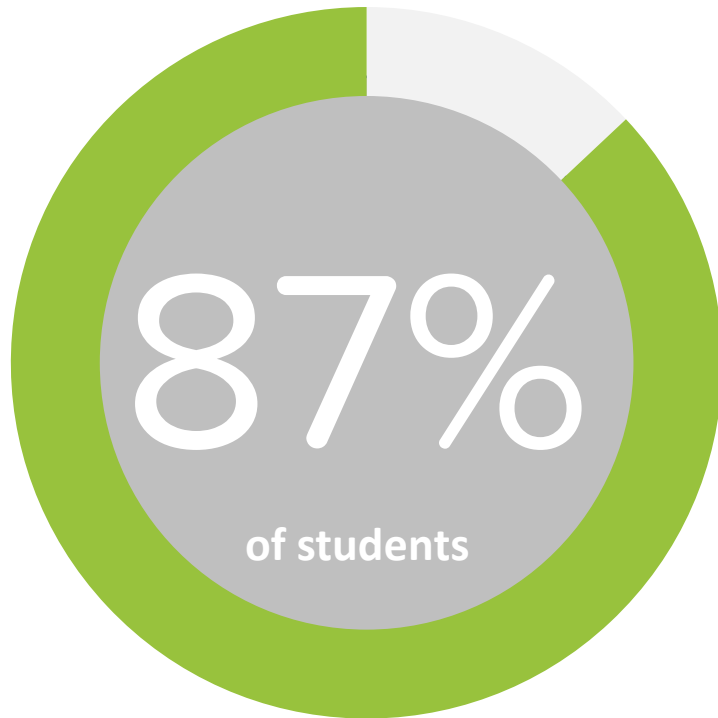
In the least funded schools



score proficient or advanced in **math**

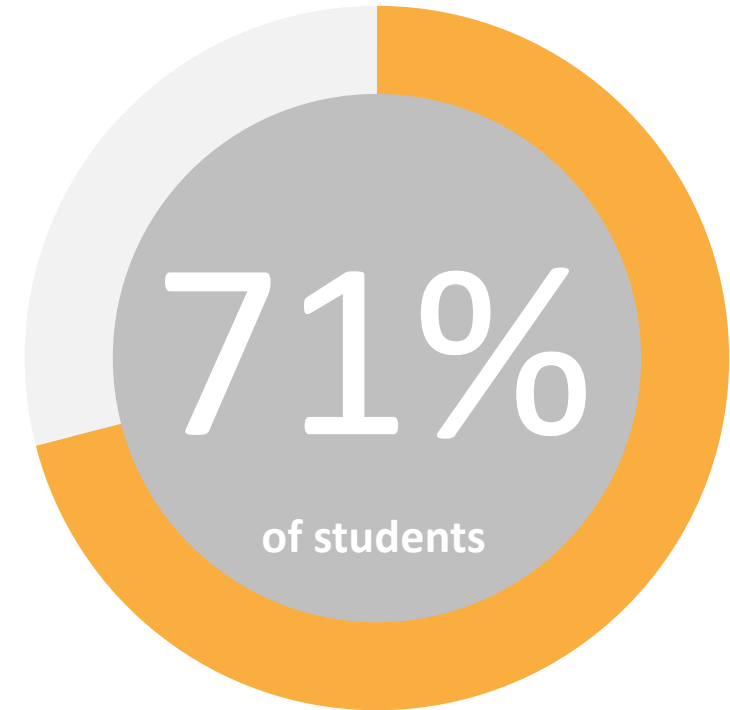
Better funding means more successful students.

In well funded schools



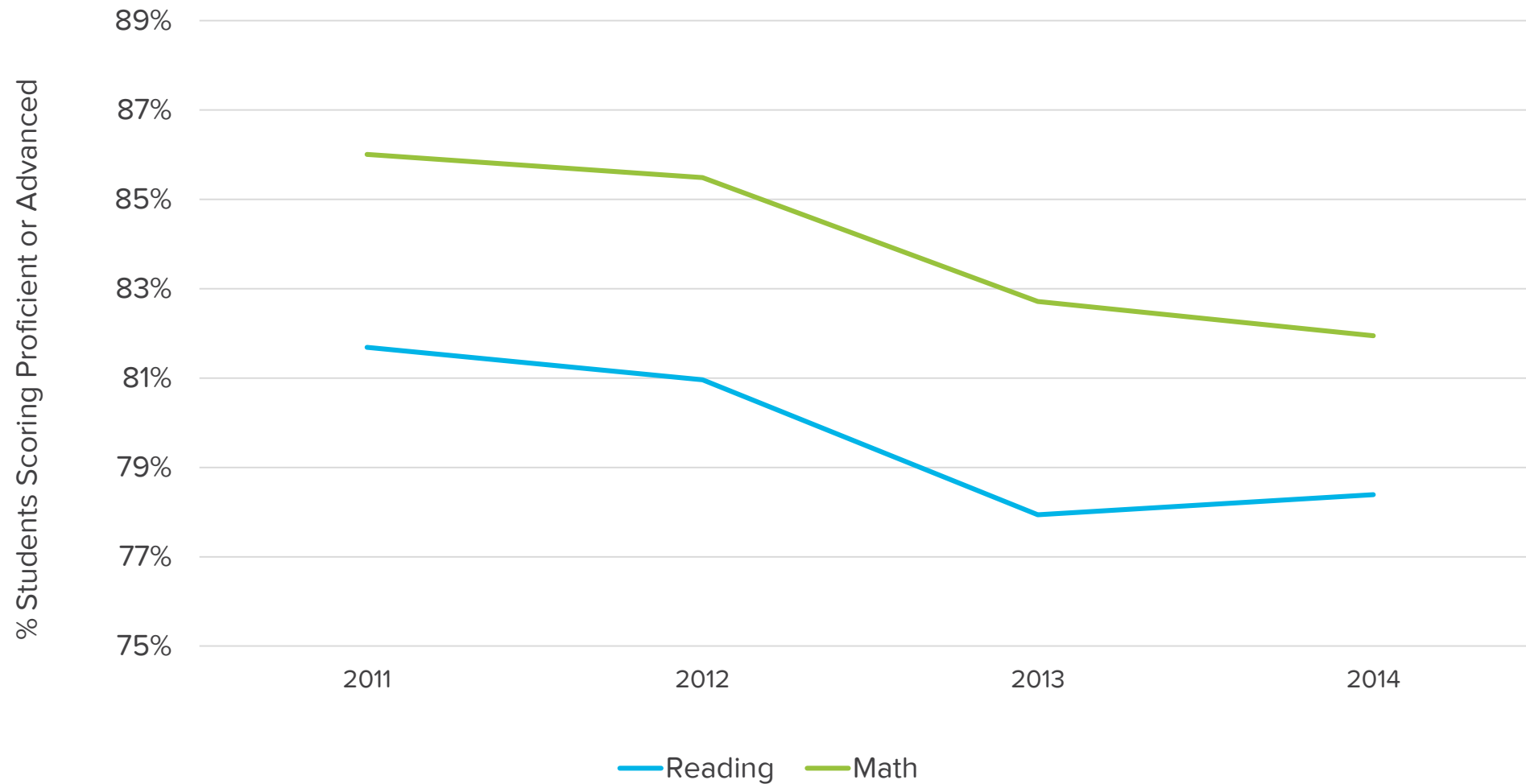
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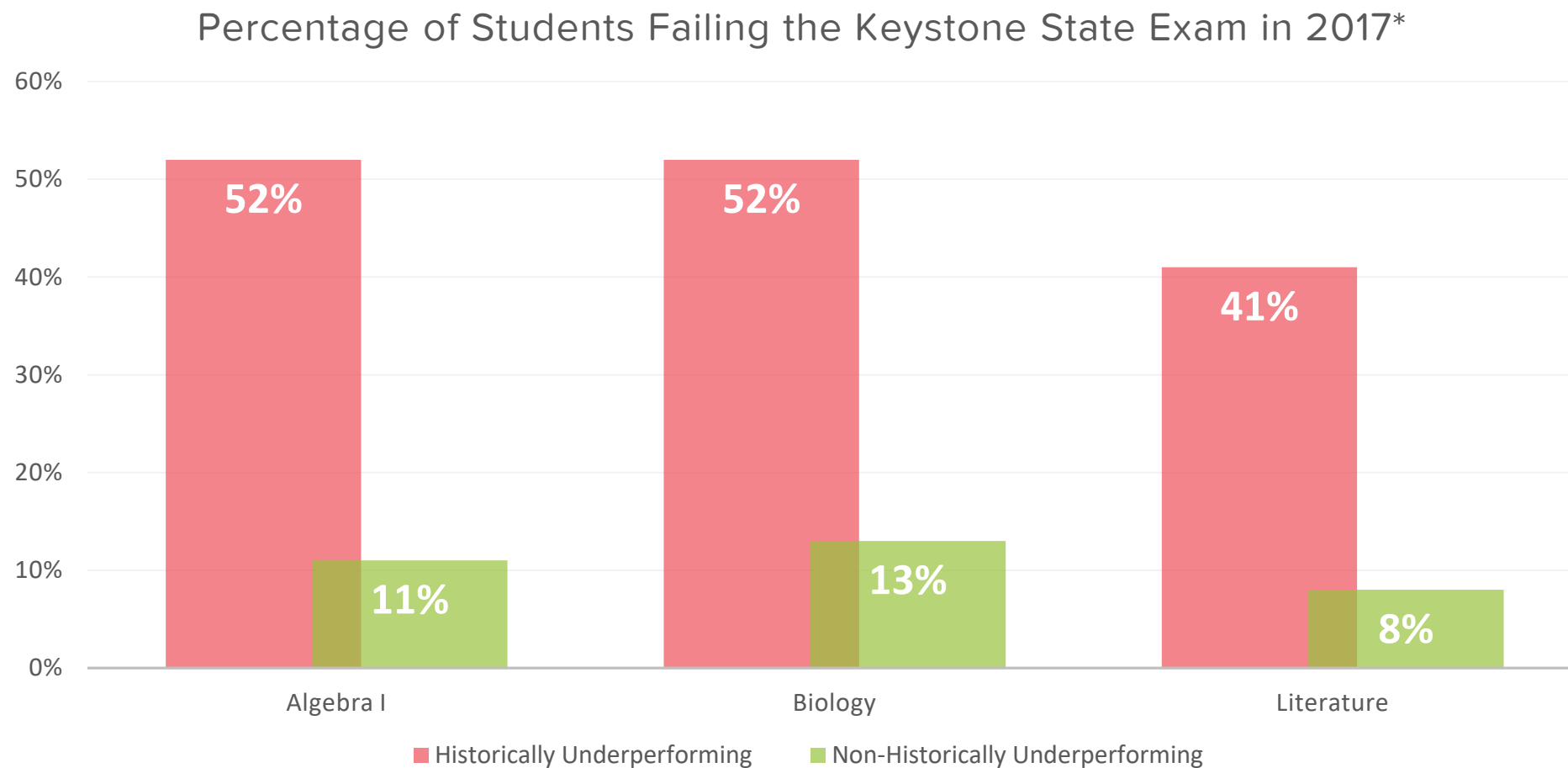


score proficient or advanced in **reading**

Beyond the achievement disparity, PSSA scores have been falling in the region since 2011.



Too many kids are failing.



* In the four southeastern suburban counties of Pennsylvania.

**The Historically Underperforming group consists of students who are: (1) economically disadvantaged, (2) English Language Learners, or (3) have an Individualized Education Plan.

What comes next for these kids?

In a study of 114 high schools nationally:

78%

of students at the highest-rated school felt prepared for college,

while only

11%

of students at the lowest-rated school felt prepared for college.



These disparities hurt all of us.



\$44 billion:

the loss to Pennsylvania's GDP since 2003
because of the opportunity gap.



\$1-3 billion:

the increase in lifetime earnings of each PA
student cohort after closing the gap.

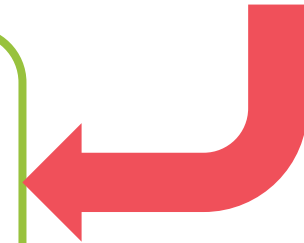
Where do we go from here?

In 2016, Pennsylvania enacted the Fair Education Funding Formula, to ensure that all students are given a chance to succeed.

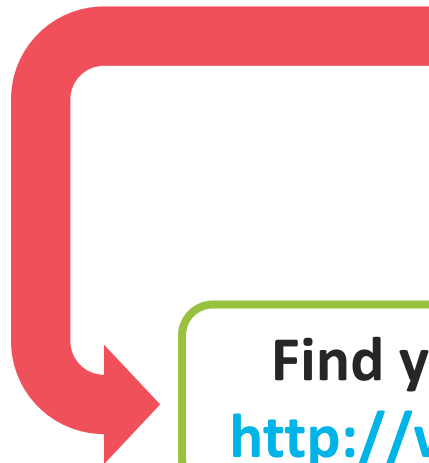


Now, we need to utilize the formula to make greater, sustainable investments in students and find the revenues to support them.

A \$3 billion investment over the next several years will help to secure brighter futures for all of Pennsylvania's kids.



Find your legislator to write a letter, make a call, or plan a visit at:
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>



To learn more about how to support this mission, visit pccy.org and fairfundingpa.org.

Resources

- 2013-2014 State Accountability Assessment Results, School Level, <http://paschoolperformance.org/Downloads>
- The Campaign for Fair Education Funding, www.fairfundingpa.org
- Karoly, Lynn A.. The Economic Impact of Achievement Gaps in Pennsylvania's Public Schools. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2015. https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1159.html.
- Learning from Student Voice: College and Career Readiness 2017. YouthTruth Student Survey, (2017). To learn more, please visit www.youthtruthsurvey.org.
- Pennsylvania Department of Education AFR Data- Detailed, <http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/School%20Finances/Finances/AFR%20Data%20Summary/Pages/AFR-Data-Detailed-.aspx#.VZwC6mXD-Uk>
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