



# What is Basic Education Funding (BEF)?

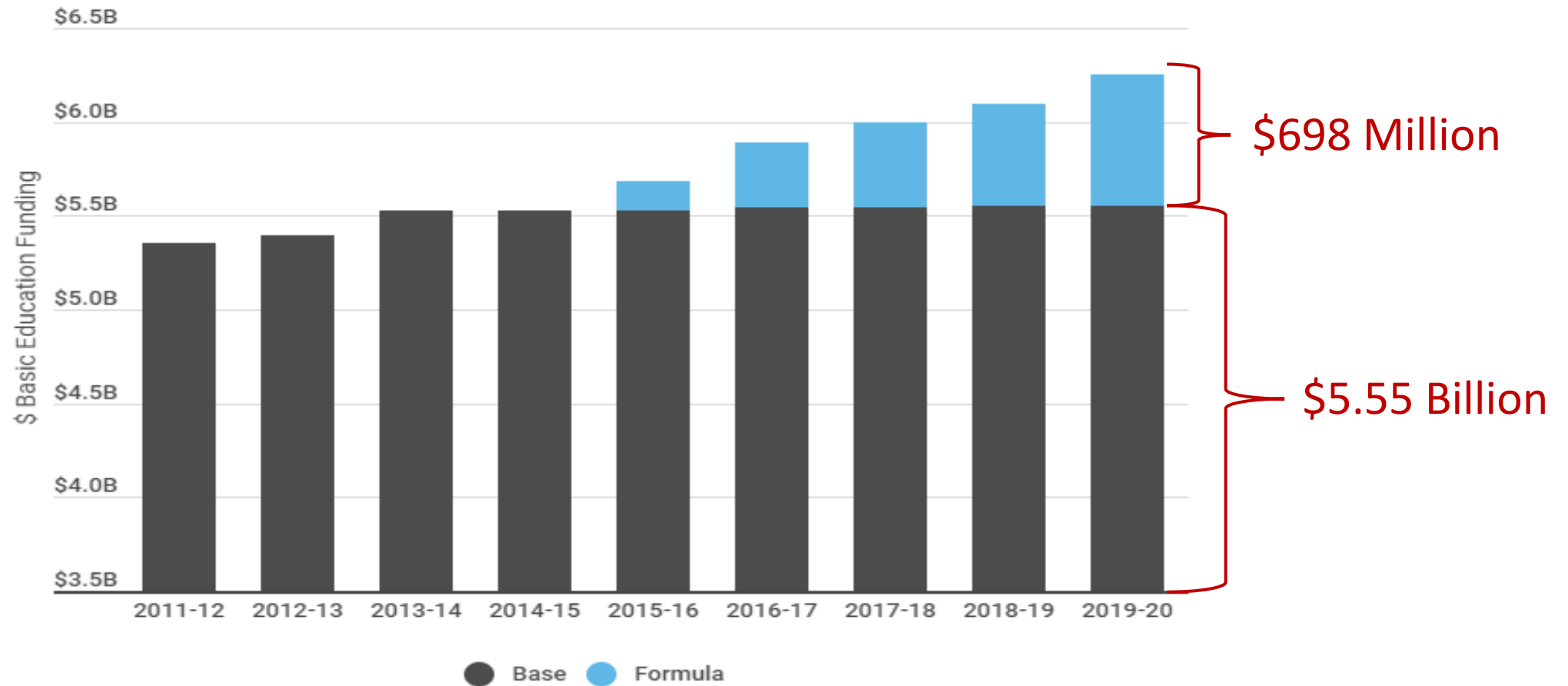
- The largest k-12 education line item in the state budget
- About \$6 billion for 500 school districts
- Represents about 50% of all state funding to school districts
- Provides school districts with flexible funding

# How is BEF distributed?

There are two components of BEF for school districts:

1. “Base” funding (what the district got in 2014-15)
2. “Formula” funding (the district’s share of funding added after 2014-15; based on dynamic metrics)

# How is BEF distributed?



# How does the formula work?

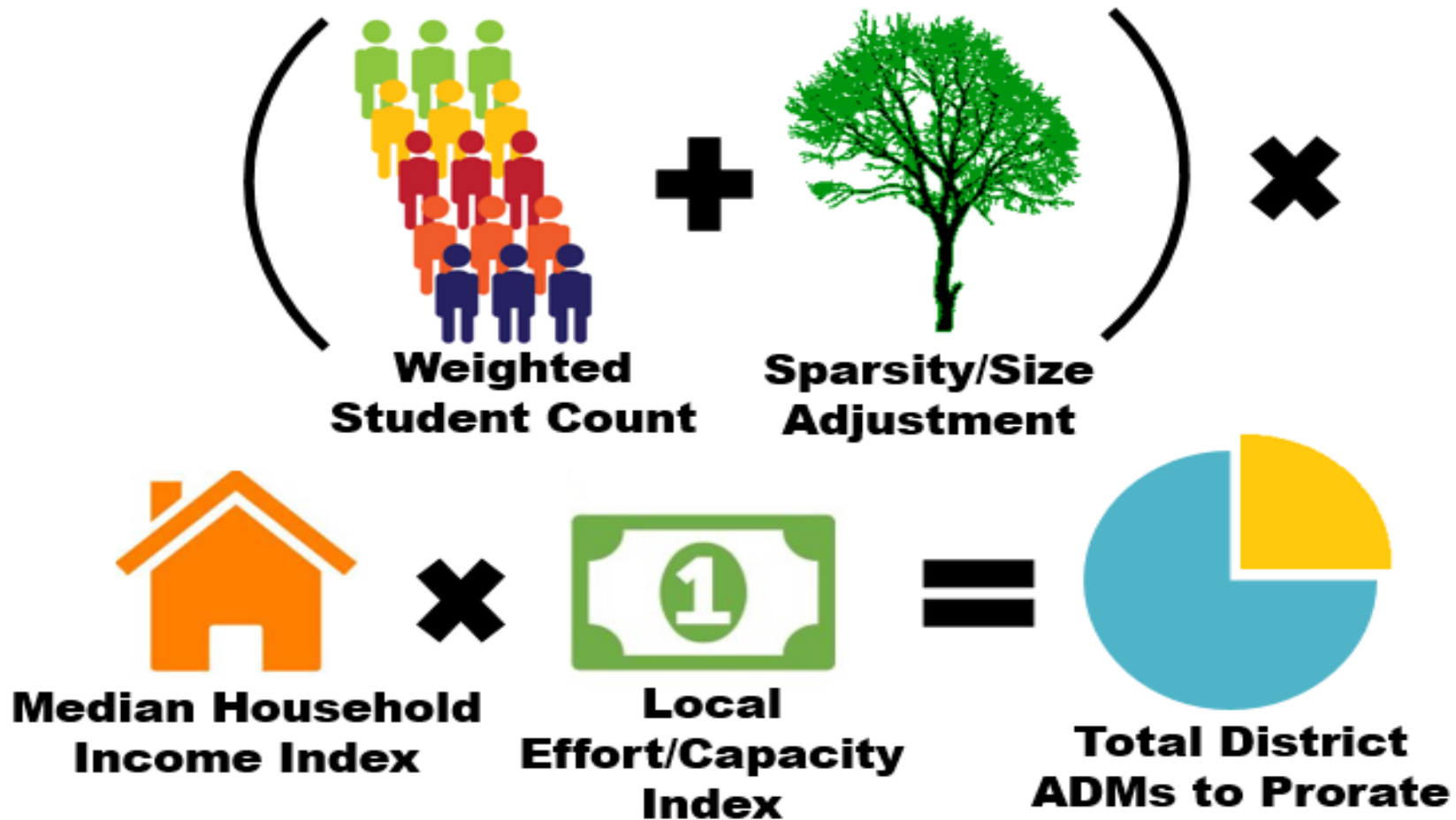
- Every district gets its share of the pie based on its student population and district demographics
- The formula is dynamic, so a district's share changes from year to year as data changes
- A district can get less from one year to the next



# Part 1: Student Demographics

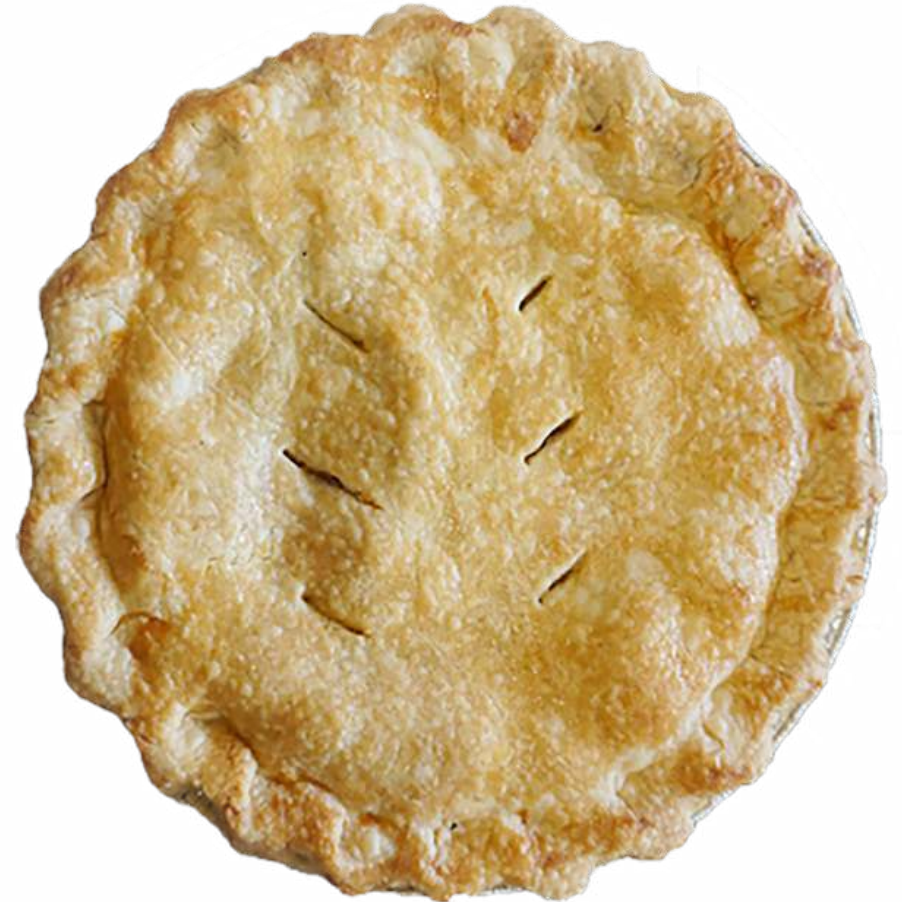


# Part 2: District Demographics



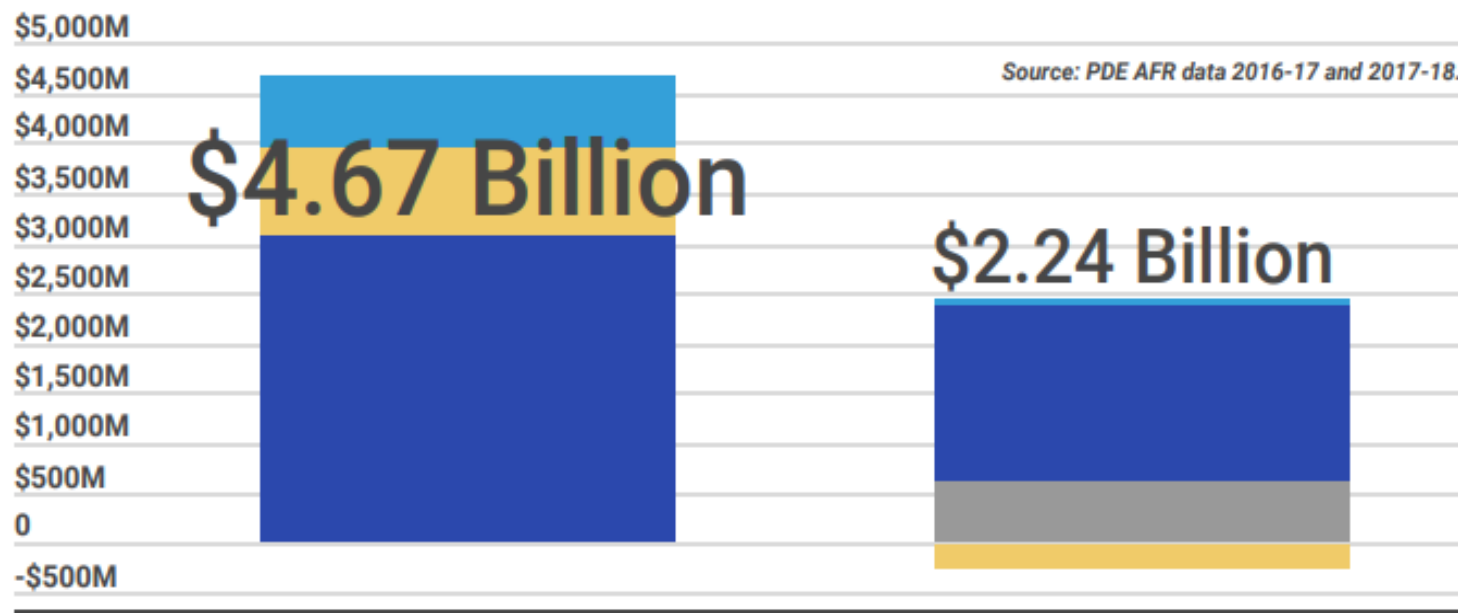
# Changing Shares of the Pie

**\$698 million**

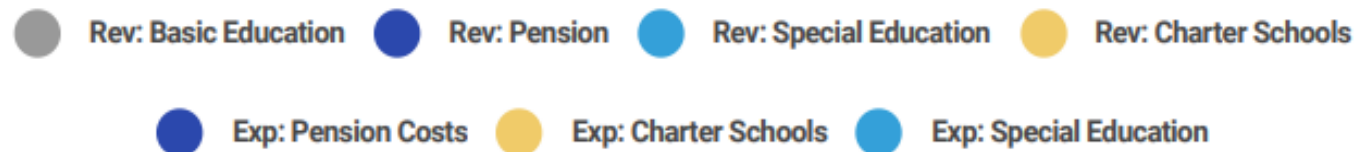




# How is BEF measuring up?



Change in Mandated Expenditures      Change in State Revenue  
\$ Change from 2010-11 to 2017-18 in Mandated Costs and State Funding



# How is BEF measuring up?



10.18%

\$1.82 Billion (2017-18)

Percent increase in charter school tuition costs for school districts from 2017-18 over 2016-17.



4.26%

\$4.56 Billion (2017-18)

Percent increase in special education costs for school districts from 2017-18 over 2016-17.



10.76%

\$3.74 Billion (2017-18)

Percent increase in pension costs for school districts from 2017-18 over 2016-17.

Source: PDE AFR data 2016-17 and 2017-18.

\$704 million in school district expenditure growth in 1 year from these 3 items alone...

# What's the solution?

Greater state funding for BEF means a greater pie for all 500 school districts, less fiscal stress, reduced reliance on property taxes and, most importantly, more opportunity for PA students.

# What can you do?


- **GET SOCIAL:** Invite your friends to “Like” PA Schools Work on Facebook & Follow on Twitter
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- **CALL/WRITE your legislator** to discuss the importance of greater state investment in BEF



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