
What stories can you tell?

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How much on average do we spend per student on K-12 education?

How much is spent per student at a school near you?

Who decided how to spend that money?

School Boards!
ESSA – includes a new requirement to report spending by school!
Outcomes by school + Spending by school
City District
Spends More On
Affluent Schools
Eastside Students Protest Westside’s Cadillac Budget
District Adopts Student-Based Formula (WSF) to Boost Equity
Student Based Allocation (SBA) models

Funds then used to purchase labor, etc. at each school.
Budget Cuts: Picasso Elementary Cuts Art. Peer School Reduces Library Hours Instead
Efficiency/Tradeoffs

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Feisty Middle School Principal Wants Less Districts Services and More Cash for Kids
Clever HS Gets Same Per Student $ but Pays Teachers 25% More. Here’s How They Do It
Clever HS Gets Same Per Student $, Pays Teachers 25% More. Students Learn More Too.
Visualization #4: Actual interactive tool using real state data that builds in student, school and district characteristics, as well as student outcomes.
A Charter Does More With Less, Another Does Less with More. How Does Your School Compare?
Four Schools’ Outcomes Beat the Odds with Limited Funds. How Do They Do It?
What Rural Schools Can Learn From This ROI Superstar School
When you are writing about education finance:

- Quantify dollars in per student terms
- Reference big spending figures with percentages
- Acknowledge proportion of federal investment (10%)
- Recognize that districts have fiduciary responsibility
- Connect spending and outcomes
- Acknowledge tradeoffs and value of each
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