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Funding Fairness
Project

Candidate Webinar
Tuesday, September 1st, 2026

How NH Calculates the Cost of an Adequate Education

Base Adequacy Aid

$4,266

Additional Aid Based on Student Qualifications

+ $2,393	+ $2,185	+ $832
Free/Reduced Lunch	Special Education	English Language Learner

Total Average Per Student

$5,387

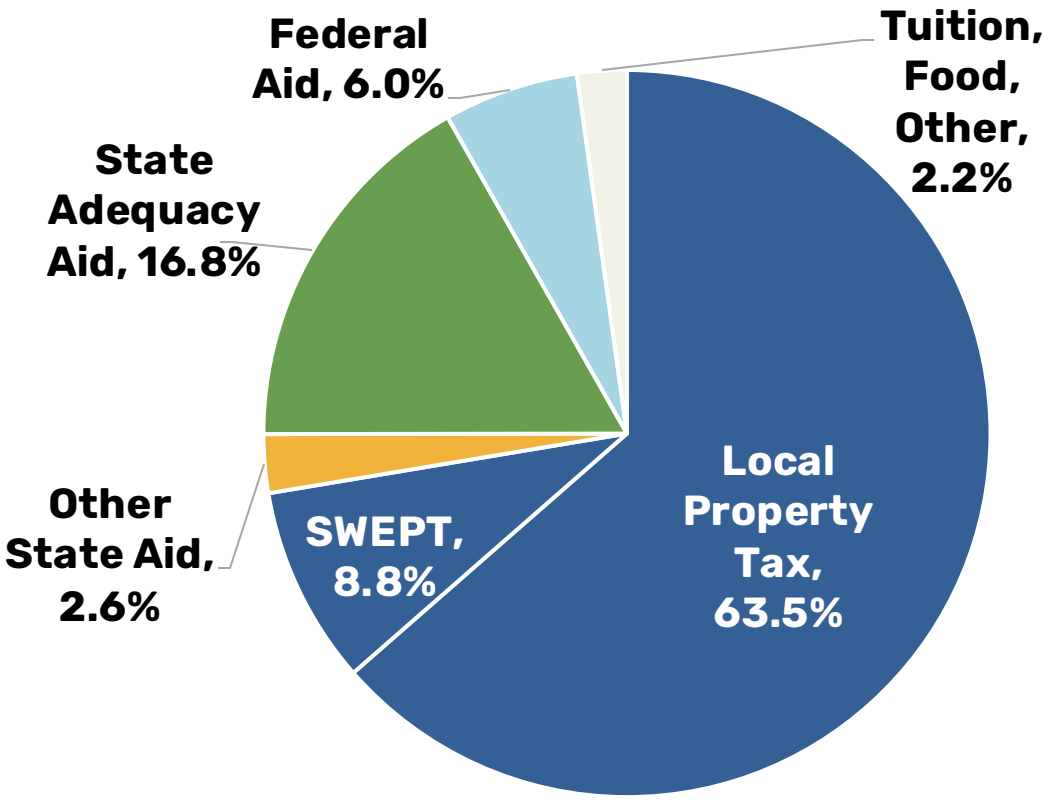
New Hampshire School Funding 2024-2025

NH Relies Overwhelmingly on Local Property Taxes to Fund Public Education

Current System:

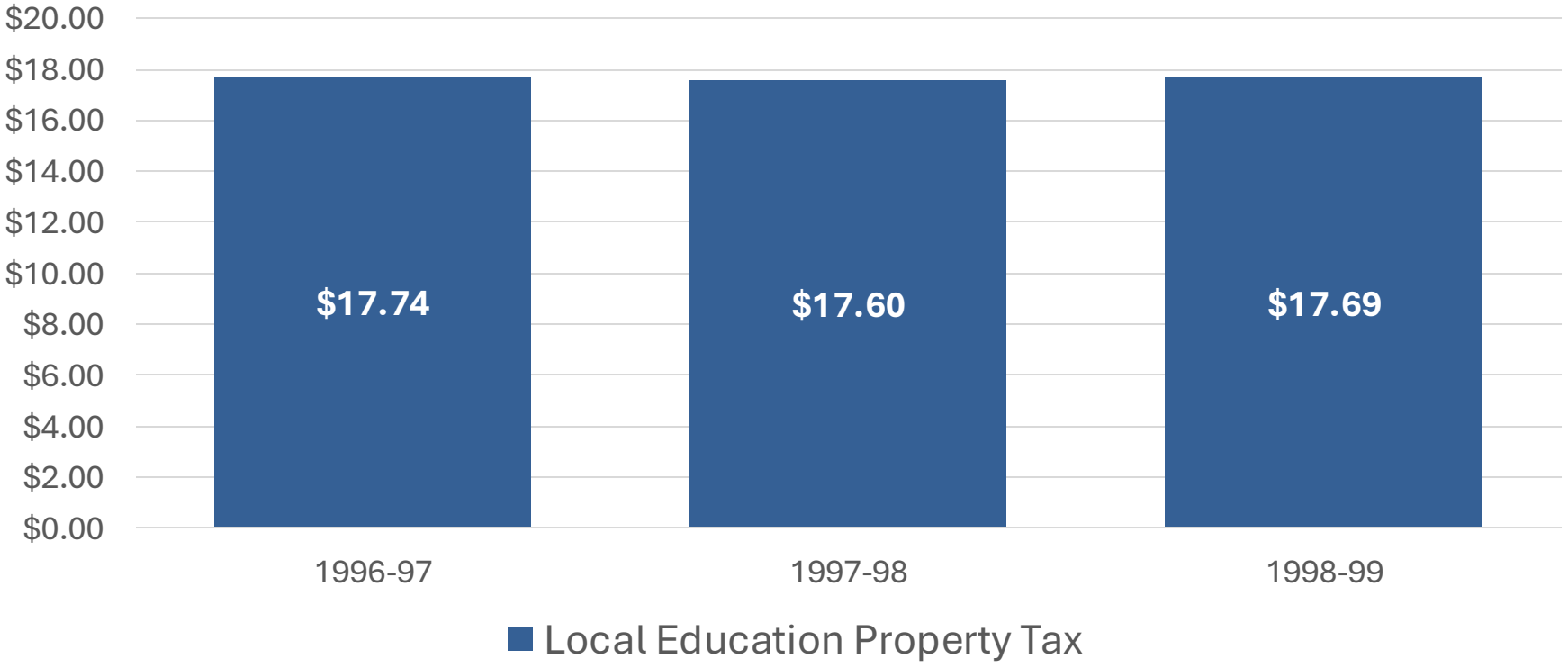
$4.15B in Total Revenue

Federal Aid: 6.0%
State Revenue: 19.4%
Property Taxes: 72.3%



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NH Average Education Property Tax Rates



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The Claremont Supreme Court Rulings

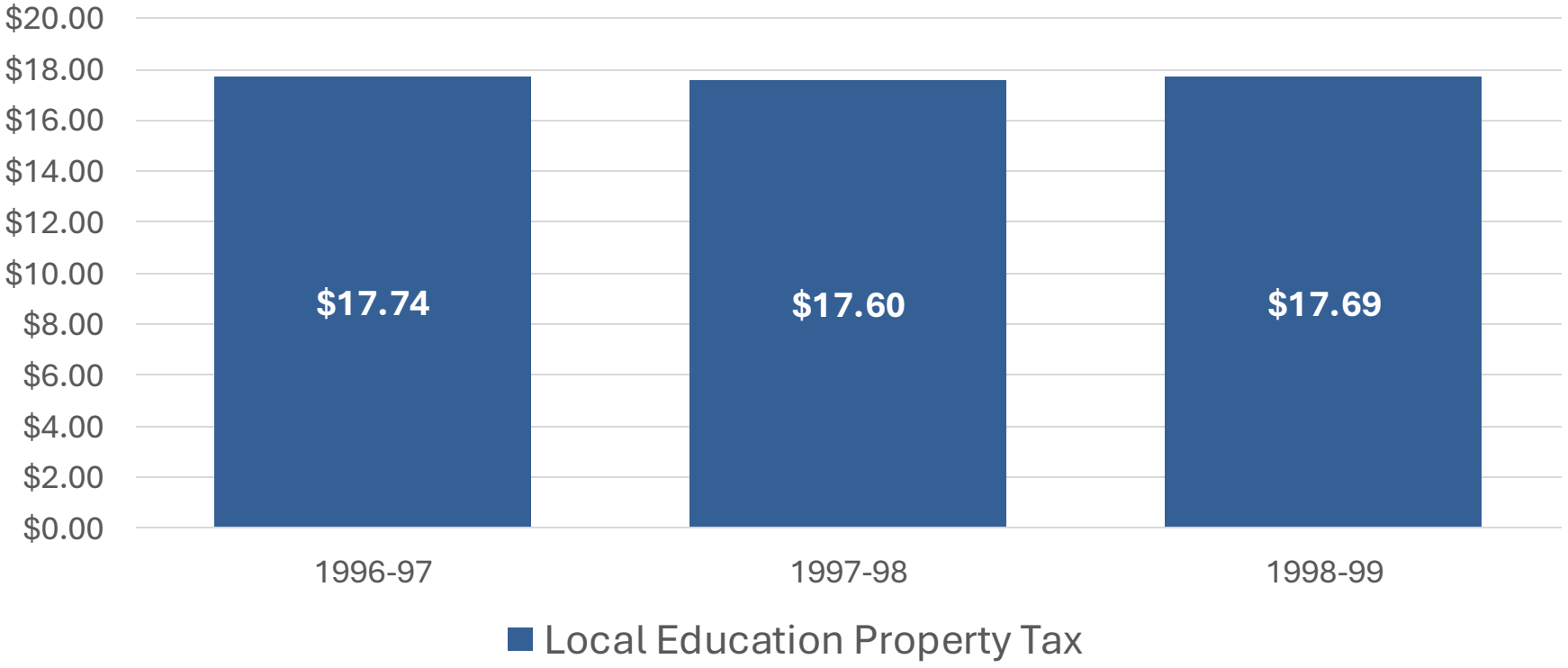
In the 90s, 5 school districts came together to sue the state to fight for education funding equality

After 7 years, the Plaintiffs come out victorious. The ruling can be summarized into 2 key factors:

1. The State of New Hampshire has a duty to pay for the cost of a **constitutionally adequate** education for every K-12 student.
2. The taxes that the State uses to pay for this education must have a **uniform rate** across the state.

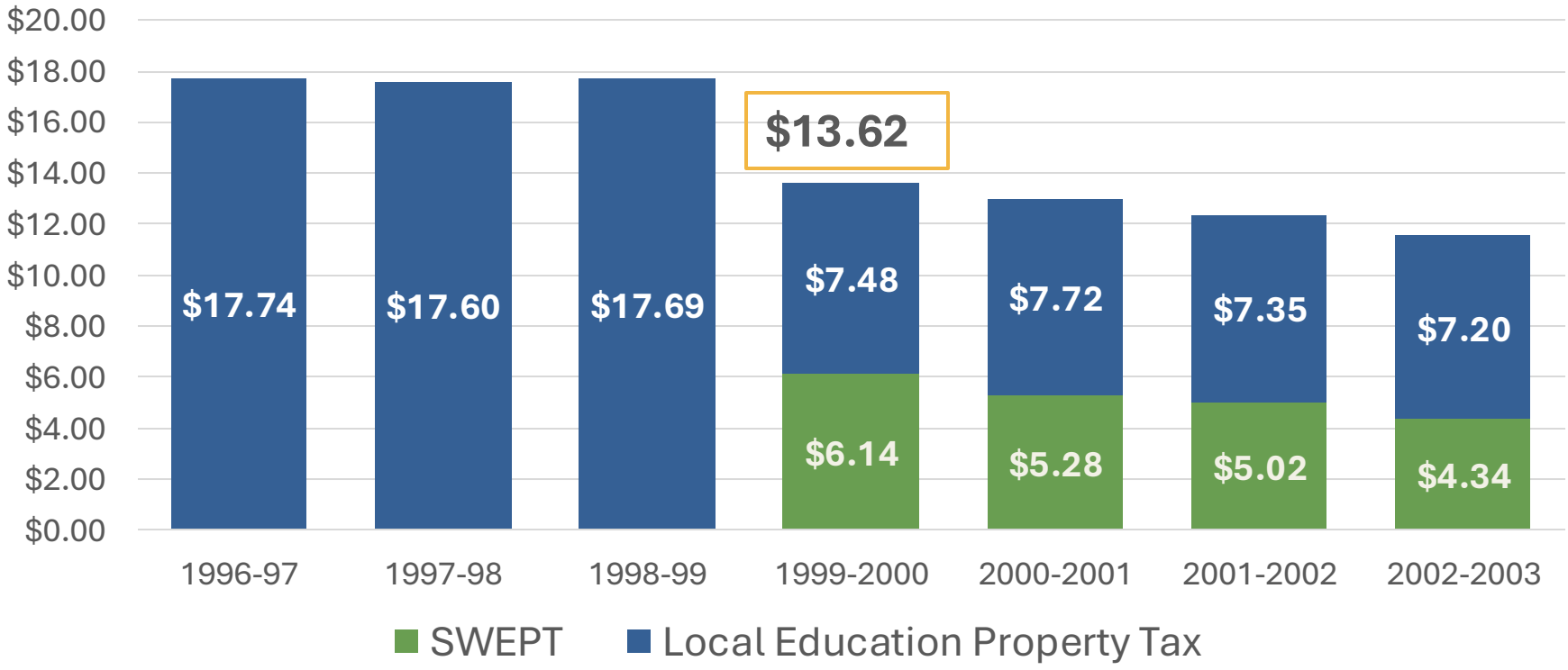


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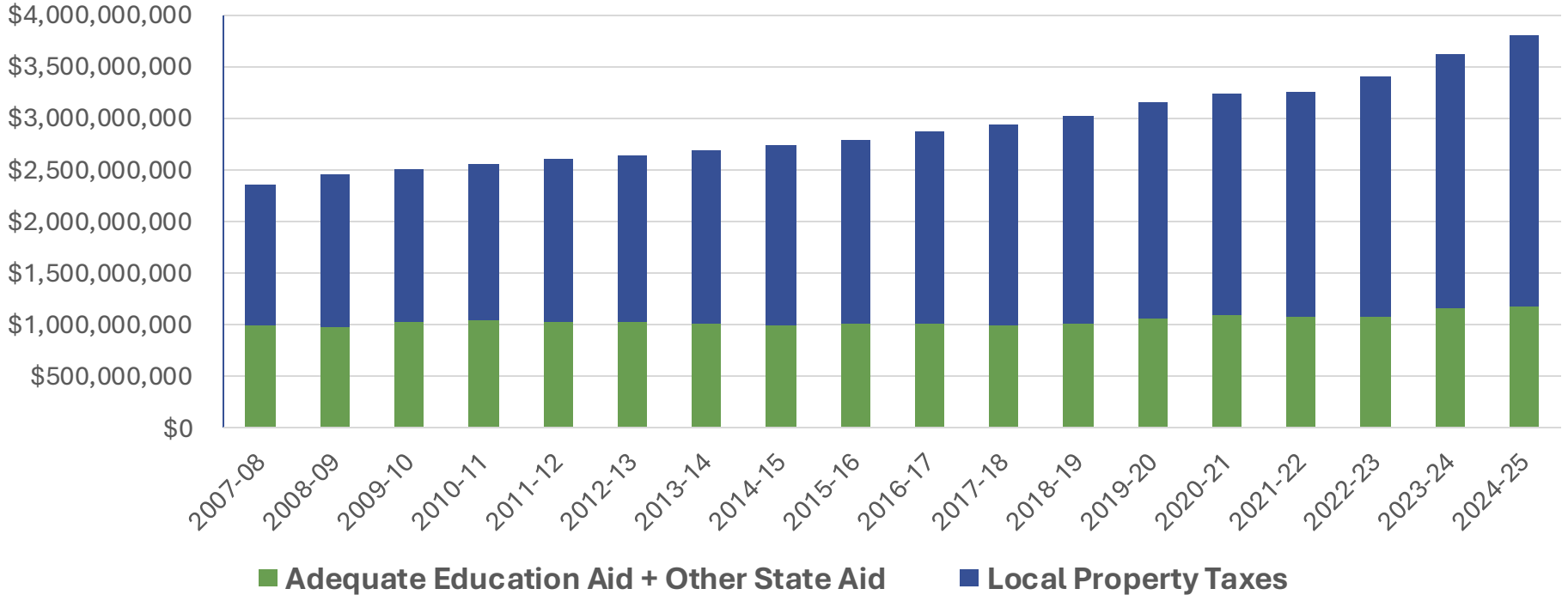
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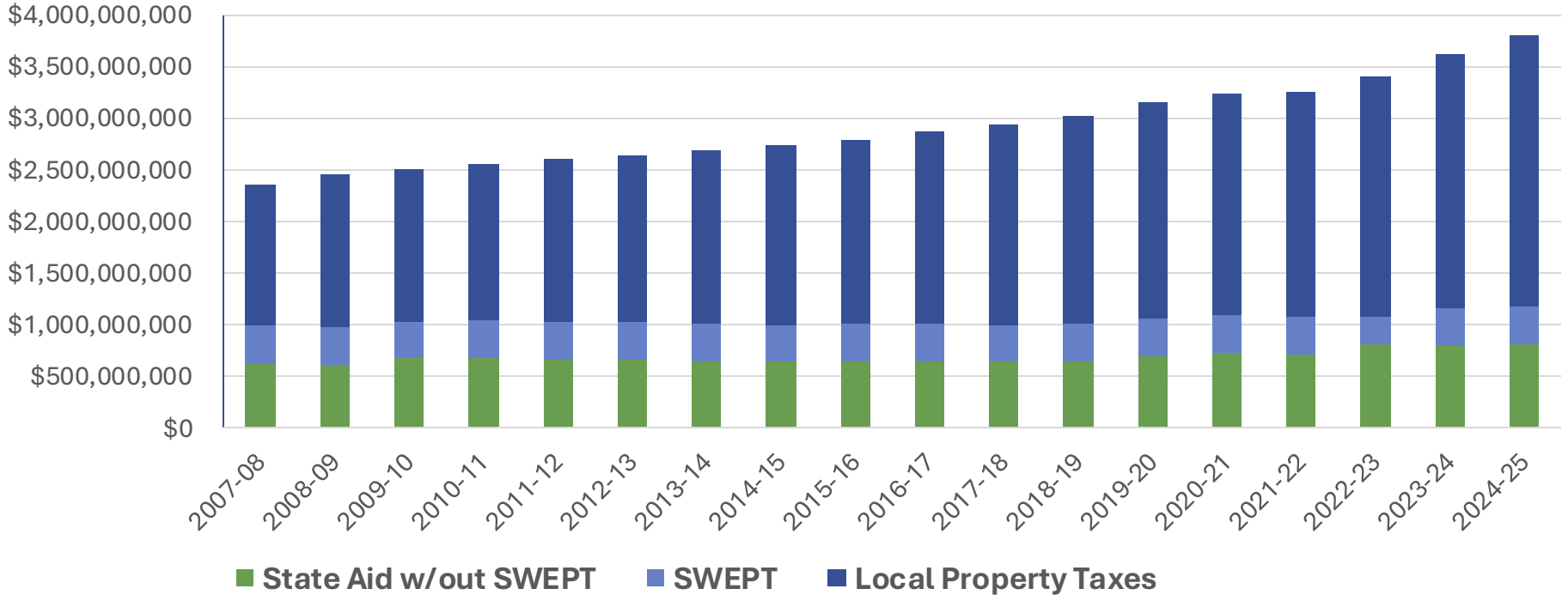
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July 2025 - ConVal Supreme Court Ruling

NH Supreme Court ruled that the State needs to provide at least $7,356.01 per student as a “conservative minimum threshold”.

"The State presented no evidence to justify the current base adequacy amount.”

August 2025 Rand Superior Court Ruling - “The Math Does Not Lie”

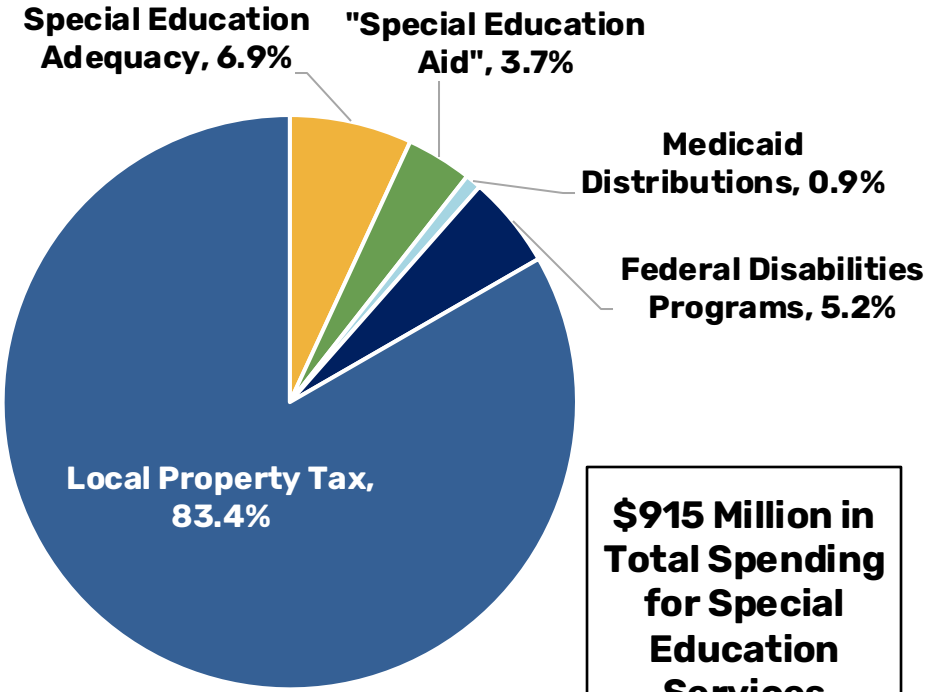
Major Elements in Landmark Ruling

Current State funding for an adequate education is constitutionally insufficient.

Special education funding is also constitutionally insufficient.

Local communities are forced to make up the State funding shortfall through local property taxes.

Because those local tax rates vary dramatically by community, the Court found that this creates an unconstitutional tax system.



$915 Million in Total Spending for Special Education Services

Rand Appeal – State Fighting to Remove Constitutional Protections for Public Education

1. Overrule or substantially modify current right to a State-funded adequate education
2. Count state and local government funding together
3. Make future school funding lawsuits impossible
4. Reverse the Rand ruling on standing

HB 1300 Ballot Language Challenged in Court

Lawsuit filed on August 31st, 2026 makes the following claims:

- **The question is confusing.** Voters may not be able to tell what the caps actually do.
- **The question is misleading.** The question promises impacts it cannot guarantee.
- **The question limits voters' choices.** Voters cannot vote separately on the two different caps.

Working Towards a Fairer School Funding System

- Increase the State's Share of Public Education Funding
- Create Sustainable State Revenue & Property Tax Relief
- Fund Schools Based on Actual Costs & Student Needs
- Reduce Funding & Tax Disparities Between Communities
- Require Transparency & Accountability for Public Education Dollars
- Center Local Voices & Expertise in Education Policy