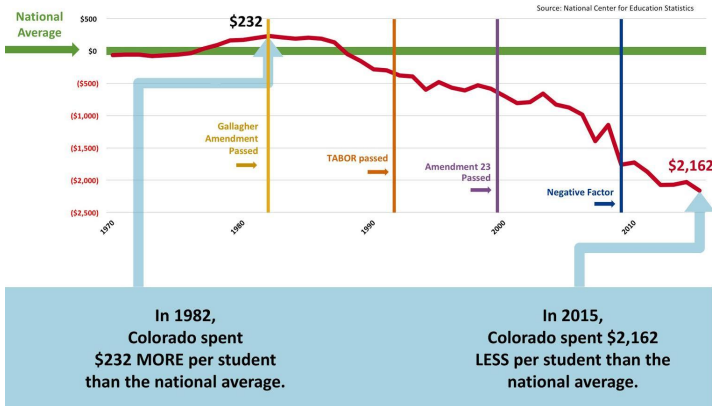


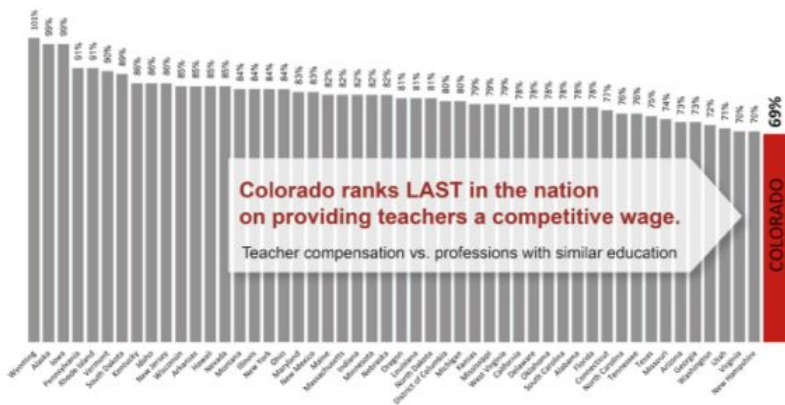
### K-12 Per Pupil Funding: Colorado versus National Average



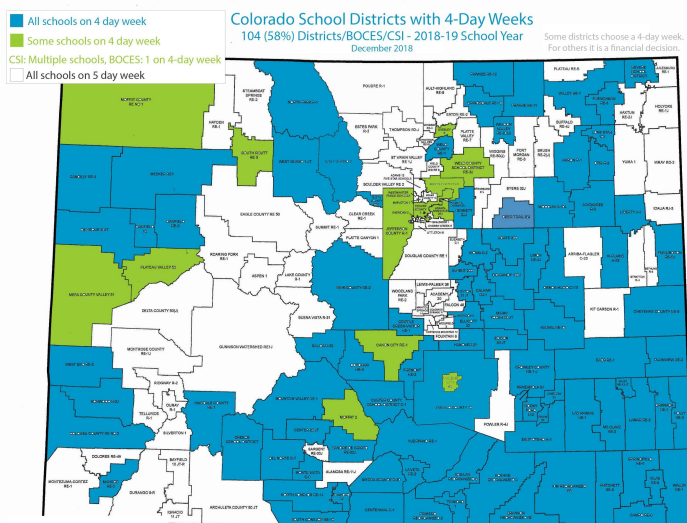
### School funding in Colorado:

- Reaching the national average would cost \$2.1 - 2.8 billion
- Current funding is \$672 million or \$700+ per pupil behind inflation from 2008
- Total loss since the Recession: \$7.5B
- Despite our booming economy, Colorado ranks last in wage competitiveness for educators

### Teacher shortages:



- 95% of teachers in rural Colorado don't make a living wage
- At least 3,000 teaching positions across Colorado are vacant
- Teacher retirements and attrition are accelerating while the number of students completing teacher training programs are declining
- This teacher shortage means large class sizes and an inability to meet the needs of all students



104 Districts with one or more schools on a four-day week

### Effects of Inadequate & Inequitable Funding

- Achievement & opportunity gaps are growing and among the largest in the U.S.
- More remediation necessary for those students actually making it to college
- Mental health issues and teen suicide rates are growing
- Inequities in school funding distributions impact our most vulnerable students

# 1.13 million Colorado voters supported our ballot initiative in the 2018 election.

- Fixing school funding in Colorado has been an ongoing conversation for 19 years.
- Current 9th graders have never attended a fully funded Colorado public school. Our students can't wait.
- GSTC will continue to fight to improve our public schools, and ensure that the all-too-scarce public dollars allocated to P-12 education are only used for public schools.
  - ♦ We will measure future bills and policies against whether or not they provide additional funding towards an adequate, equitable, and sustainable funding solution.
  - ♦ For P-12 education, this coalition will support ALL proposals and/or legislation that increase P-12 education funding, as long as they generate additional allocations -- and the funds do not take away from an existing program serving other students.
- GSTC is an historic grassroots movement and we are here to work with you to fix the school funding crisis.

## We are a coalition of more than 25 organizations representing thousands of Coloradans in support of public education.

AFT Colorado  
Arc of Colorado  
Arc of Arapahoe & Douglas County  
Colorado BOCES Association  
CLLARO  
Colorado Association of Bilingual Education  
Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented  
Colorado Association of School Boards  
Colorado Association of School Executives  
Colorado Children's Campaign  
Colorado Council of Churches  
Colorado Education Association  
Colorado PTA  
Colorado Rural Schools Alliance

Colorado School Finance Project  
Great Education Colorado  
Lift One, Lift All  
Mile High United Way  
NAACP  
National Center for Learning Disabilities:  
Northeast Colorado BOCES  
Padres y Jóvenes Unidos  
Pinnacle Partners  
Project VOYCE  
Public Education Business Coalition  
Stand for Children  
Support Jeffco Kids  
Together Colorado

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