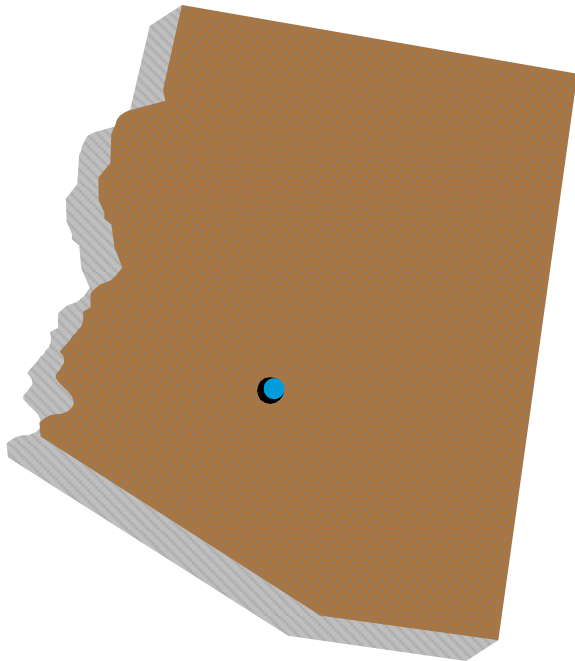


Current Issues in School Finance

Simply put,
a charter is a contract
to improve
student achievement.

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Issues Driving the Need for K-12 Funding Reform



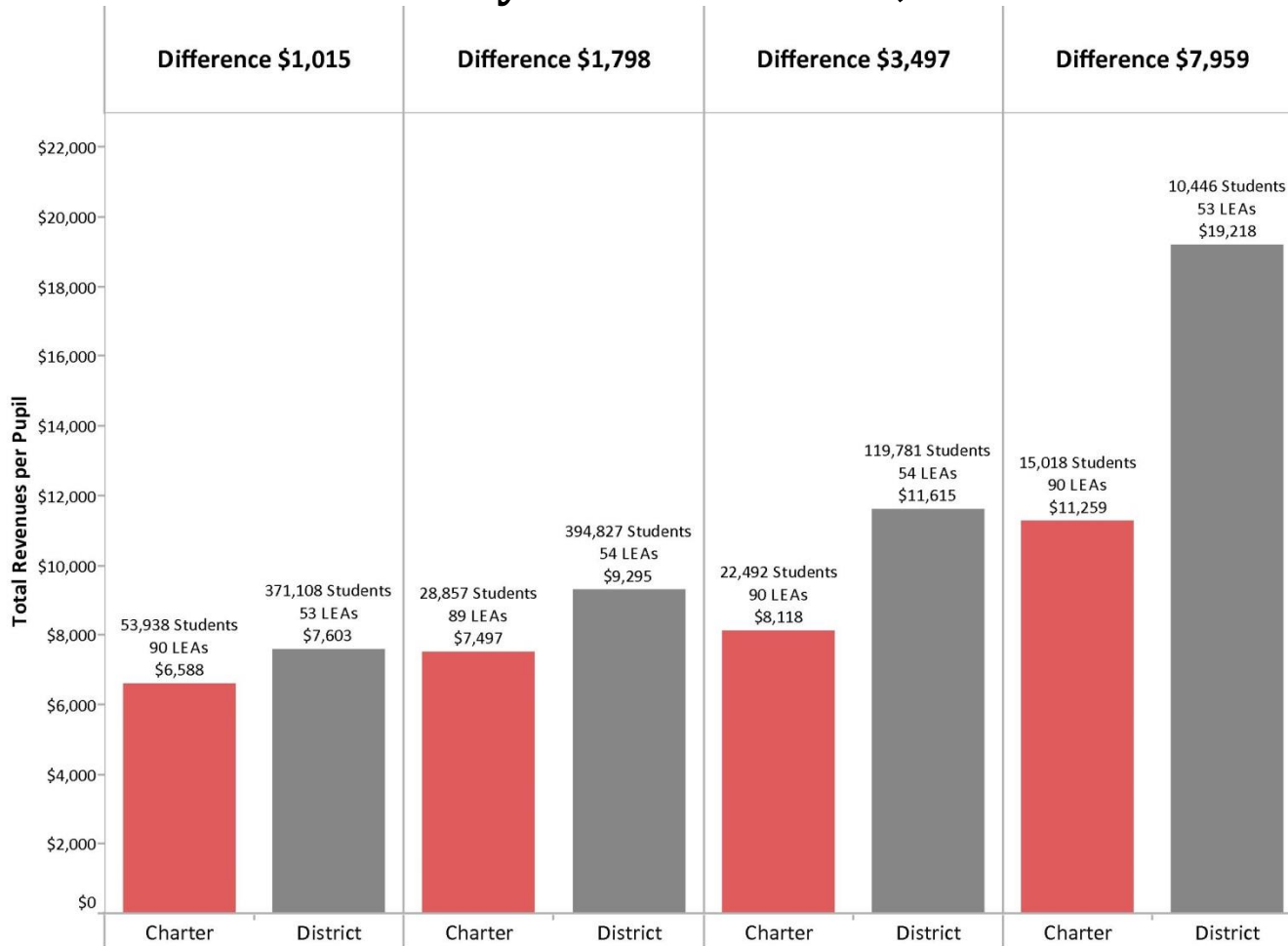
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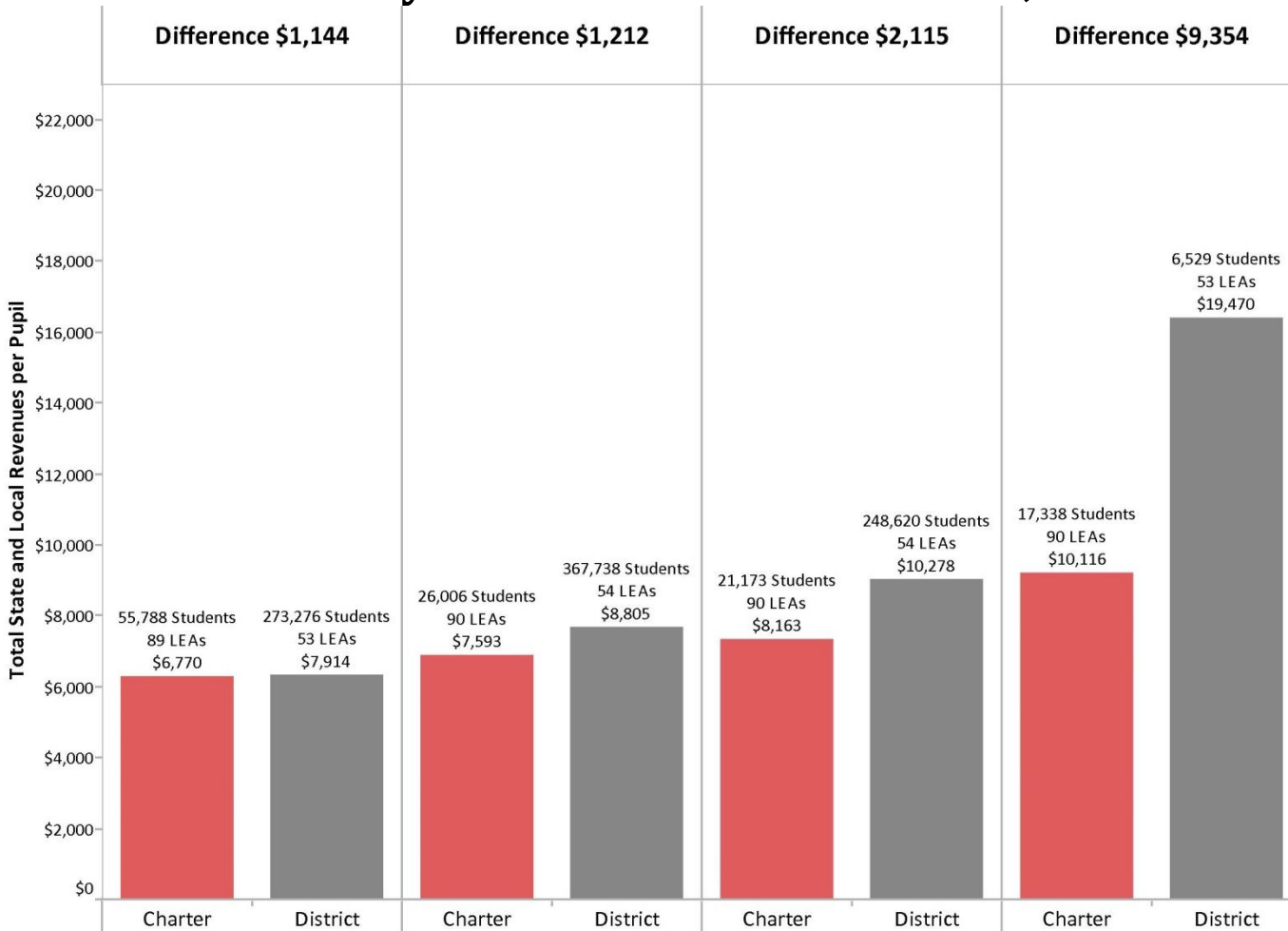
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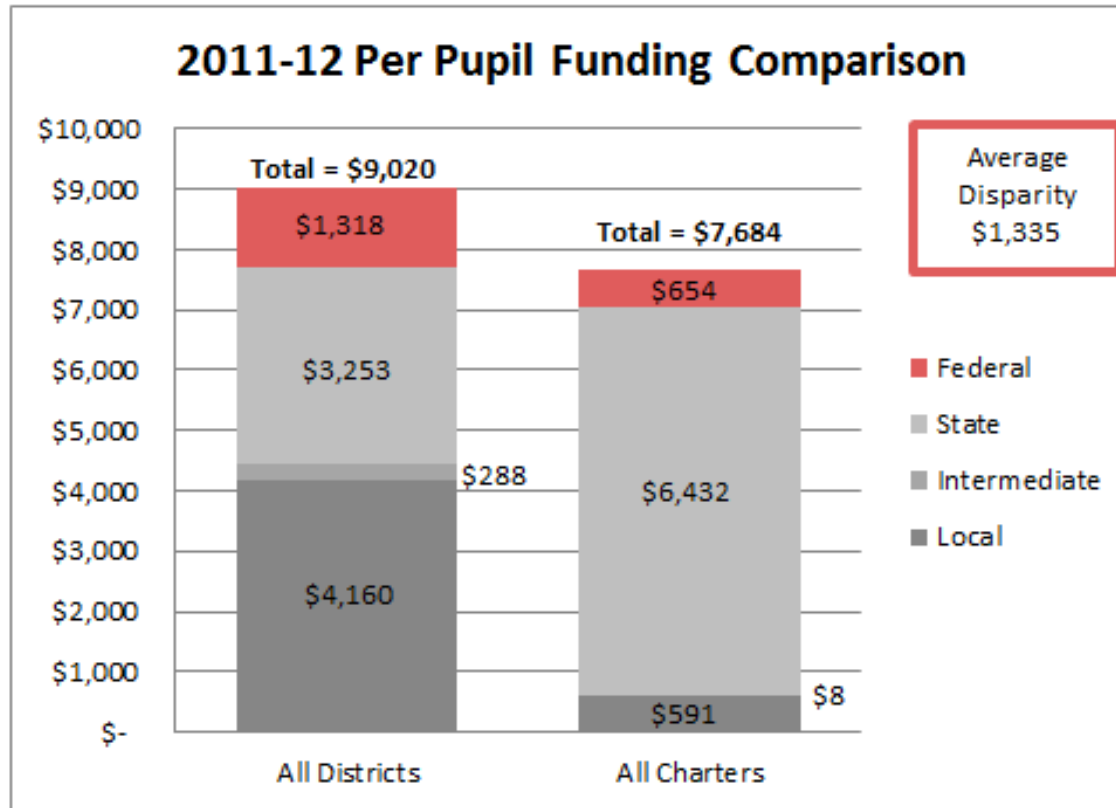


Disparity in Local and State Student Funding

Ranked by State and Local Revenues, 2011-12



Average Charter vs District Student





Lack of Access to Funding for Charter Students

Table 2: All Reported Funding

Item	School Districts		Charter Schools	
	Total	Per Pupil	Total	Per Pupil
Average Daily Membership (ADM) pupils	930,507		118,897	
M&O and Classroom Site Fund	\$5,428,763,800	\$5,834	0	0
Unrestricted Capital Outlay	269,089,700	289	0	0
Soft Capital Outlay	84,247,600	91	0	0
School Facilities	20,687,000	22	0	0
Adjacent Ways	33,595,500	36	0	0
Debt Service	831,266,200	893	0	0
Other	2,090,154,900	2,246	0	0
Charter School - General Projects		0	\$817,643,700	\$6,877
Charter School - Federal Projects		0	80,014,000	673
Charter School - State Projects		0	1,378,300	12
Charter School - Classroom Site Project		0	32,414,300	273
Total	\$8,757,804,700	\$9,412	\$931,450,300	\$7,834

Source: Joint Legislative Budget Committee FY11 *Overview of K-12 Per Pupil Funding for School Districts and Charter Schools*. 6-20-12

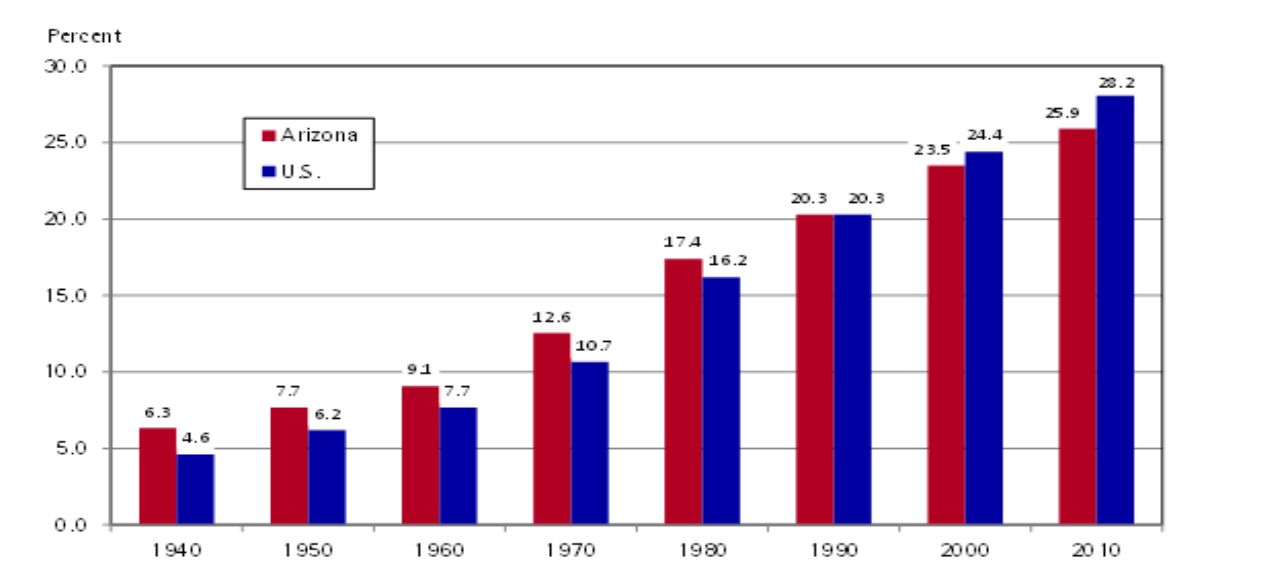
Levels of Funding

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- Arizona ranks near the bottom in K-12 per pupil funding nationally
 - [JLBC reports](#) legislature cut \$962 per students over the last five years (FY2008-2013)
 - Number rises to \$1,200 when adjusted for inflation
 - What does this mean? **Talent Matters.**
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Academic Accountability

What are we getting for our investment?

While 25 percent of schools are rated A, Arizona is losing ground on college attainment over the past 70 years.



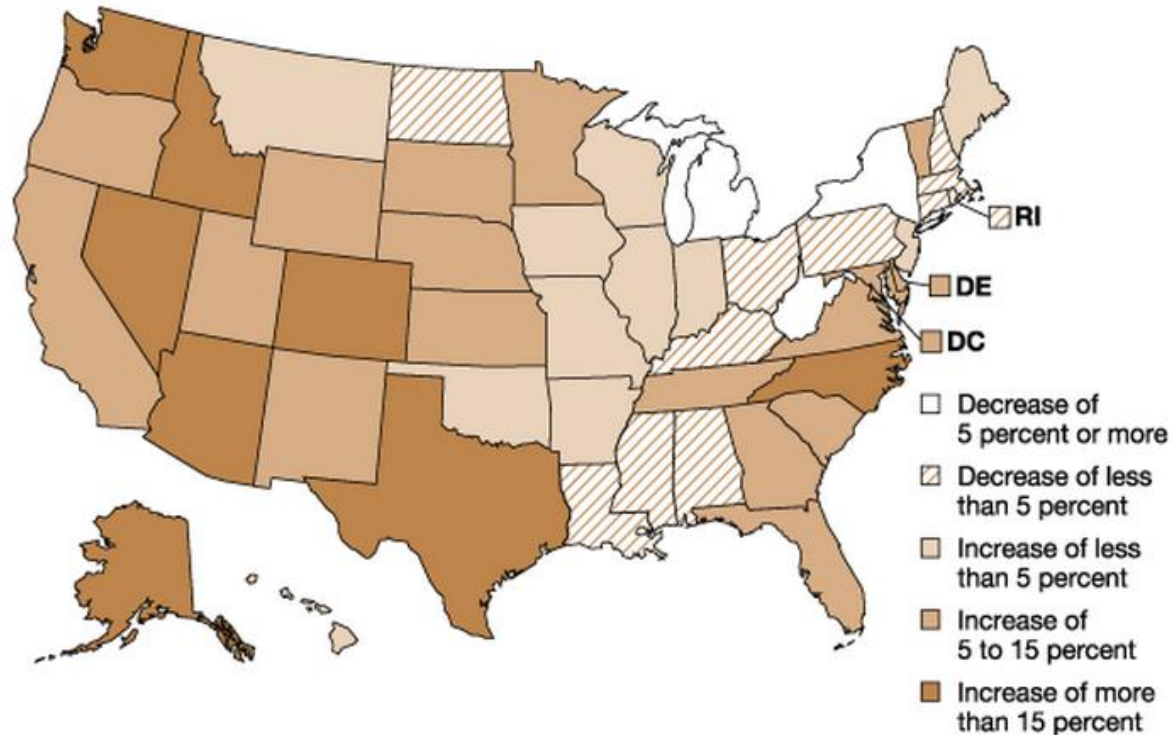
Are these the results we want?

Transparency

- Arizona, like most states, has very little information about the connection between resource allocation in schools and student outcomes.
- Current financial reporting does not tell us anything about effective instructional strategies. **What do these line items mean?**
 - Maintenance and Operation
 - Salaries Lumped Together
 - Support Services

Growth and Its Impact on the Budget

Arizona enrollment predicted to increase by at least 15 percent or more this decade



Source: www.nces.gov

Growth and Its Impact on the Budget

**71 District
Sponsored
Charters**

up from 12 in FY13

Baseline Increases:

\$5 million FY14
\$22 million FY13
\$39 million FY16
\$52 million FY17

-JLBC Estimates

These are the best estimates we have, and the numbers are grossly underestimated.

Questions?

