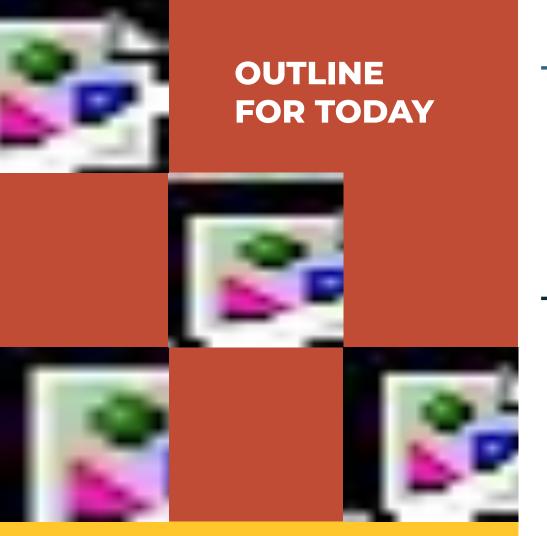
# **#EveryStudentEveryZipcode:**Creating Equitable Resources for Virginia Students

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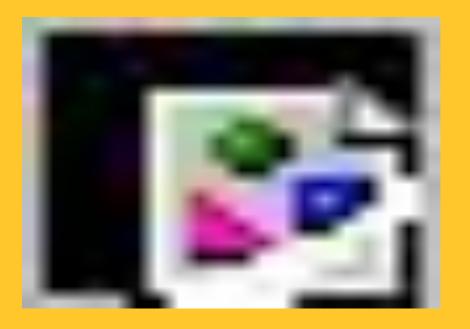




- → Policy choices impact students' opportunities
  - School segregation and privatization
  - Lack of adequacy and equity in state funding
  - ◆ Q&A
- → Discussion what should we do?
  - ♦ Small-group
  - Large-group report-back
  - Possible action steps

# CAPACITY **EFFORT**

**Before this session,** State per pupil funding was still down 5.4% from 2009.



#### How did this happen?

- → Not funding the Virginia Board of Education's Standards of Quality (SOQ) staffing levels
- → Arbitrary limits on funding for support staff ("support cap")
- → Not raising wages: teacher pay penalty was third worst in the nation compared to private-sector peers
- Using Literary Fund for costs other than school construction

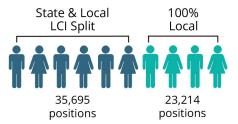
#### **Harms from Support Cap**



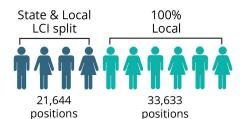
#### **Shifting the Cost**

The state helps fund less than half of support staff in Virginia schools.

Before Support Cap FY 2009



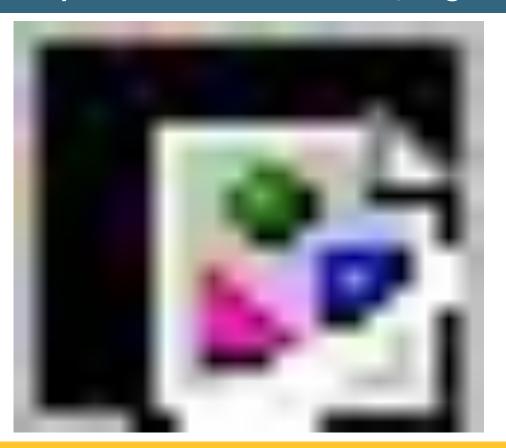
After Support Cap FY 2021

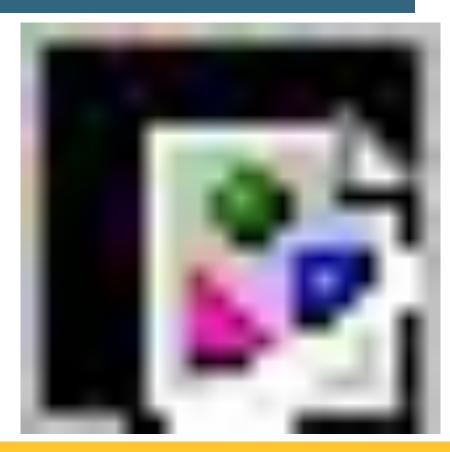


Source: VDOE Superintendent's Annual Report Table 18, VDOE Report on Rebenchmarking of the Direct Aid to Public Education Budget, and VDOE Rebenchmarking presentations



#### **Experienced Teachers Matter; Virginia Could Do More For Retention**





### Lack of State Funding for School Construction Harms Students



### VIRGINIA SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FACTS

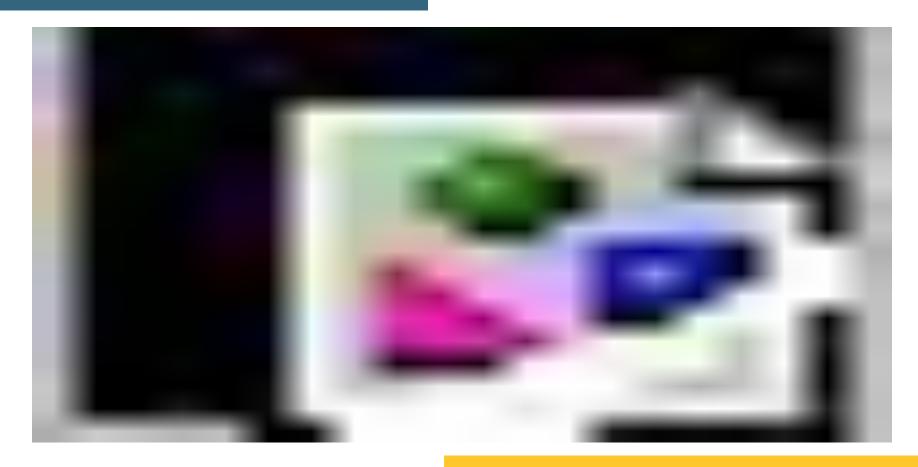
#### This is our student's reality.

#### Current status of Virginia's school buildings



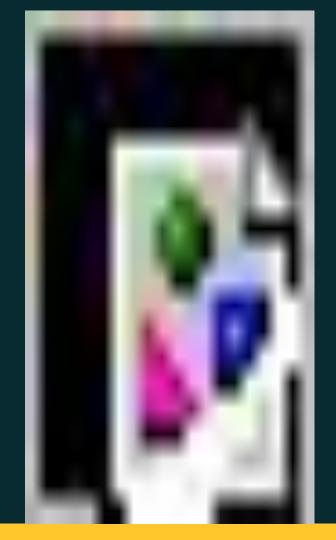


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### **State Funding Recovery**

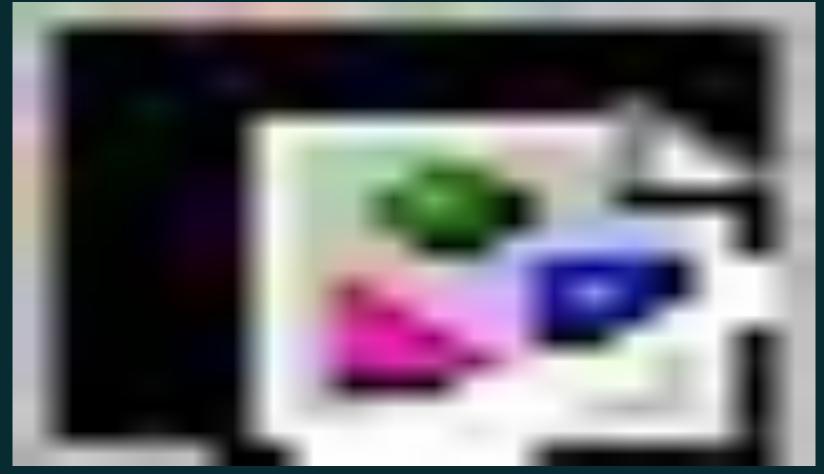


#### Virginia Still Doesn't Fully Fund VBOE's Prescribed Standards of Quality

| Virginia Board of Education's Prescribed Standards of Quality | 2022-24 Cost as<br>of Fall 2021 |         | Remaining 2-year<br>cost to fully fund<br>SOQs | FY24<br>(one-year)<br>remaining cost |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Teacher leader & mentor programs                              | \$229.9                         |         | \$229.9  | \$126.7                              |
| Establishes standard for K-5 reading specialists              | \$77.9                          | \$62.5  | \$15.4   | \$8.5                                |
| Principal mentor program                                      | \$2.4                           |         | \$2.4  | \$1.3                                |
| Work-based Learning Coordinators                              | \$2.4                           |         | \$2.4  | \$1.3                                |
| Full Time Principal in each school                            | \$19.1                          | \$20.3  |  |                                      |
| Fund Additional Assistant Principals                          | \$154.3                         |         | \$154.3  | \$85.1                               |
| Enhanced At-Risk Add-On (Equity Fund)                         | \$87.5                          | \$145.3 |  |                                      |
| Additional Specialized Student Support Positions              | \$102.5                         |         | \$102.5  | \$56.5                               |
| Additional School Counselors                                  | \$106.7                         |         | \$106.7  | \$58.8                               |
| Additional English Learner Teachers                           | \$30.0                          | \$0.0   | \$54.2   | \$27.4                               |
|   |                                 |         |  |                                      |
| Total   | \$812.7                         | \$228.1 | \$667.8  | \$365.7                              |



### **Major Differences**



# Questions?

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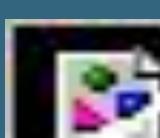
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