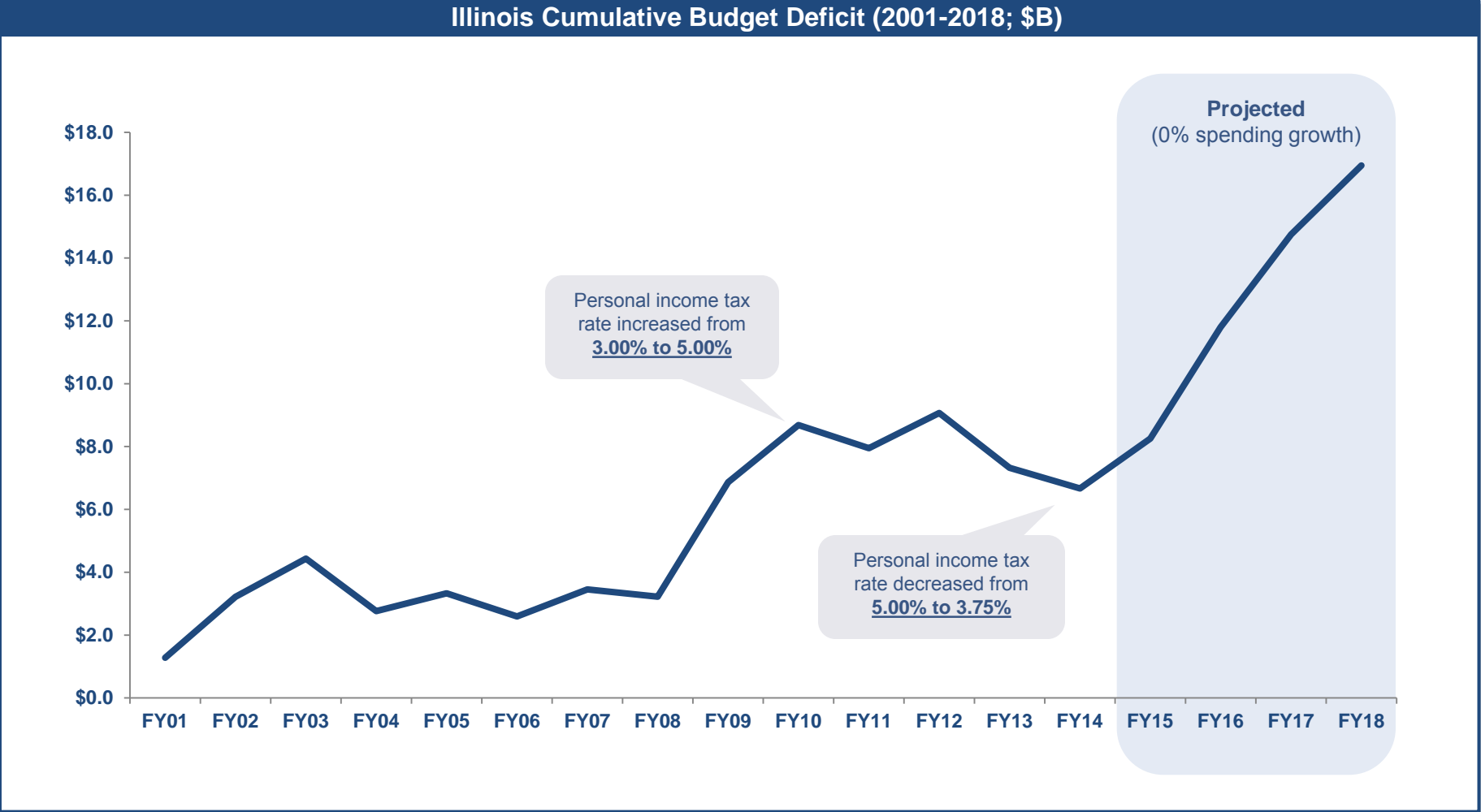


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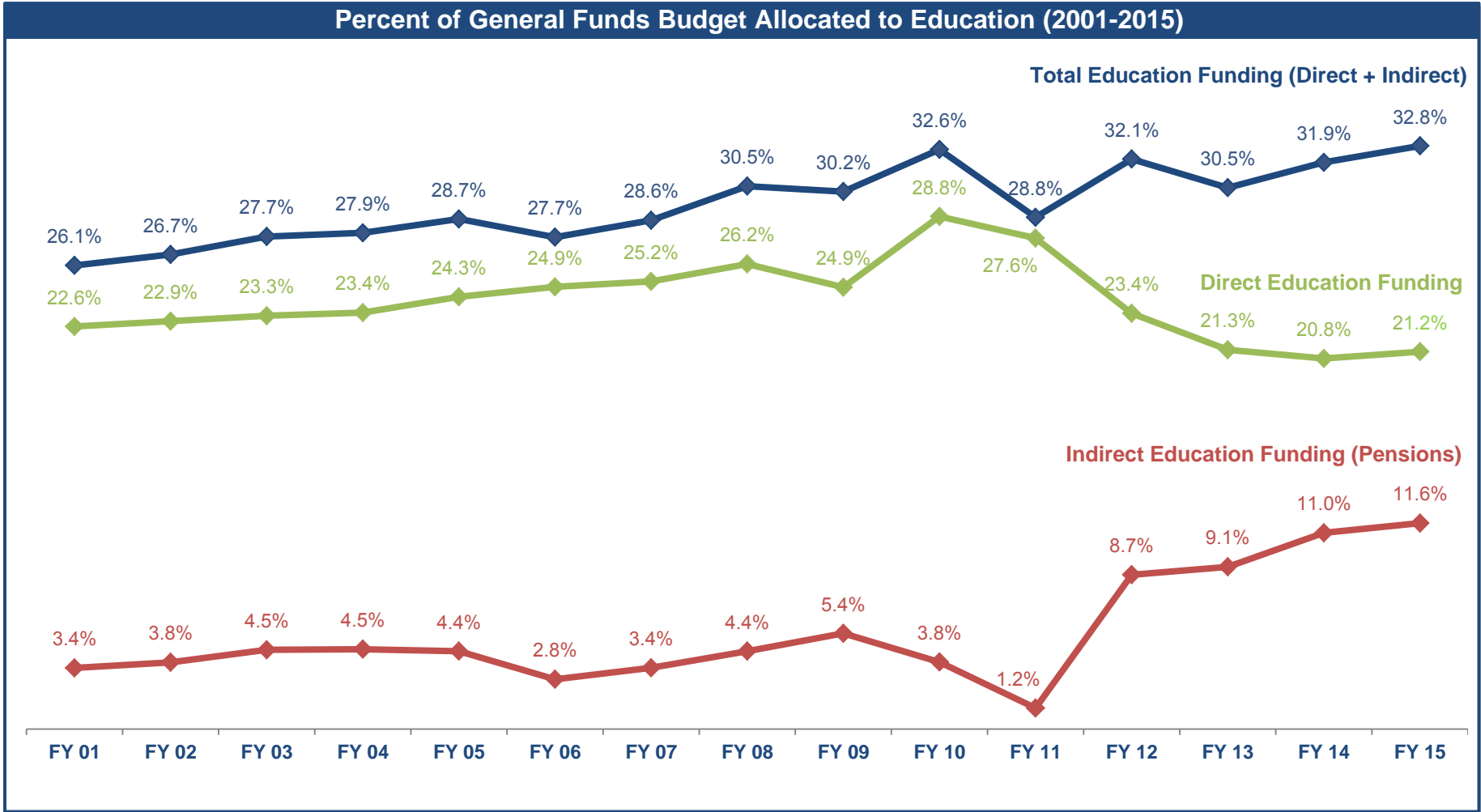
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- Even assuming 0% spending growth, the deficit is projected to grow dramatically.



Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (FY01-14); Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (FY15-18, assumes 0% spending growth, published 4/15)

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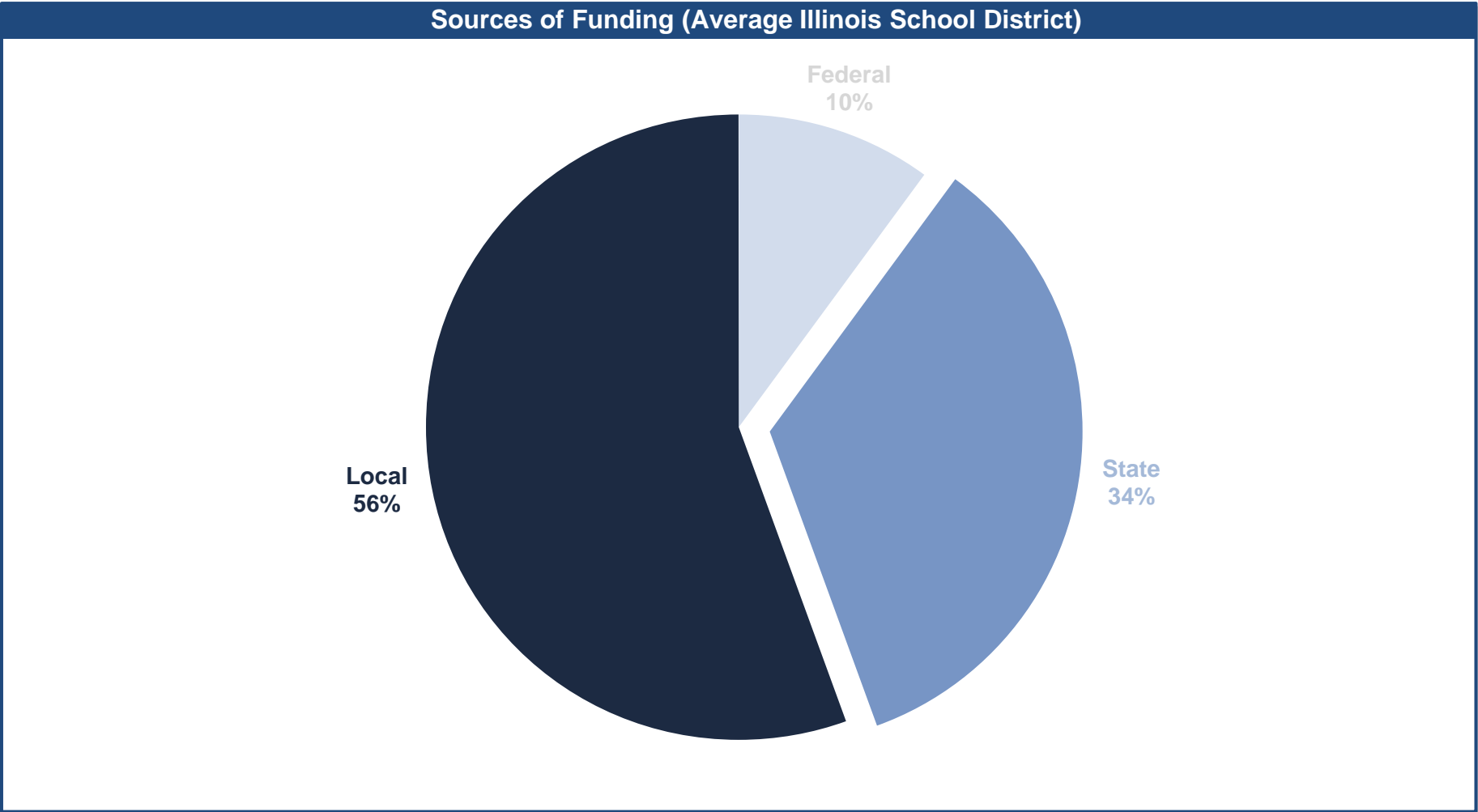
- Direct (non-pension) education funding has decreased from 28.8% to 21.2% of state funding since 2010.
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Source: Illinois Office of the Comptroller

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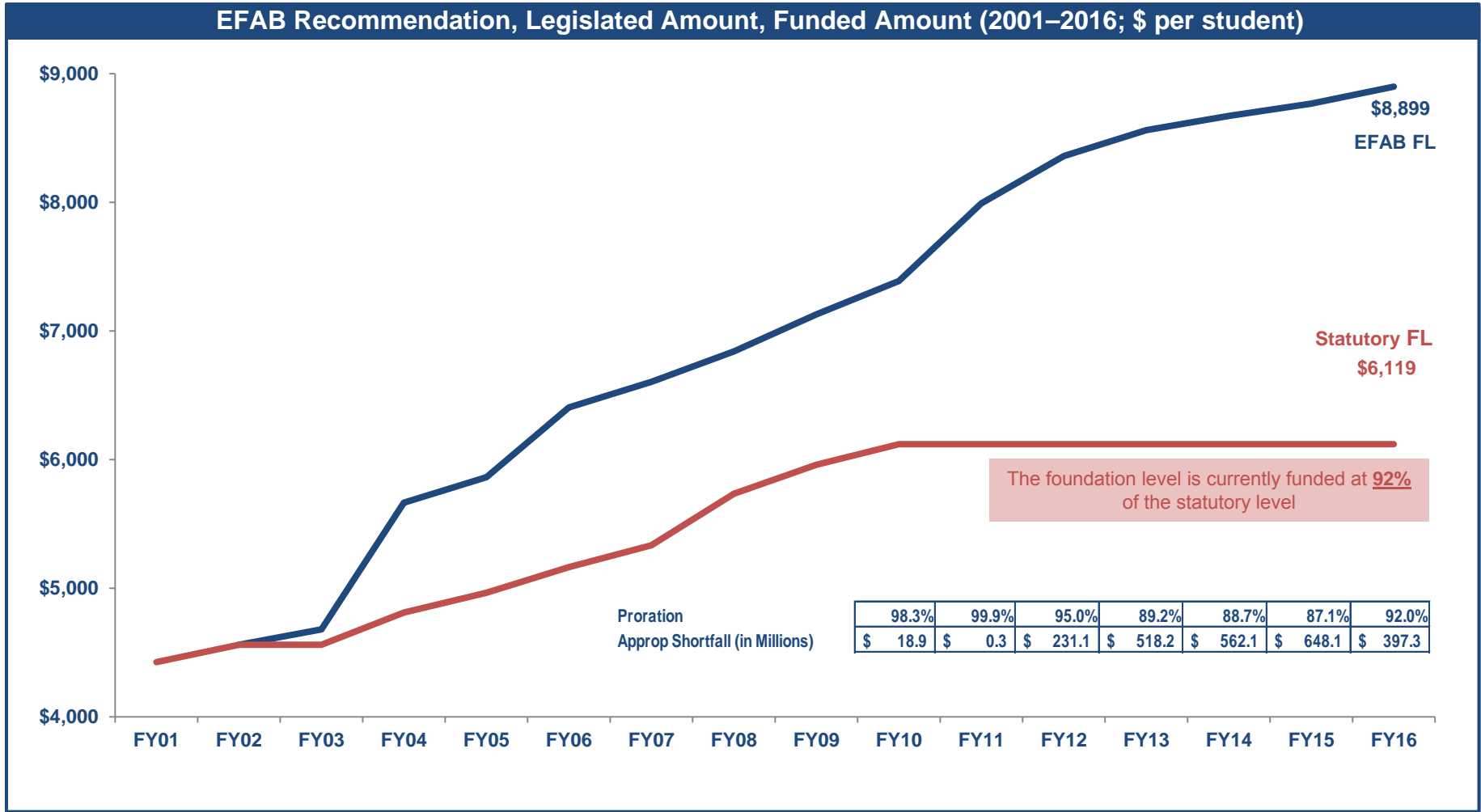
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Source: Illinois State Board of Education 2014 Annual Report

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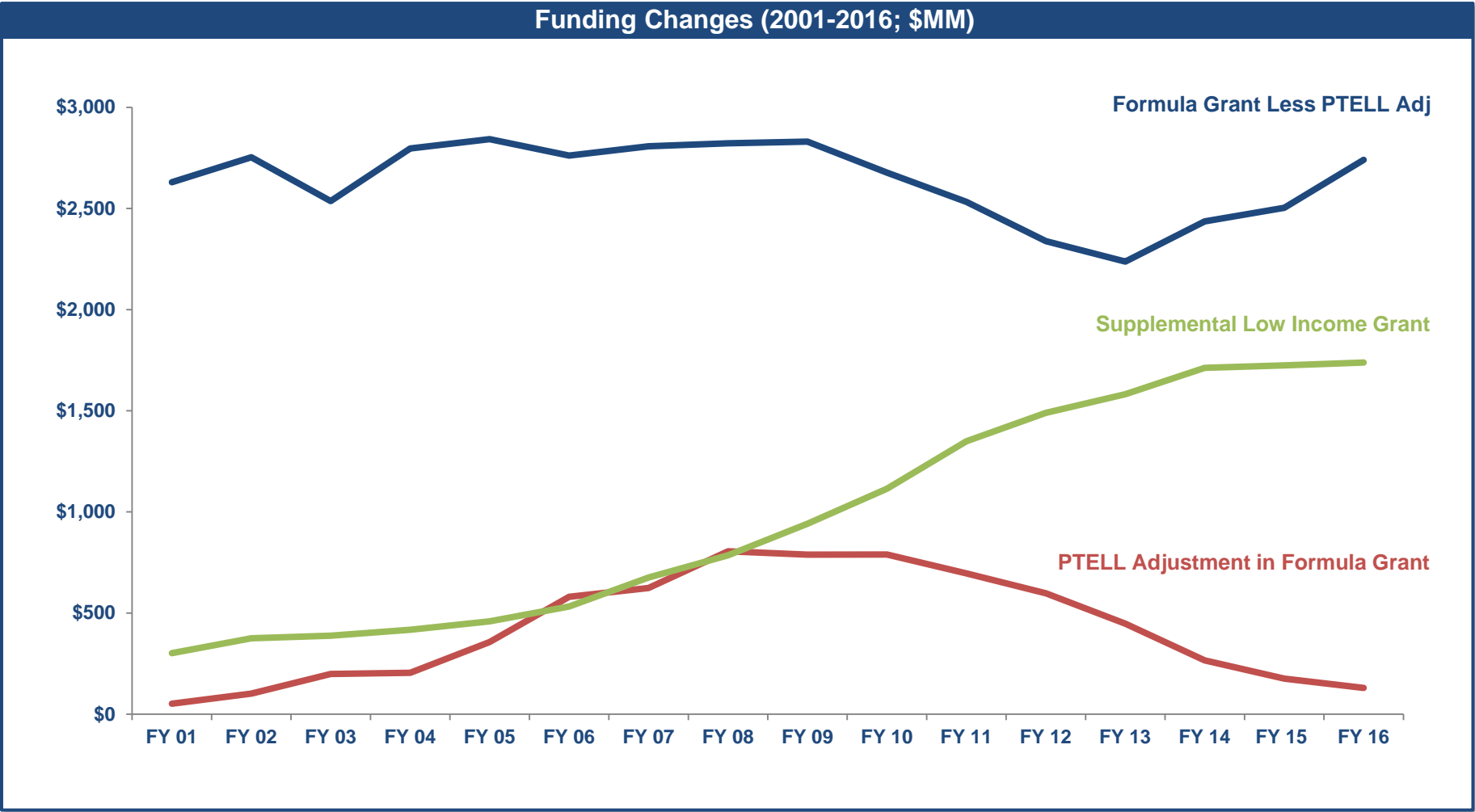
- Over time, the funded amount has fallen below both the EFAB recommendation and the legislated amount.
- “The Foundation level of support is \$6,119 or such greater amount as may be established by law by the General Assembly.” (*Illinois Statute 105 ILCS 5/18-8.05*)



Source: <http://www.isbe.net/funding/html/gsa.htm>

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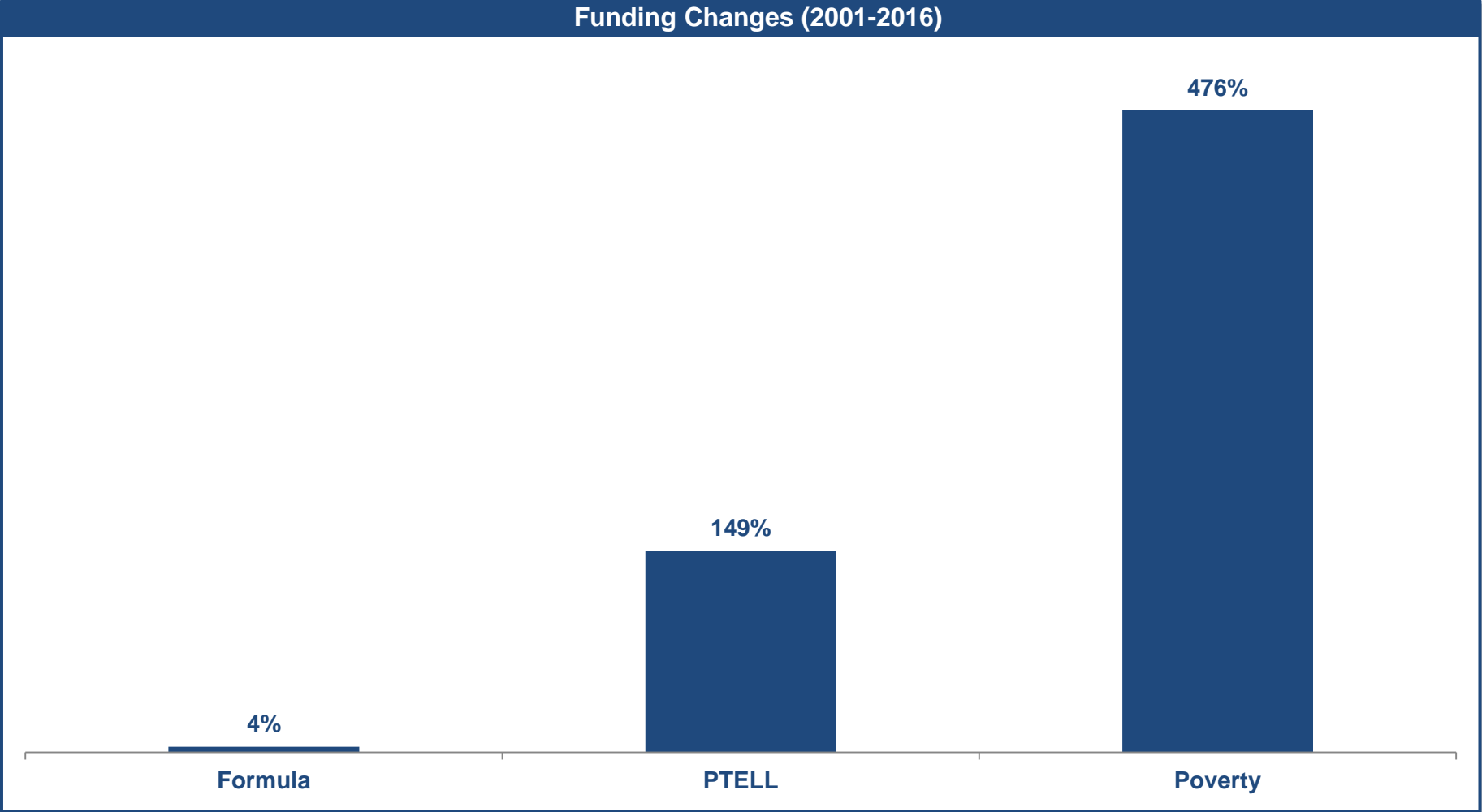
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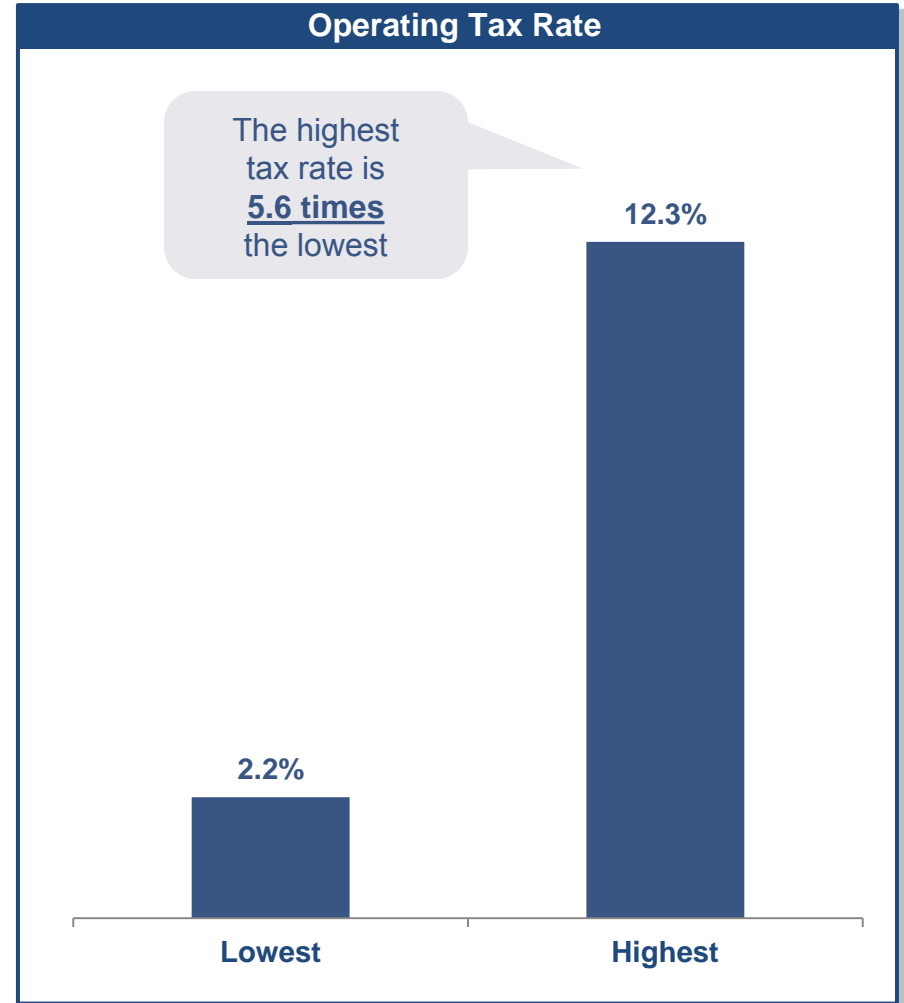
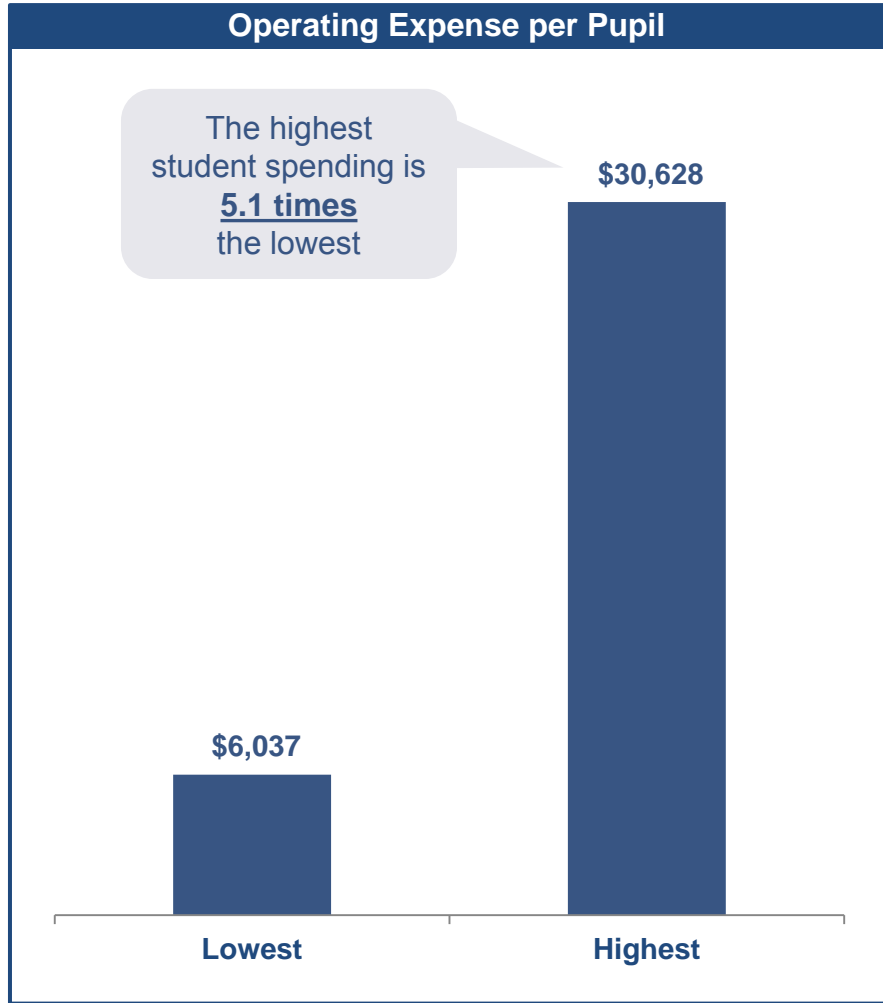
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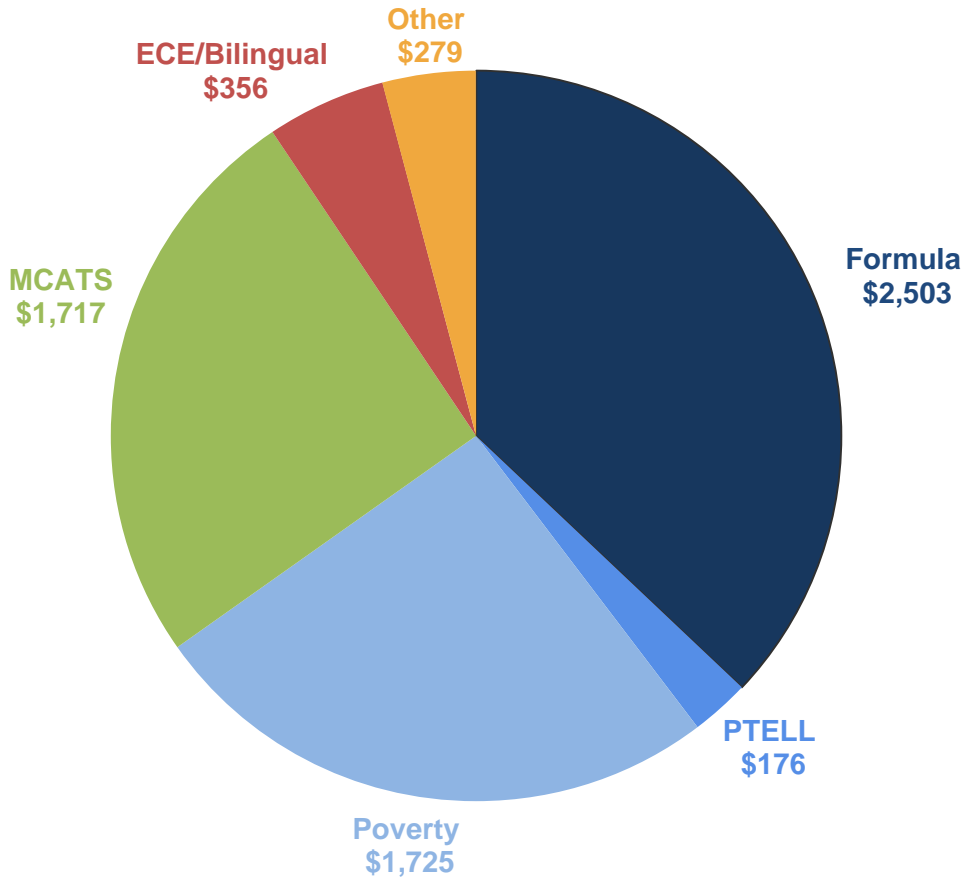
- FY14 Per student spending ranges from \$6,037 to \$30,628 depending upon where a student resides.
- For Tax Year 2013 local operating tax rates range from 2.2% to 12.3%, depending upon where the property is located.



The vast majority of funding is devoted to GSA and MCATS...

- Direct Education funding is distributed through a number of means.

Direct Education Funding Appropriations (FY 2015; \$MM)



- **General State Aid**
 - Formula
 - Poverty
 - PTELL
- **MCATS**
 - Special Ed – Personnel Reimb.
 - Special Ed – Funding
 - Special Ed – Orphanage Tuition
 - Special Ed – Private Tuition
 - Special Ed – Summer School
 - Special Ed – Transportation
 - Free Breakfast/Lunch
 - Orphanage Tuition
 - Regular/Voc Ed – Transportation
- **Early Childhood Education/Bilingual**
- **Others**
 - GSA Distribution Funding
 - Student Assessment
 - Career & Technical Education
 - Miscellaneous

The budget should be aligned with Illinois' educational goals...

- Budget recommendations should be aligned with Illinois' educational goals.

Illinois Educational Goals

Every child in each public school system in the state of Illinois deserves to attend a system wherein...

- All kindergarteners are assessed for readiness.
- 90% + 3rd grade students are reading at or above grade level.
- 90%+ 5rd grade students meet or exceed expectations in mathematics.
- 90%+ 9th grade students are on track to graduate with their cohort.
- 90%+ students graduate from high school ready for college or career.
- All students are supported by highly prepared and effective teachers and school leaders.
- Every school offers a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.