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Syracuse City School District
State Aid
Little Time and Few Options?



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					Executive Budget	
Program	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Difference
Foundation Aid	\$14.894	\$14.894	\$15.005	\$15.182	\$15.182	\$0.000
Building Aid	\$2.489	\$2.633	\$2.722	\$2.723	\$2.839	\$0.116
Other Computerized Aids	\$4.479	\$4.288	\$4.330	\$4.412	\$4.574	\$0.162
Gap Elimination Adjustment	-\$2.138	-\$2.556	-\$2.156	-\$1.638	-\$1.315	\$0.323
Federal Offset to 2010-11 GEA	\$0.726	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.000
Federal Education Jobs Fund	\$0.608	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.000
FMAP Reduction (State Medicaid Shortfall)	-\$0.132	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.000
Total Aids	\$20.925	\$19.258	\$19.901	\$20.677	\$21.280	\$0.603
Lost Foundation Aid Due to GEA	-14%	-17%	-14%	-11%	-9%	
Lost Total Aid Due to GEA	-10%	-13%	-11%	-8%	-6%	

<i>Miscellaneous</i>	(Billions)
Universal Pre-K	\$0.100
Performance Grants	\$0.050
After School Programs	\$0.160
Teacher Excellence	\$0.020
P-Tech	\$0.005

If The Executive Budget Becomes Law:
The GEA (Over 5 years) will total-

-\$9.8 Billion

Impact of State Aid Cuts 2013-14 CWR to Gap Elimination Adjustment As % of 2012-13 Budget

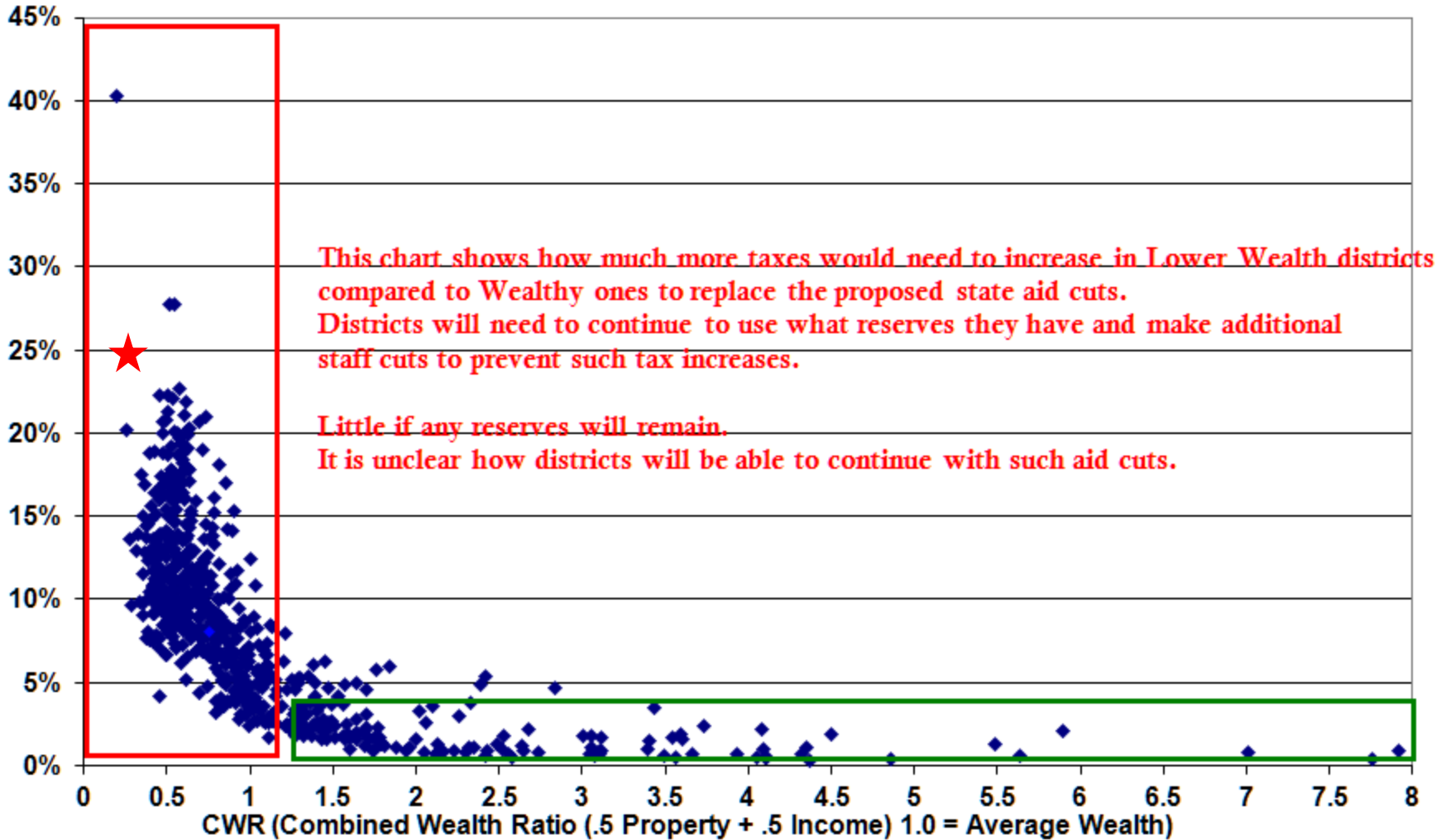
Cuts As % of Budget



Impact of State Aid Cuts 2013-14

CWR to State Aid Cuts (Gap Elimination Adjustment) As % of 2012-13 Tax Levy

Cuts As % of Tax Levy



The Economic Impact of the Gap Elimination Adjustment on the Finances of the Syracuse City School District

Exactly how much money are we talking about?

2010-11 GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT	2011-12 GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT	2012-13 GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT	2013-14 GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT	AA(FA0185) 00 2014-15 GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT Exec. Budget	Cumulative GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT
-\$16,854,866	-\$19,498,712	-\$14,124,462	-\$8,050,944	-\$4,428,020	-\$62,957,004

**The state has withheld almost \$63 million from the Syracuse School System!
Is there anything else I should be aware of?**

More state short comings for the Syracuse City School District from NYS data:

E(FA0198) 00 2007-08 FOUNDATION AID	Z(FA0193) 00 2010-11 TOTAL FOUNDATION AID	Difference 2007-08 and 2010-11 Foundation Aid Fully Funded	% Fully Funded (2010-11 Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$204,641,165	\$274,070,828	(\$69,429,663)	74.7%	\$0
E(FA0198) 00 2008-09 FOUNDATION AID	Estimated 2010-11 Foundation Aid Full	Difference 2008-09 and 2010-11 Foundation Aid Full	% Fully Funded (2010-11 Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$217,315,668	\$265,983,353	(\$48,667,685)	81.7%	\$0
E(FA0198) 00 2009-10 FOUNDATION AID	Estimated 2010-11 Foundation Aid Full	Difference 2009-10 and 2010-11 Foundation Aid Full	% Fully Funded (2010-11 Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$217,315,668	\$272,568,138	(\$55,252,470)	79.7%	\$0
E(FA0198) 00 2010-11 FOUNDATION AID	Estimated Foundation Aid Full	Difference 2010-11 and Foundation Aid Full	% Fully Funded (Full Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$217,315,668	\$286,027,425	(\$68,711,757)	76.0%	\$0
E(FA0198) 00 2011-12 FOUNDATION AID	Estimated Foundation Aid Full	Difference 2011-12 and Foundation Aid Full	% Fully Funded (Full Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$217,315,668	\$309,383,542	(\$92,067,874)	70.2%	\$0
E(FA0198) 00 2012-13 FOUNDATION AID	W(FA0001) 00 FOUNDATION AID BEFORE PHASE-IN	Difference 2012-13 and Foundation Aid Full	% Fully Funded (Full Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$218,936,662	\$312,644,481	(\$93,707,819)	70.0%	\$0
AD(FA0197) 00 2013-14 FOUNDATION AID PAYABLE	W(FA0001) 00 FOUNDATION AID BEFORE PHASE-IN	OVER/UNDER FULL FOUNDATION AID	% Fully Funded (Full Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$221,511,357	\$312,645,447	(\$91,134,090)	70.9%	\$0

The Total Underfunded since 2007-08 to current (2013-14)

Total Foundation Aid 2007-08 to 2013-14	Total Full Foundation Aid Due 2007-08 to 2013-14	Total Foundation Aid 2007-08 to 2013-14 Cumulative Over/Under Funded	Average % of Over/Under funding since 2007-08	Fair or Not, Based on "Current Foundation Aid Formula": School District Cumulative Status
\$1,514,351,856	\$2,033,323,214	(\$518,971,358)	74.5%	Underfunded

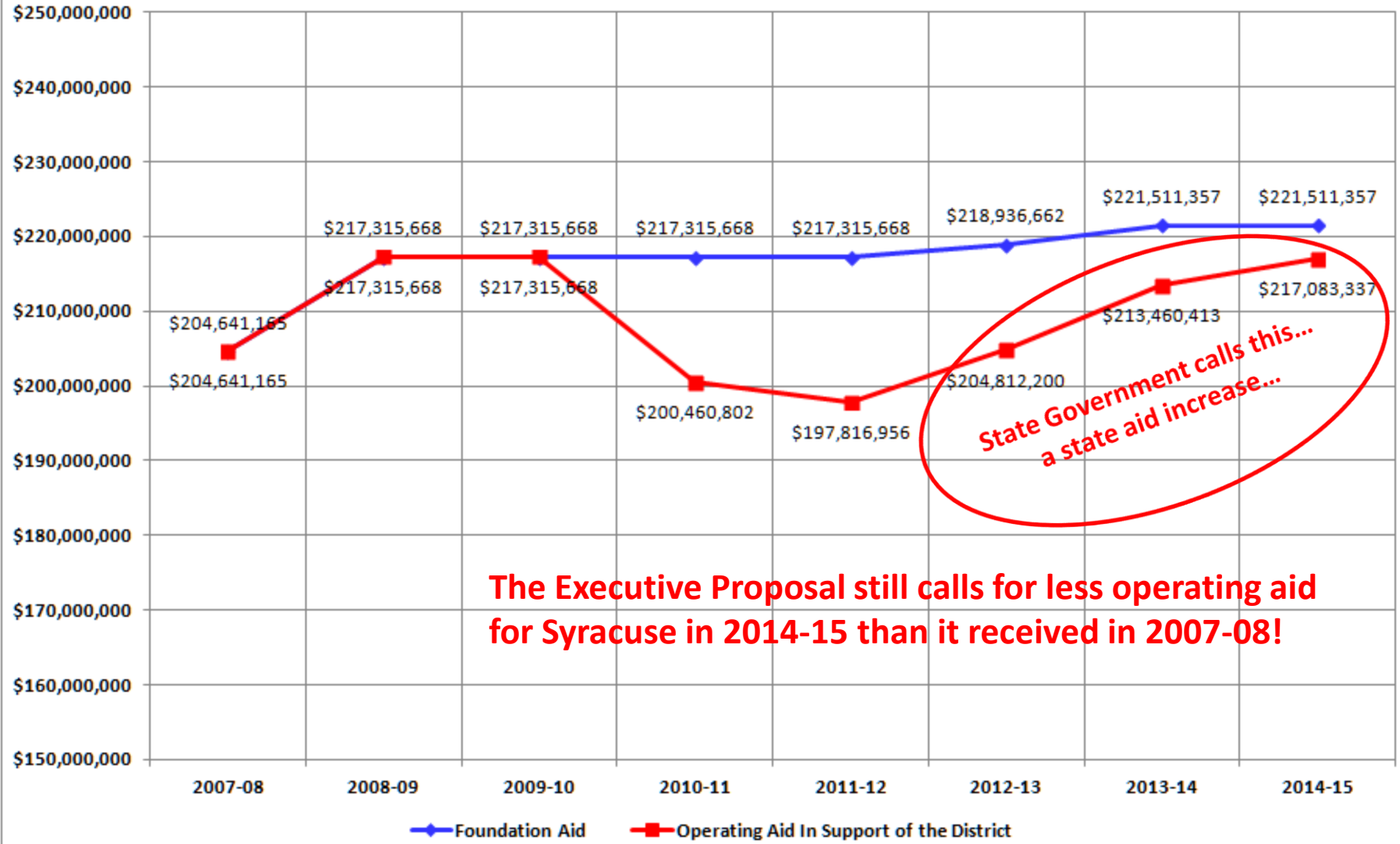
Executive Budget Proposal; FREEZE Foundation for Second Year in a Row

E(FA0197) 00 2014-15 FOUNDATION AID	W(FA0001) 00 FOUNDATION AID BEFORE PHASE-IN Executive Budget 2014-15 SSFC CALCULATION	OVER/UNDER FULL FOUNDATION AID	% Fully Funded (Full Phase -In)	OVERFUNDED FOUNDATION AID
\$221,511,357	\$313,245,857	(\$91,734,500)	70.7%	\$0

Out of 674 school districts, Syracuse has the:

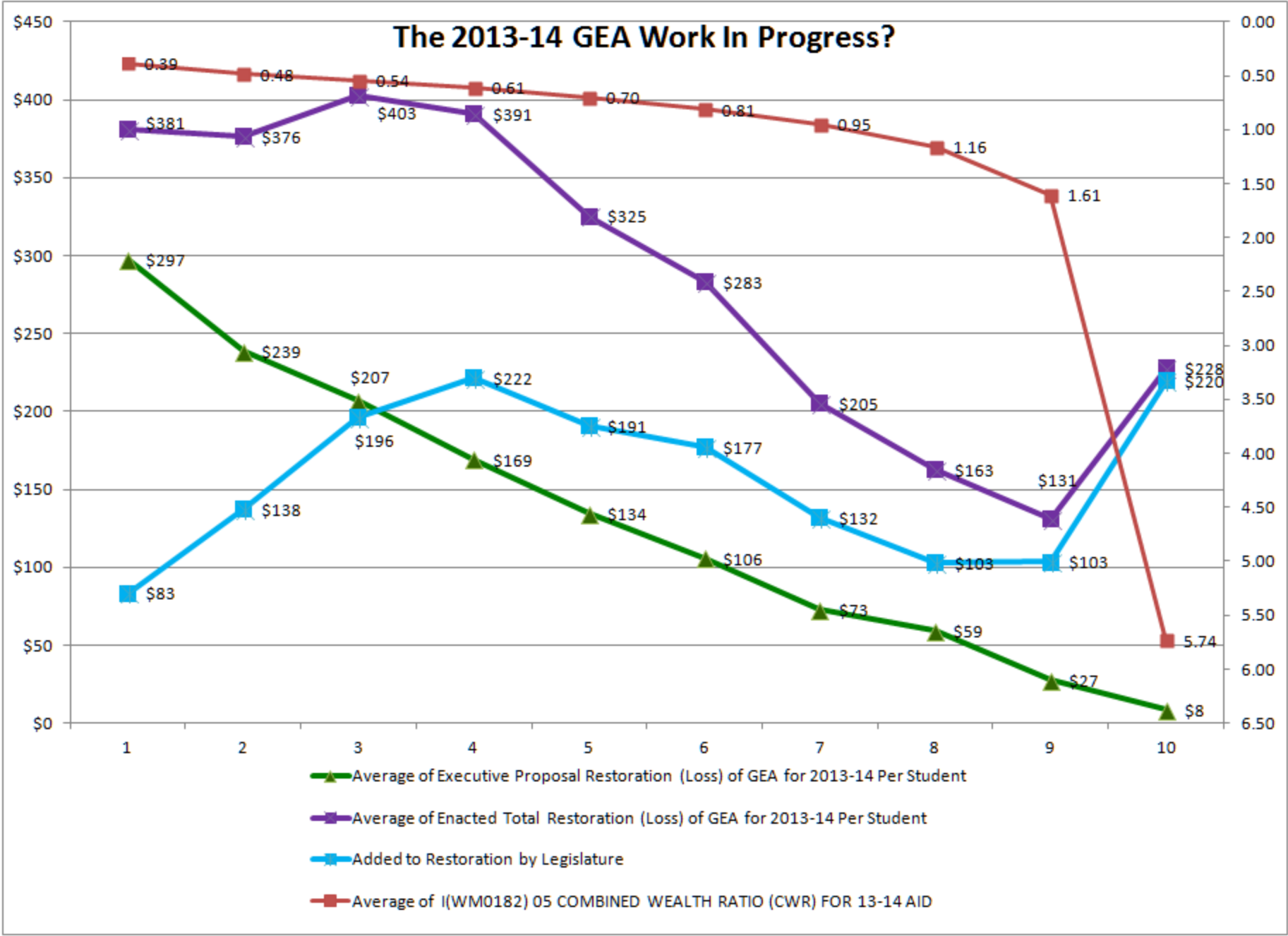
- **10 Lowest CWR in NYS (.32)**
- **13th Lowest Property values (.284)**
- **12th Lowest Income Values (.356)**
- **13th Largest Free and Reduced Lunch Population (81.54%)**
- **Yet, there are 188 school districts OVERPAID in Foundation Aid to the tune of \$165,246,445 ...and they are all wealthier than Syracuse!**

Syracuse City School District Foundation Aid Minus Gap Elimination Adjustment 2007-08 to 2014-15 Executive Budget

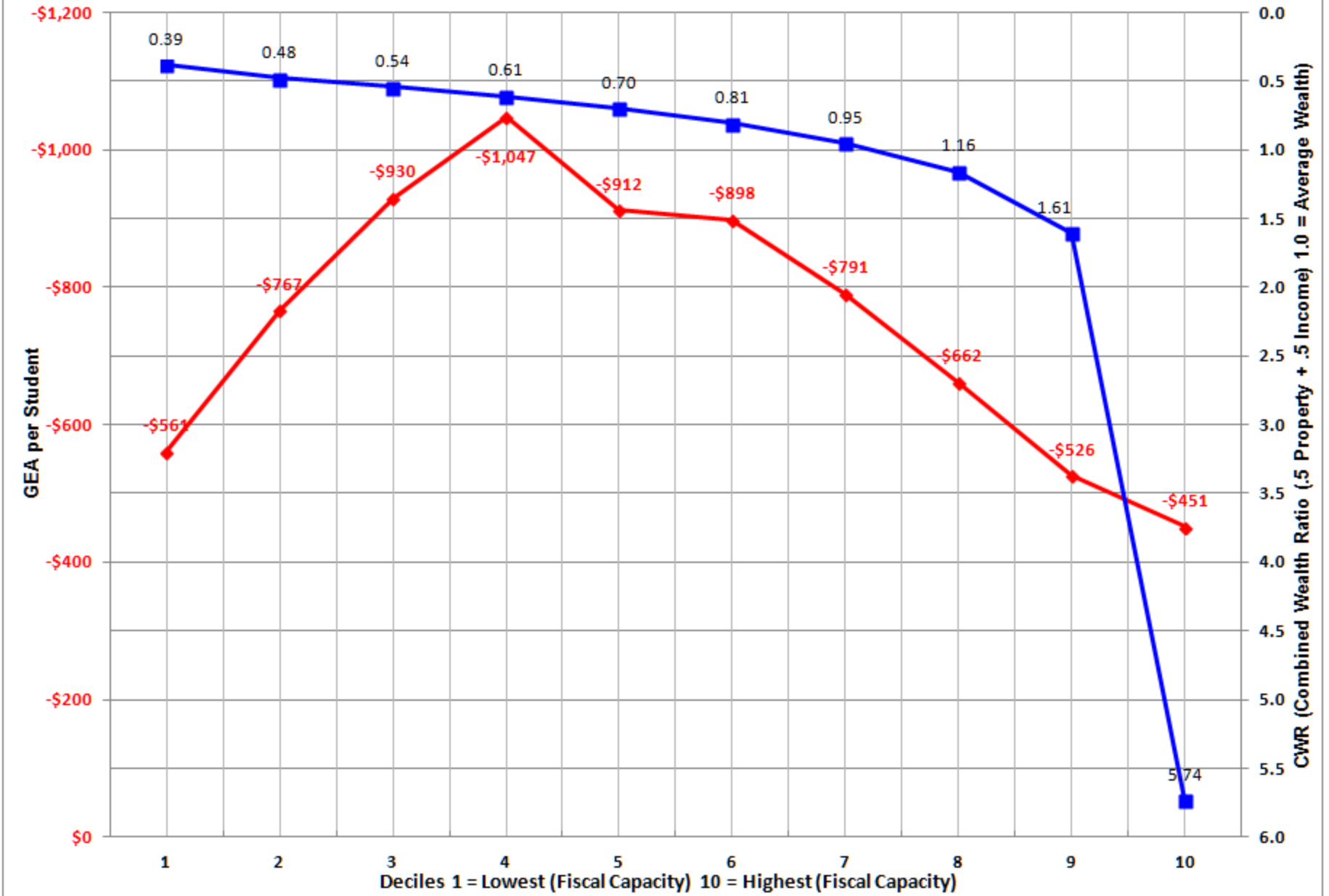


The Executive Proposal still calls for less operating aid for Syracuse in 2014-15 than it received in 2007-08!

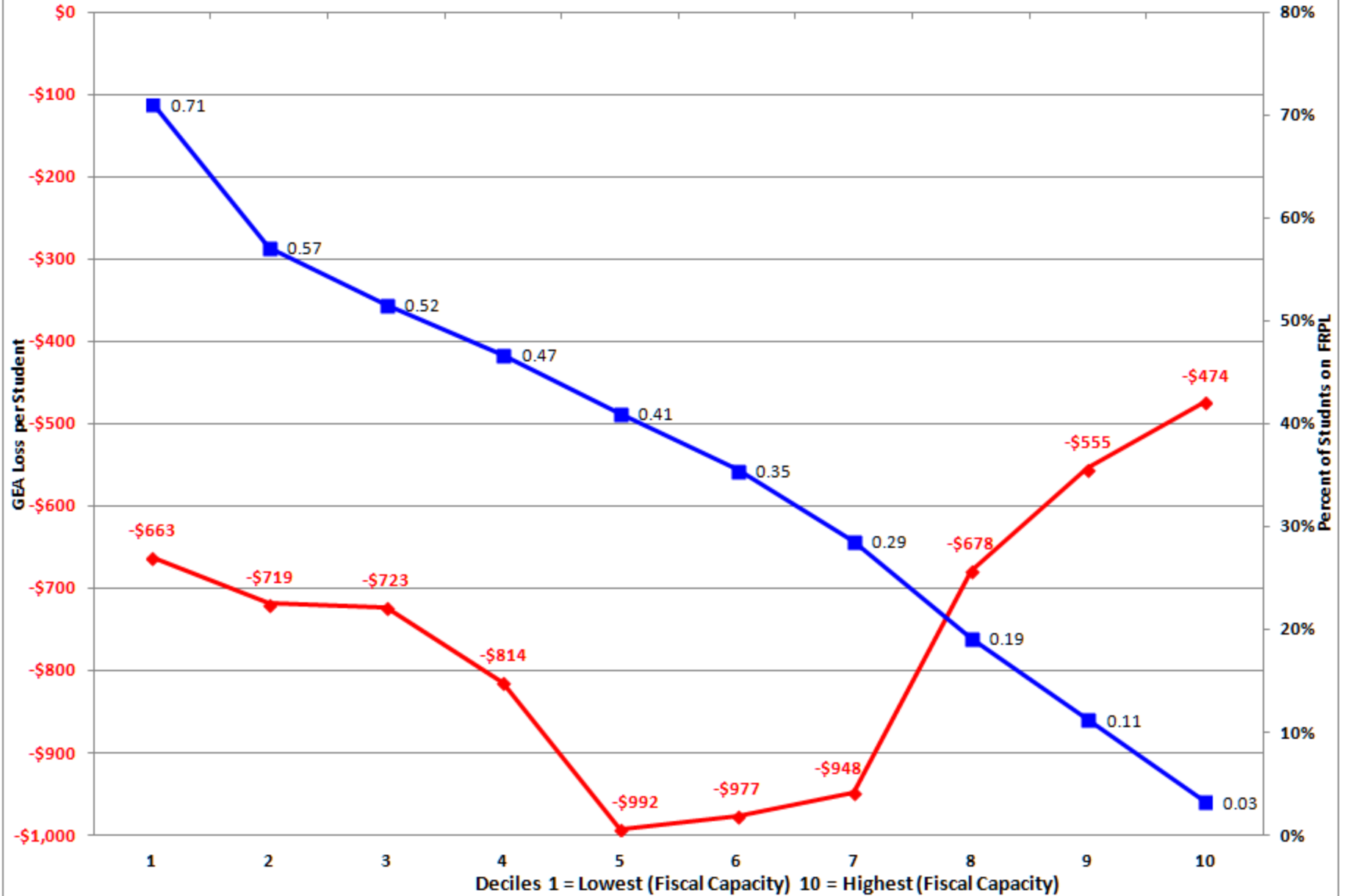
The 2013-14 GEA Work In Progress?



Distribution of 2013-14 Average per Student GEA by CWR Decile

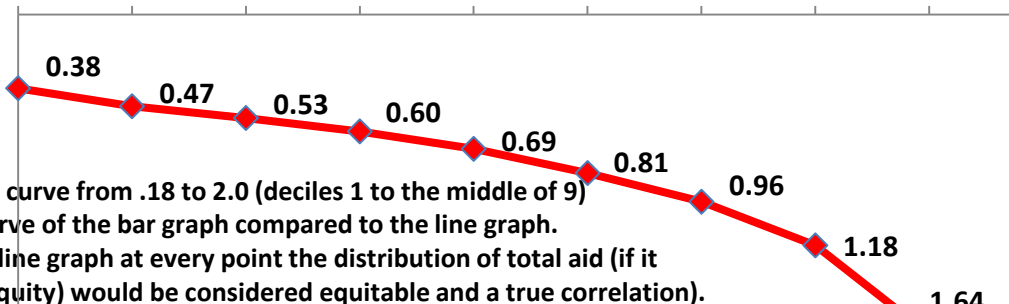


Distribution of 2013-14 Average per Student GEA by FRPL Decile



2012-13 CWR Distribution by Decile

1 = Lowest 10 = Highest



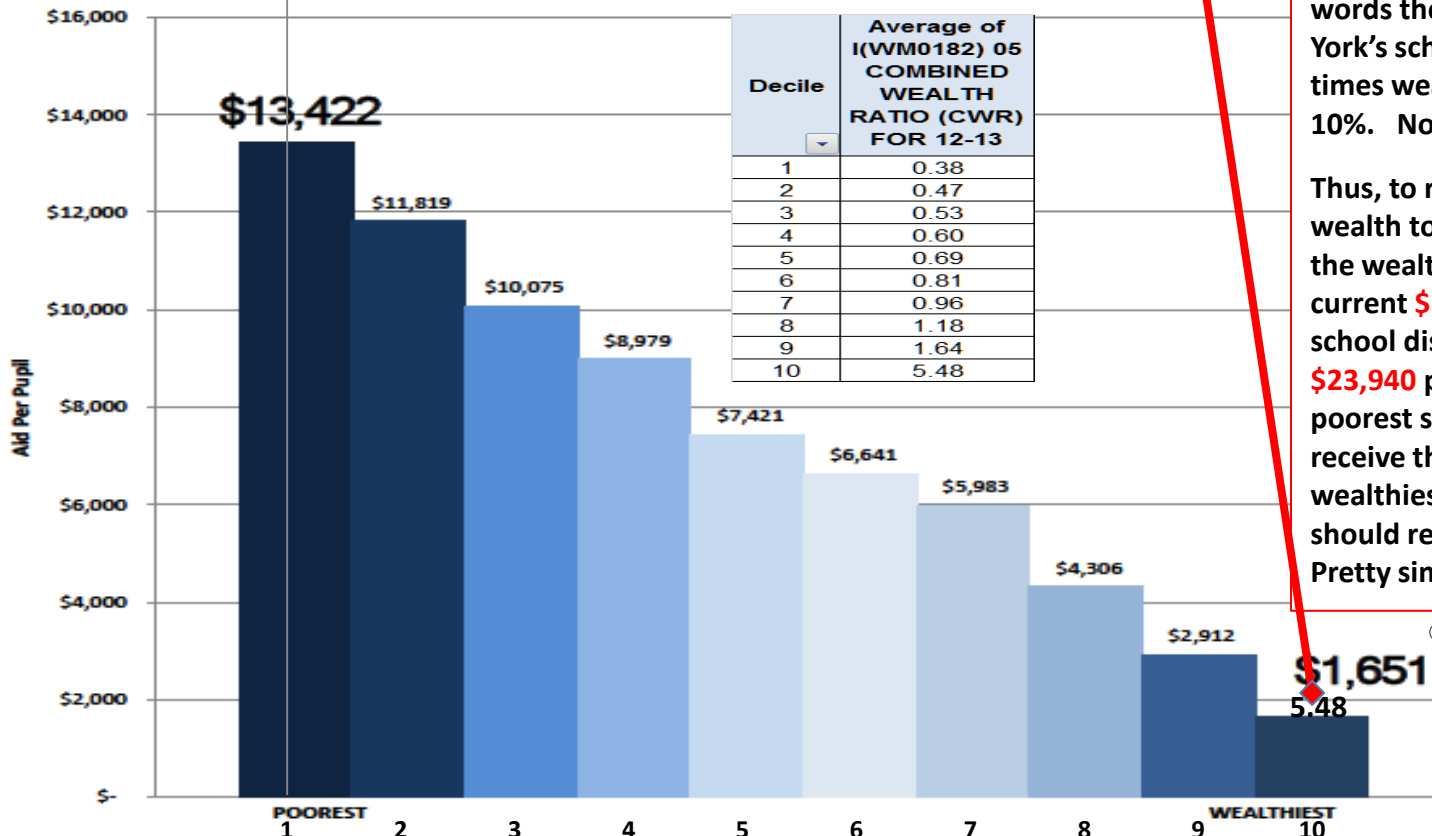
According to information supplied by the NYS Senate in February 2014 the wealthiest 10 % all districts receives on average \$1,651 per student in total state aid while the poorest 10 of all school districts receive on average \$13,422. In other words the poorest school district in New York receives **8** times the total aid of the wealthiest.

However, the poorest 10% of all school districts has a CWR of .38 while the wealthiest 10% has an average CWR of about 5.5. In other words the wealthiest 10 % of New York's school districts is almost **14.5** times wealthier than the poorest 10%. Note the ratio inequity .

Thus, to reach the same ratio of wealth to aid to determine equity -if the wealthiest were to receive the current **\$1,651**, the poorest 10% of school districts should receive about **\$23,940** per student; conversely if the poorest school district were to receive the current **\$13,422** then the wealthiest 10% of school districts should receive only **\$926** per student. Pretty simple really....

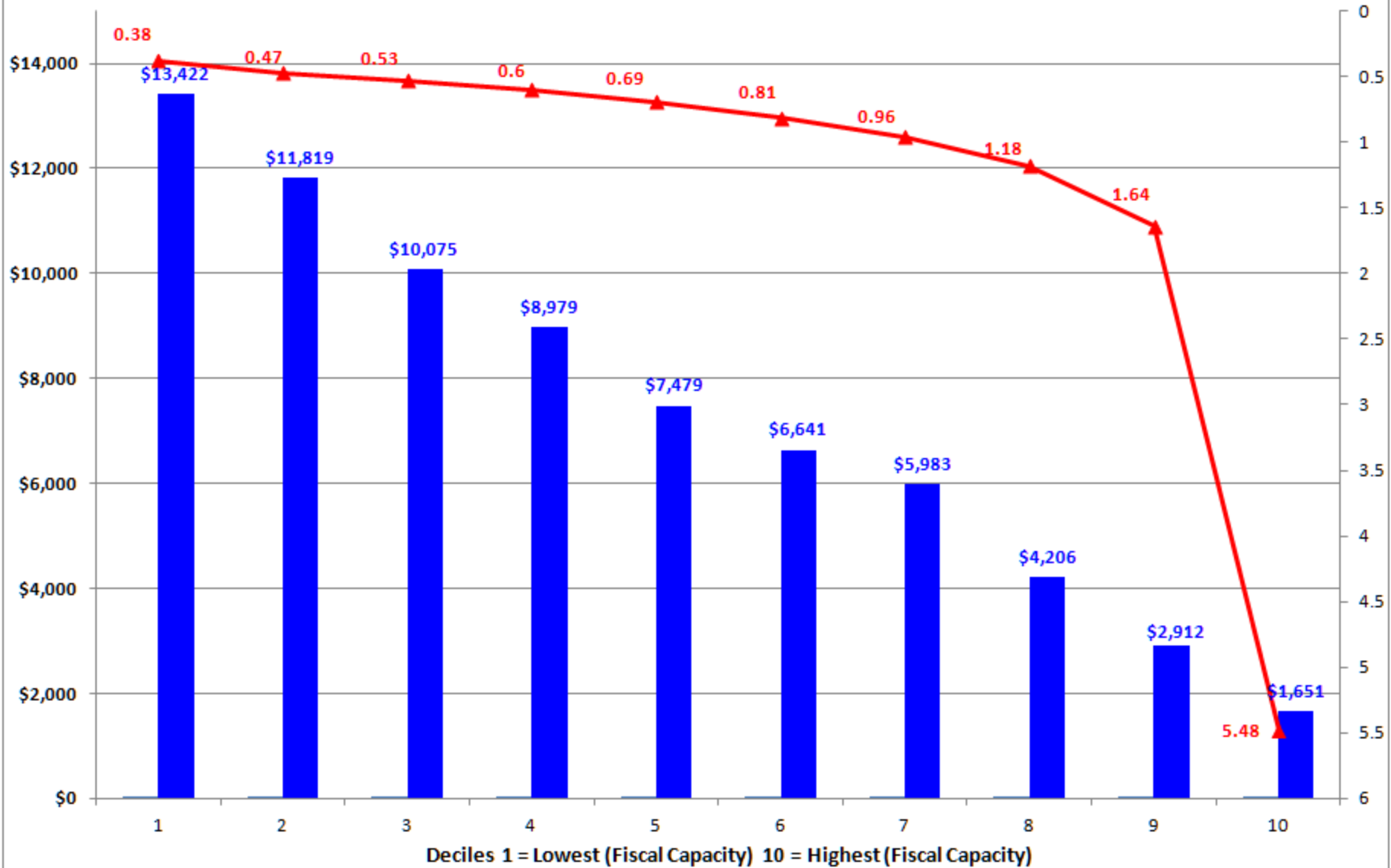
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**State Aid Per Pupil by Percentile
 2012-13**



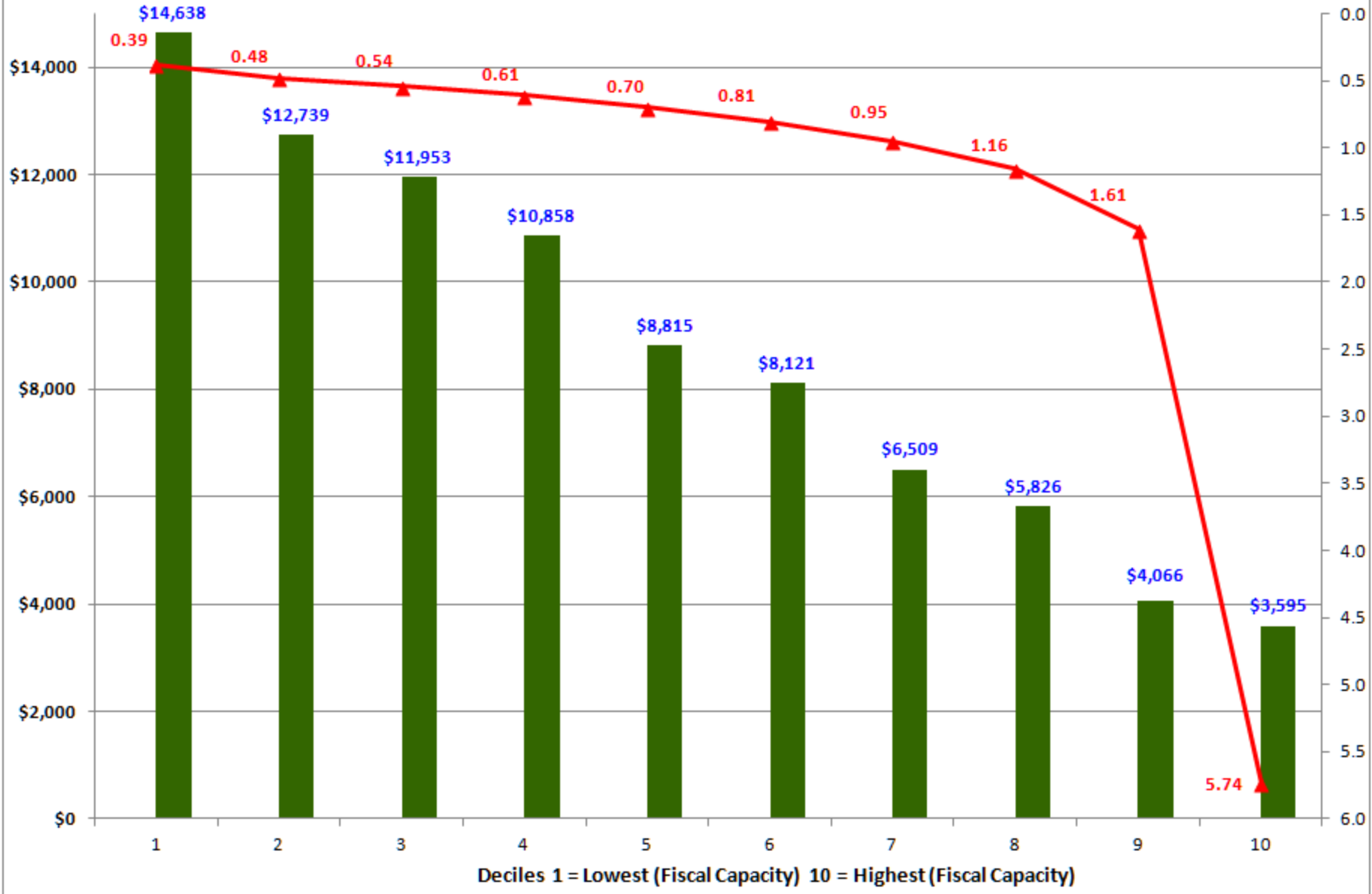
Distribution Per Pupil Aid by Decile & Average CWR per Decile 2012-13

(Source of All Aid Distribution: NYS Senate Spring 2013 to Capital Region and Questar III Superintendents
 Source of CWR Average : Calculated from SED documents by SSFC)

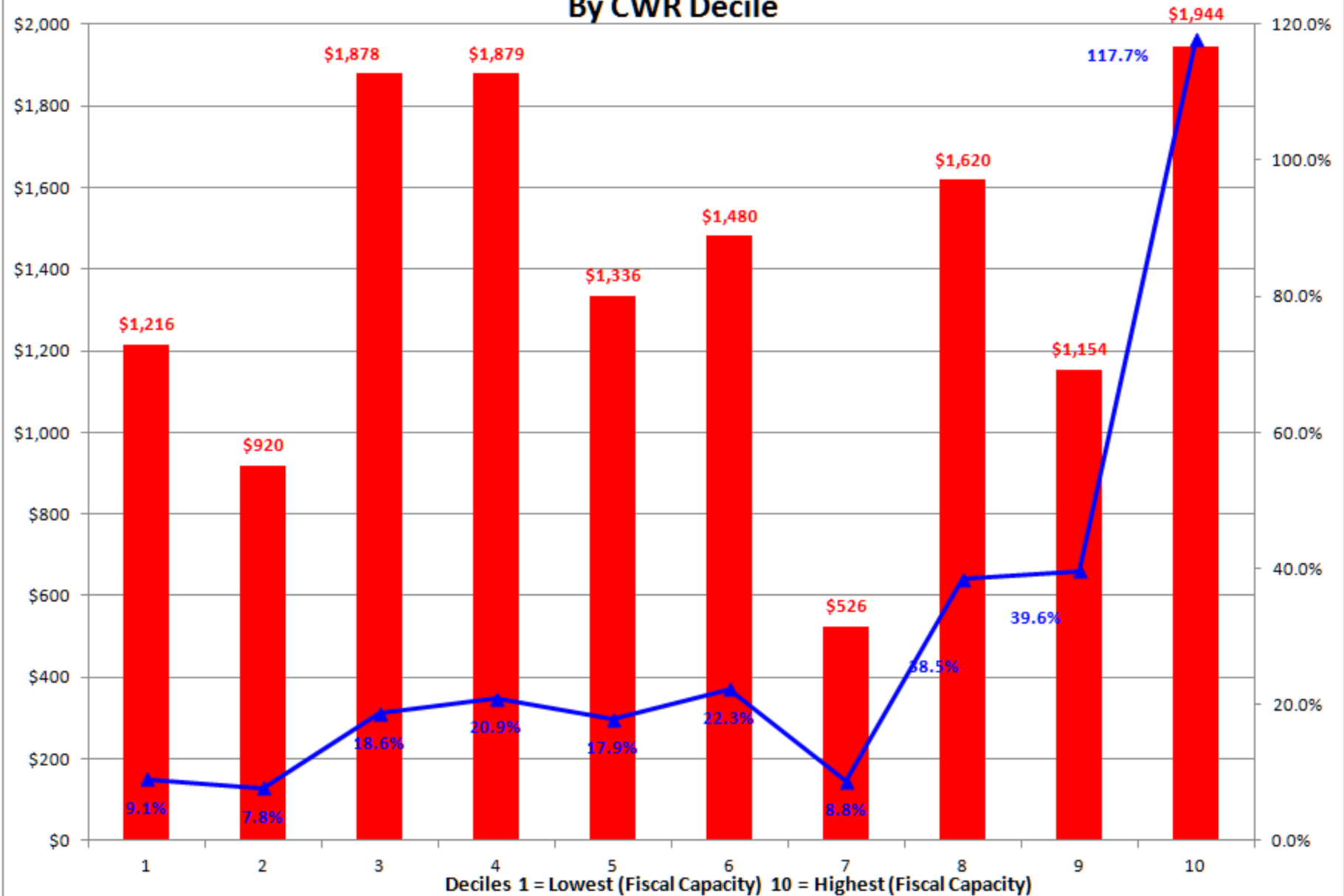


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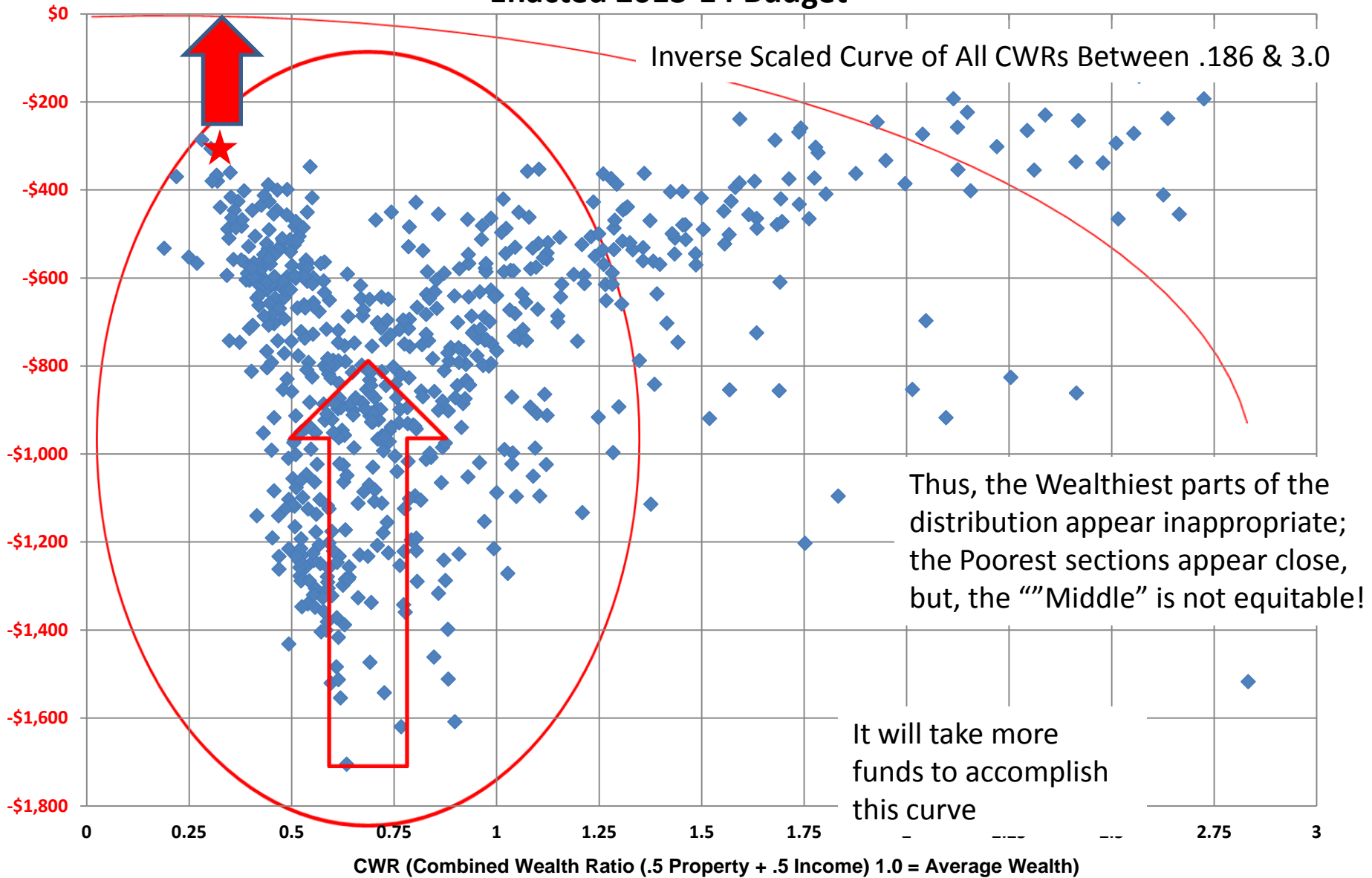
(Source of Aid Distribution & CWR Average: Calculated from SED documents by SSFC)



Dollar and Percent Changes in Total State Aid 2012-13 to 2013-14 By CWR Decile



Relationship Between GEA per Student & CWR Enacted 2013-14 Budget





This could have been a headline for the Syracuse City School District in May of 2010

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'

Martin Luther King, Jr.

RATE OF CHANGE: At the current rate of change (2013-14 increase in Foundation Aid and 2013-14 GEA Rate of Restoration)...How long to get to current calculated 2010-11 "PROMISED" levels of State Support?

	Amount Needed	Rate of Change	Complete in Years
AMOUNT NEEDED FOR FULL FOUNDATION AID*	\$3.024 Billion	\$171 Million	18 Years
CURRENT GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT (2013-14)	\$1.639 Billion	\$518 Million	4 Years
<i>(*\$137.3 million is overfunded in 2013-14 based on current formula)</i>			


*Four factors contribute to this crisis. **First**, the state share of the combined state and local educational costs has declined from 48.2% in 2001-02 to 39.3% last year. **Second**, the share of the state budget allocated to support public schools has fallen drastically over the past four years. Over the past four years the total state budget has risen \$12 Billion (from \$121.5 Billion in 2009 to \$133.5 Billion for 2012). **Over the same four years PK-12 education funding has fallen by over \$1 Billion.** **When the state diminishes their support for public education low wealth school districts are immediately impacted. These districts have less property wealth behind every student and cannot overcome a pullback in state support.**”*

Dr. Bruce Frasier, Executive Director Rural Schools Association. See more about the Rural Schools Association and their 2014 legislative Position Statement at: <http://education.cornell.edu/rsa/statement.html>

“State government has offered no formal, recognizable or constitutionally suitable plan moving forward that addresses the short and long term reform and fiscal sustenance of the state’s nearly 700 school districts. Rather, there is a jumble of vague and improvisational strategies aimed at the survival of hundreds of battered and bruised fiscal and educational entities having low fiscal capacity and higher levels of poverty. The issue will not wait.”

Timbs, R.G. (2012) The Numbers Don’t Lie: The Current Crisis of New York State School District Finances. East Syracuse NY. Statewide School Finance Consortium. Central New York School Boards Association. http://www.statewideonline.org/data/SSFC_2012_Whitepaper_FINAL_9-26-2012.pdf

**Then there's the income tax rebate plan ...
Here's how it works...**

 AA(FA0185) 00 2014-15 GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT (Executive Budget) DABT1213s	I(WM0182) 05 COMBINED WEALTH RATIO (CWR) FOR 14-15 AID	M(PC0260) 04 LUNCH %, K-6, 3- YEAR AVG.	GEA as % of 2012-13 Budget	GEA as % of 2012- 13	Tax Cap Tax REBATE (1.46%)	Total Local Community Net Loss or Gain	Total Local Community Net Loss or Gain per Student	Tax Cap Tax REBATE (1.46%) per Student	
SCARSDALE	-\$771,662	3.981	0.000	-0.5%	0.6%	\$1,927,745	\$1,156,083	\$242	\$403
EAST HAMPTON	-\$425,619	7.635	0.2626	-0.7%	0.9%	\$682,522	\$256,903	\$135	\$357
CHAPPAQUA	-\$1,094,480	2.3	0.0177	-1.0%	1.1%	\$1,505,420	\$410,940	\$102	\$374
JERICO	-\$803,948	2.589	0.0258	-0.7%	0.8%	\$1,559,455	\$755,507	\$248	\$513
NORTH SHORE	-\$744,224	2.168	0.0485	-0.8%	0.9%	\$1,263,771	\$519,547	\$190	\$461
SYRACUSE	-\$4,428,020	0.32	0.8154	-1.2%	6.9%	\$943,422	-\$3,484,598	-\$159	\$43


UNACCEPTABLE

Syracuse has 21,861 students, much lower property and income wealth, significantly greater poverty than almost all districts in NYS. Yet, Syracuse has over 4 1/2 times the students in Scarsdale, almost 11 1/2 times the students in East Hampton, almost 5 1/2 times the students in Chappaqua, more than 7 times the students in Jericho, almost 8 times the students in North Shore; and still **LOSES!**

All with money from the state coffers... It's Robin Hood In Reverse!

STAR Differentials: Sample Impact

2004 STAR Differentials	http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/diff.htm										
County	Factor	BASIS	EXEMPT	TAX ON TRUE							
				\$10	\$13	\$16	\$19	\$22	\$25	\$28	\$31
Rest of NYS	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300	\$390	\$480	\$570	\$660	\$750	\$840	\$930
Albany	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300	\$390	\$480	\$570	\$660	\$750	\$840	\$930
Columbia	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300	\$390	\$480	\$570	\$660	\$750	\$840	\$930
Saratoga	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300	\$390	\$480	\$570	\$660	\$750	\$840	\$930
Ulster	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300	\$390	\$480	\$570	\$660	\$750	\$840	\$930
Orange	1.2264	\$30,000	\$36,792	\$368	\$478	\$589	\$699	\$809	\$920	\$1,030	\$1,141
Dutchess	1.3926	\$30,000	\$41,778	\$418	\$543	\$668	\$794	\$919	\$1,044	\$1,170	\$1,295
Suffolk	1.7274	\$30,000	\$51,822	\$518	\$674	\$829	\$985	\$1,140	\$1,296	\$1,451	\$1,606
New York City	1.854	\$30,000	\$55,620	\$556	\$723	\$890	\$1,057	\$1,224	\$1,391	\$1,557	\$1,724
Putnam	1.8661	\$30,000	\$55,983	\$560	\$728	\$896	\$1,064	\$1,232	\$1,400	\$1,568	\$1,735
Nassau	2.0506	\$30,000	\$61,518	\$615	\$800	\$984	\$1,169	\$1,353	\$1,538	\$1,723	\$1,907
Rockland	2.1604	\$30,000	\$64,812	\$648	\$843	\$1,037	\$1,231	\$1,426	\$1,620	\$1,815	\$2,009
Westchester	2.7724	\$30,000	\$83,172	\$832	\$1,081	\$1,331	\$1,580	\$1,830	\$2,079	\$2,329	\$2,578
STAR REBATE AMOUNTS											

2013 STAR Differential	 http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/diff.htm										
County	Factor	BASIS	EXEMPT	TAX ON TRUE							
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Rest of State	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300	\$390	\$480	\$570	\$660	\$750	\$840	\$930
Albany	1.0312	\$30,000	\$30,936	\$309	\$402	\$495	\$588	\$681	\$773	\$866	\$959
Columbia	1.0668	\$30,000	\$32,004	\$320	\$416	\$512	\$608	\$704	\$800	\$896	\$992
Ulster	1.1299	\$30,000	\$33,897	\$339	\$441	\$542	\$644	\$746	\$847	\$949	\$1,051
Saratoga	1.3301	\$30,000	\$39,903	\$399	\$519	\$638	\$758	\$878	\$998	\$1,117	\$1,237
Orange	1.3611	\$30,000	\$40,833	\$408	\$531	\$653	\$776	\$898	\$1,021	\$1,143	\$1,266
Dutchess	1.468	\$30,000	\$44,040	\$440	\$573	\$705	\$837	\$969	\$1,101	\$1,233	\$1,365
Putnam	1.8061	\$30,000	\$54,183	\$542	\$704	\$867	\$1,029	\$1,192	\$1,355	\$1,517	\$1,680
Suffolk	1.8827	\$30,000	\$56,481	\$565	\$734	\$904	\$1,073	\$1,243	\$1,412	\$1,581	\$1,751
Rockland	2.1567	\$30,000	\$64,701	\$647	\$841	\$1,035	\$1,229	\$1,423	\$1,618	\$1,812	\$2,006
Nassau	2.2955	\$30,000	\$68,865	\$689	\$895	\$1,102	\$1,308	\$1,515	\$1,722	\$1,928	\$2,135
New York City	2.4048	\$30,000	\$72,144	\$721	\$938	\$1,154	\$1,371	\$1,587	\$1,804	\$2,020	\$2,236
Westchester	3.1631	\$30,000	\$94,893	\$949	\$1,234	\$1,518	\$1,803	\$2,088	\$2,372	\$2,657	\$2,942
STAR REBATE AMOUNTS											

STAR's Impact & Growth

- The **\$3.2 billion in STAR funding** distributed in **2012-13** represents 16% of the total funding that flows from the New York State to local school districts.
- STAR Funding was increased by \$133M in the 2014 State Budget. Projections for future year increases are \$183M (2015), \$102M (2016), and \$103M 2017. **But how is this money distributed?**
- Since its' inception in 1998-99 **STAR** funding has increased by more than 475% (\$589M. To \$3.4B) (Avg. 31.67% annually). *Over the same time period ALL State Aid* which is allocated [more] rationally (taking into account student needs and equalizing based upon local wealth) has grown by less than 75% (Avg. 5% annually). **Fairly? NO!**

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Distributional Concerns (cont.)

Rockville Center vs. Syracuse 2010-11

Rockville Ctr.-3,557 Students

- **\$7.331 M. STAR**
- **\$2,061 /Pupil STAR**
- **\$25,500 PP Expend.**
- **1.880 CWR**
- **\$361,840 Income/Pupil**
- **\$16.23 Local Effort**
- **Low Needs**

Syracuse-19,961 Students

- **\$7.216 M. STAR**
- **\$362 /Pupil STAR**
- **\$18,637 PP Expend.**
- **.294 CWR**
- **\$65,297 Income/Pupil**
- **\$18.52 Local Effort**
- **Large City**

STAR Aid:

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Distributional Concerns (cont.)

Northport vs. Syracuse 2010-11

Northport-6,368 Students

- **\$9.756 M. STAR**
- **\$1,532 /Pupil STAR**
- **\$22,676 PP Expend.**
- **1.819 CWR**
- **\$233,658 Income/Pupil**
- **\$12.41 Local Effort**
- **Low Needs**

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Distributional Concerns (cont.)

New Rochelle vs. Syracuse 2010-11

New Rochelle-10,982 Stud.

- **\$21.888 M. STAR**
- **\$1,993 /Pupil STAR**
- **\$21,741 PP Expend.**
- **1.600 CWR**
- **\$286,885 Income/Pupil**
- **\$13.94 Local Effort**
- **Average Needs**

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Distributional Concerns (cont.)

Yonkers vs. Syracuse 2010-11

Yonkers-24,002 Stud.

- **\$37.501 M. STAR**
- **\$1,532 /Pupil STAR**
- **\$19,604 PP Expend.**
- **1.052 CWR**
- **\$157,485 Income/Pupil**
- **\$9.59 Local Effort**
- **Large City**

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A Decade Change: Per Pupil STAR 2000-01 vs. 2010-11

District	Per Pupil STAR 2000-01	Per Pupil STAR 2010-11	\$ Change
Rockville Ctr.	\$894	\$2,061	\$1,167
Northport	\$843	\$1,532	\$689
New Rochelle	\$1,220	\$1,993	\$773
Syracuse	\$226	\$362	\$136

STAR Aid: Distributional Concerns

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The Ask –Governor, Legislators & Board of Regents

- SSFC Legislative Agenda 2014-15 ---This agenda addresses priorities:
- State Aid Distributions that have *Equity, Sufficiency and Timeliness*
- 1.) Get rid of the **GEA** now.
- 2.) Provide Adequate and Timely support to Needy School Districts to meet the state's constitutional obligation to provide a “sound basic education”
 - Any formula must include a distribution that that takes into account both **Poverty and Fiscal Capacity**
 - Remove any and all money for non-essential programs
 - Avoid all temptation to divert funds for political purpose
 - Do not recreate the shares agreement with additional Foundation Aid
 - Reallocate Bullet aid to the reduction of the GEA
- 3.) Form or repurpose a **qualified non-political commission** that will propose legislation for:
 - the creation of an equitable, adequate and sustainable **Foundation Aid formula** for 2015-16
 - additional funds for Kindergarten and Pre K programs
 - Additional funds ESL, STEM, CTE, Extended Learning Time, Professional Development (everything the wealth offer)
- 4.) The **Board of Regents** must also action to support your effort:
 - State aid distributions as proposed above
 - Mandate Relief

- The *New NY Education Reform Commission* missed the boat so you have to get busy
- You've got until March 1 to influence Legislation for the Enacted Budget
- You've got until about April 1 to influence Your School District Budget
- You've got until May 21, 2014 (May 20, 2014) to influence Your School District Residents

What's your plan?
What are you waiting for?

Coupled with the story of Your Budget, to whom do you *request* and *enlist* assistance?

START A TELEPHONE TREE

GET ORGANIZED!

START EMAIL BLASTS

- The Board of Education*
 - All Staff*
 - All Unions*
- Booster Clubs, Band Sports, etc.*
- Parent- Teacher Organizations*
- *School Auditor, School Attorney*
 - Board of Regents*
 - District Superintendent*
 - Chamber of Commerce*
- Other Groups- Rotary, Lions, American Legion, VFW*
 - Workforce Investment Board*
 - Local Governments-Towns, Villages, County*
- Media- Print, Radio, TV, Internet, Facebook, Tweets, Blogs, Editorials*
 - Legislators: State Senate, NYS Assembly, County*
 - Commissions, Hearings, Public Meeting*

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