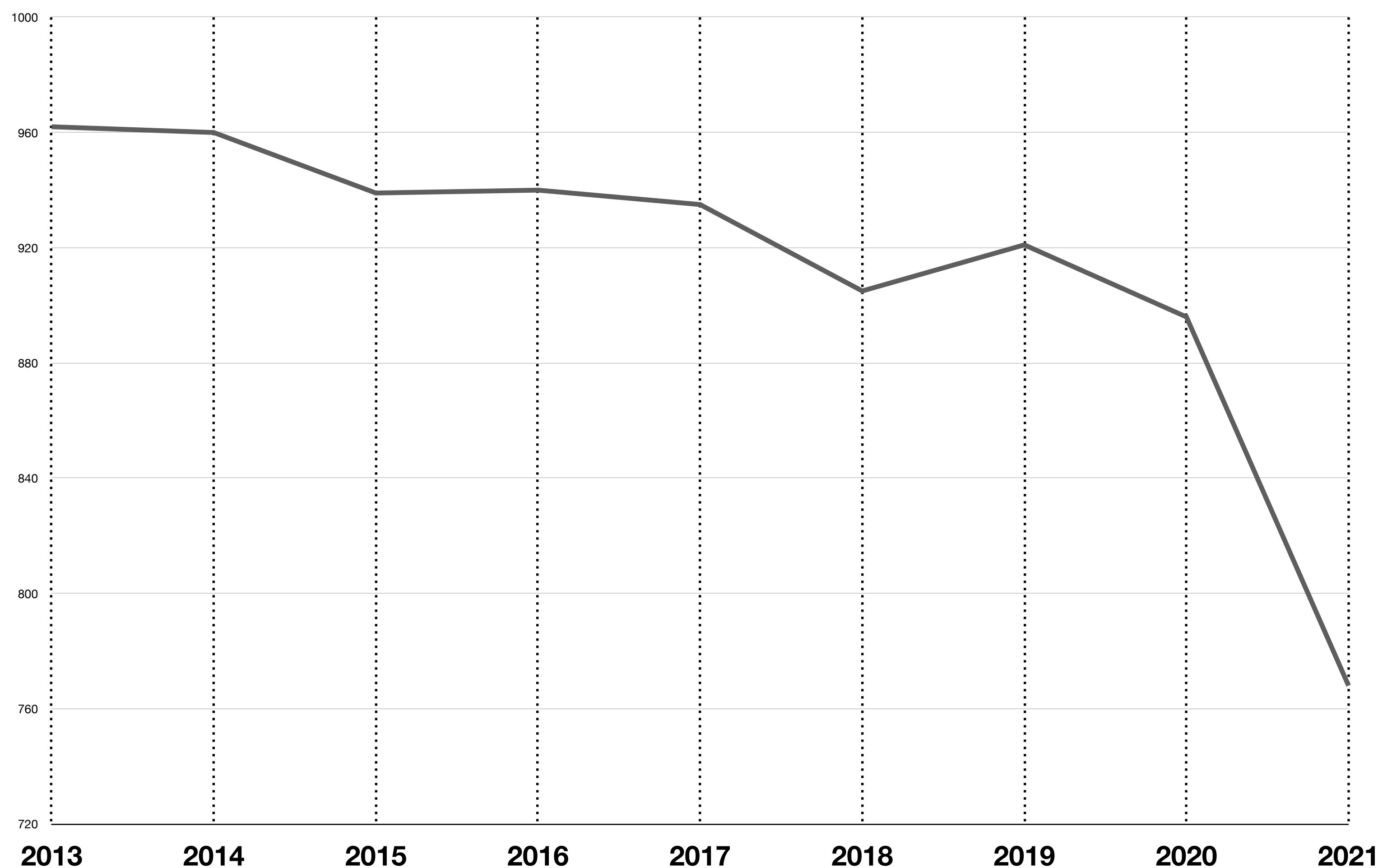


# SHRSD CHALLENGES

- Severely Declining Student Population
- Poor Standardized Test Scores
  - 2019 Test Scores Very Poor
  - Pandemic Made Situation Worse
- 2/3rd of West Amwell's Taxes Go To Schools
  - BOE members control a vast budget
- Undisciplined \$27 Million/Year Spend
- Spend/student Soared +\$10,000 in 7 Years

# Severely Declining Local Student Population



**-152 Students**  
**18% Decline**

Local students are fleeing our district



— Student Census From 2022 Comprehensive Financial Audit

# Poor Standardized Test Scores

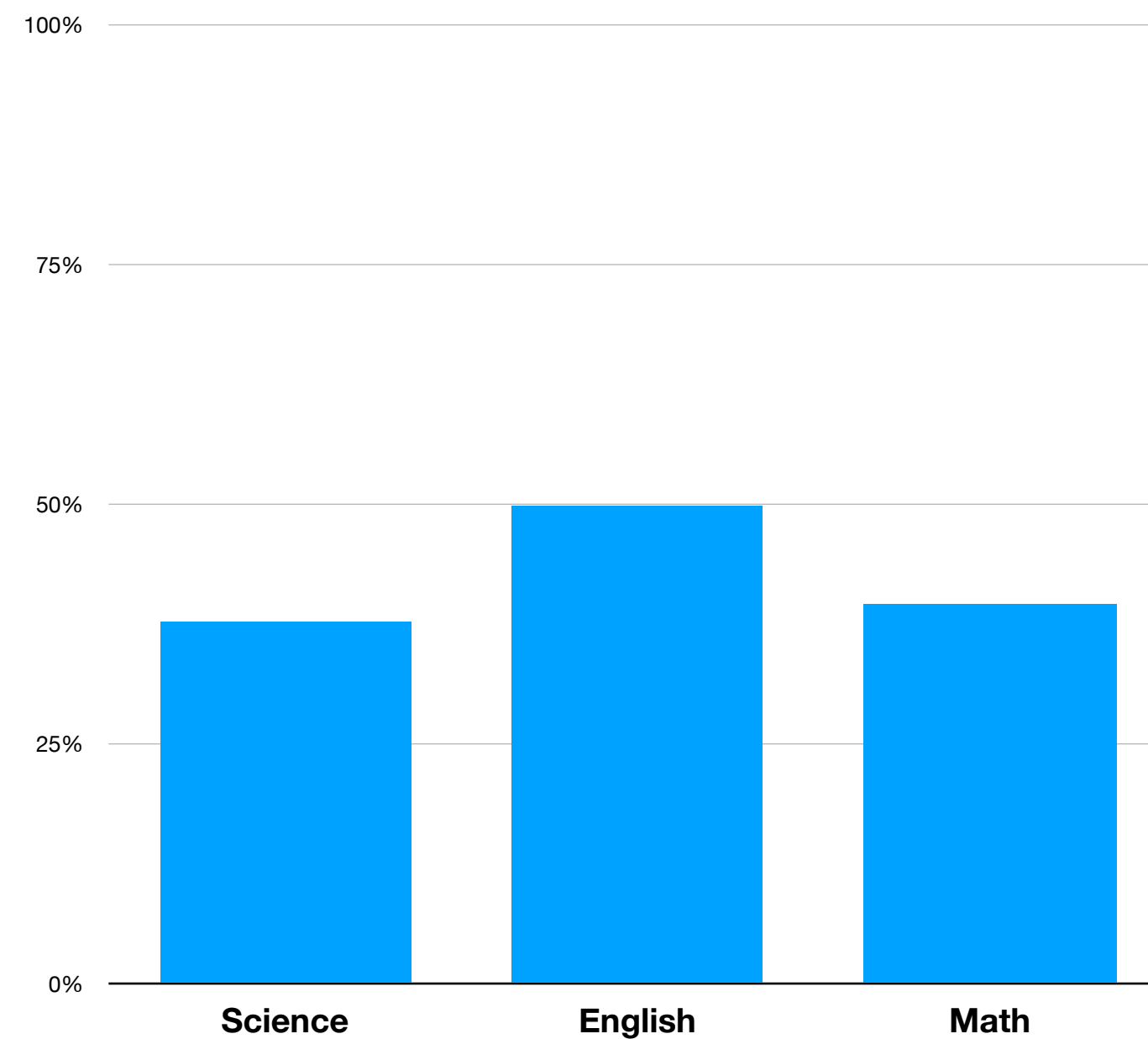
## 2019 State Standardized Test Results

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

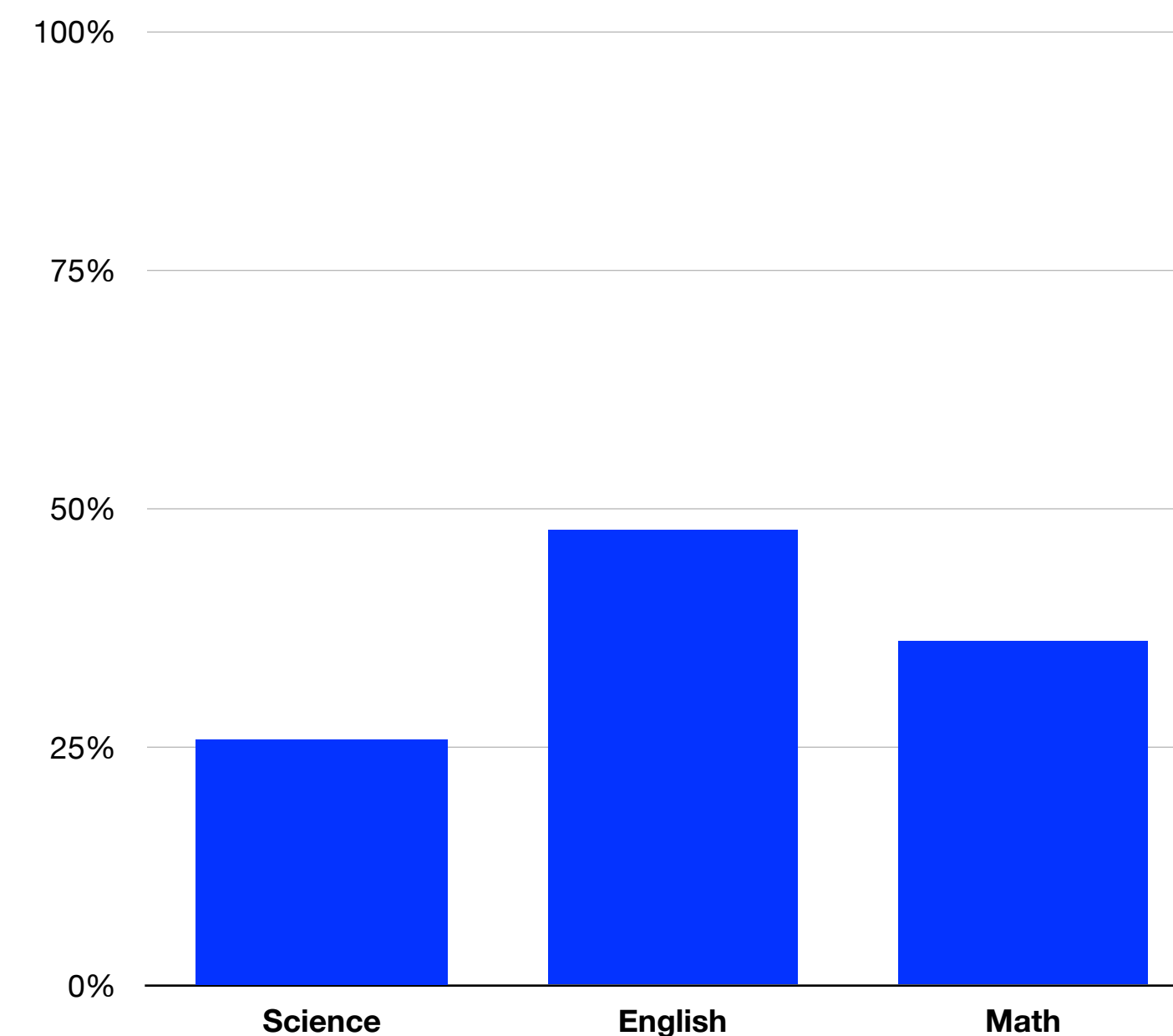
**Majority of Elementary Students ARE NOT Proficient In \*Any\* Subject**

The majority of our elementary school students are not proficient in Math, Science, or English. Science Proficiency less than 30%, Math less than 40%, English below 50%.

■ West Amwell Elementary School % Students Proficient



■ Lambertville Public School % Students Proficient



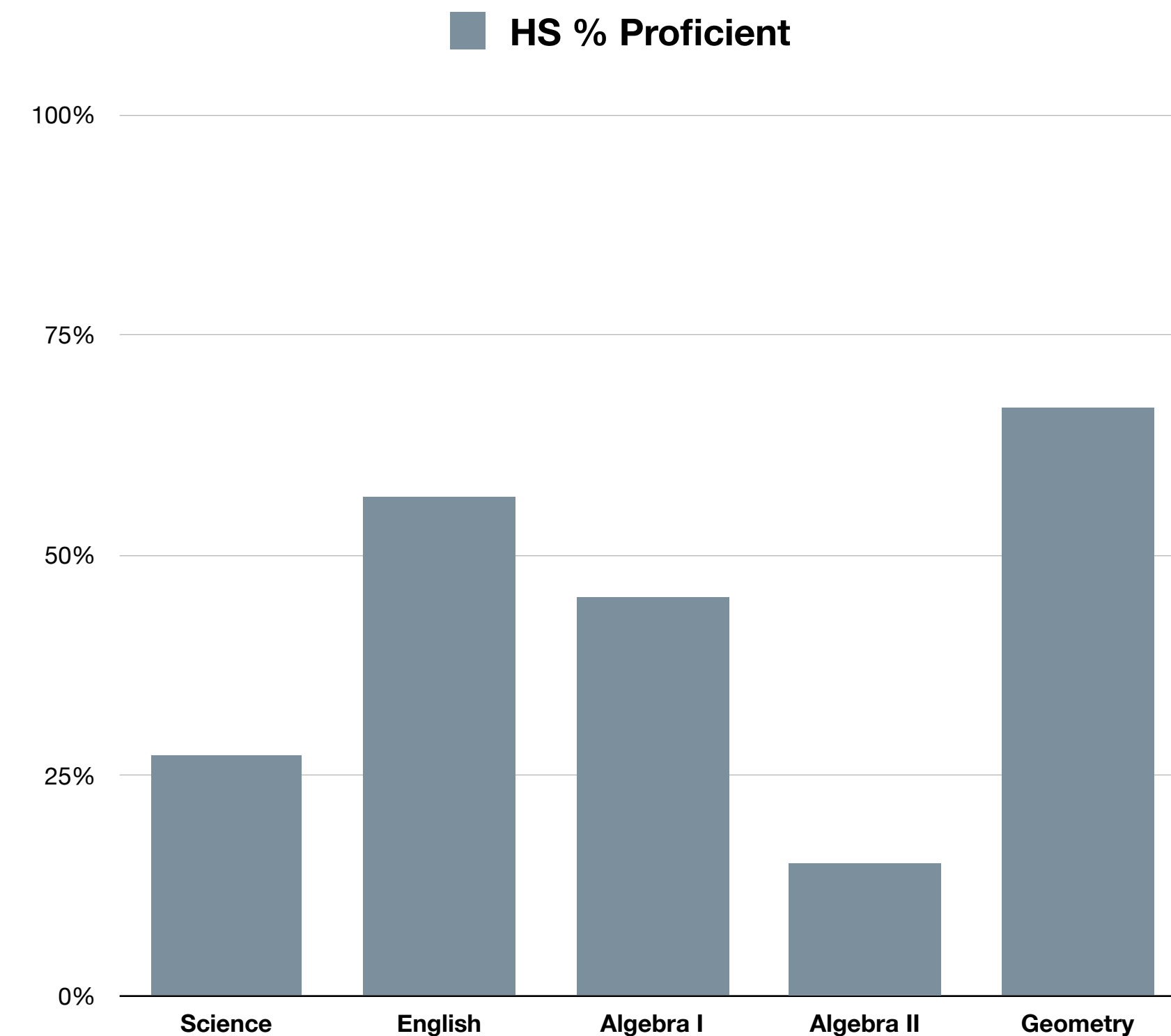
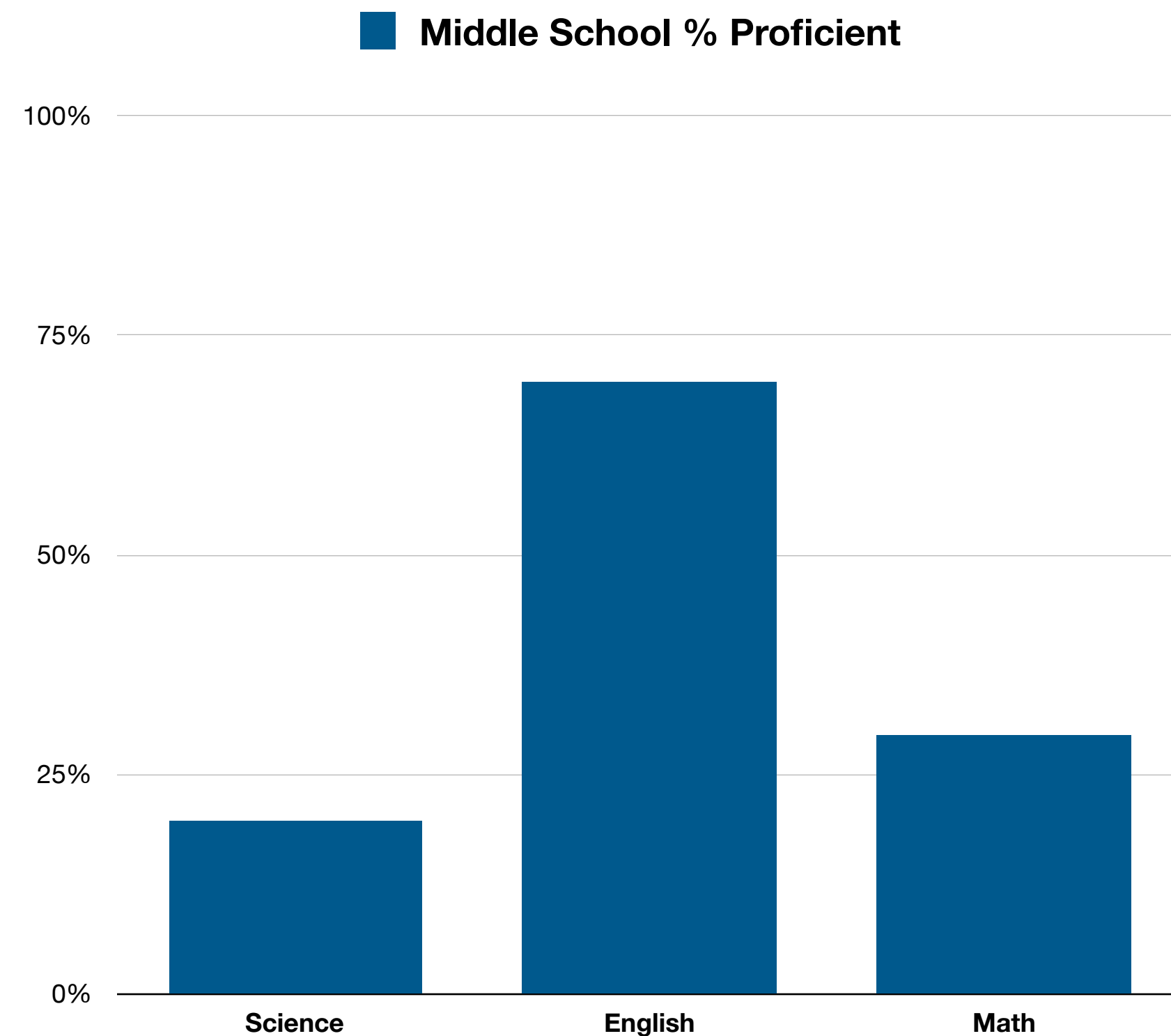
# Poor Standardized Test Scores

## 2019 State Standardized Test Results

### MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOLS

**Extremely Low Math & Science Scores. Not prepared for STEM careers.**

75% of our upper school students are not proficient in science. A full 85% of our high school students are not proficient in Algebra II. English Proficiency drops from 70% at the middle school level to below 60% in high school.



# Poor Standardized Test Scores

## 2022 Post-Covid Assessment

Percentage of Students who need “Strong Support” to Recover Academically

**WAS**

**65%** need help in **MATH**  
**21%** need help in **SCIENCE**  
**35%** need help in **ENGLISH**

**MS/HS**

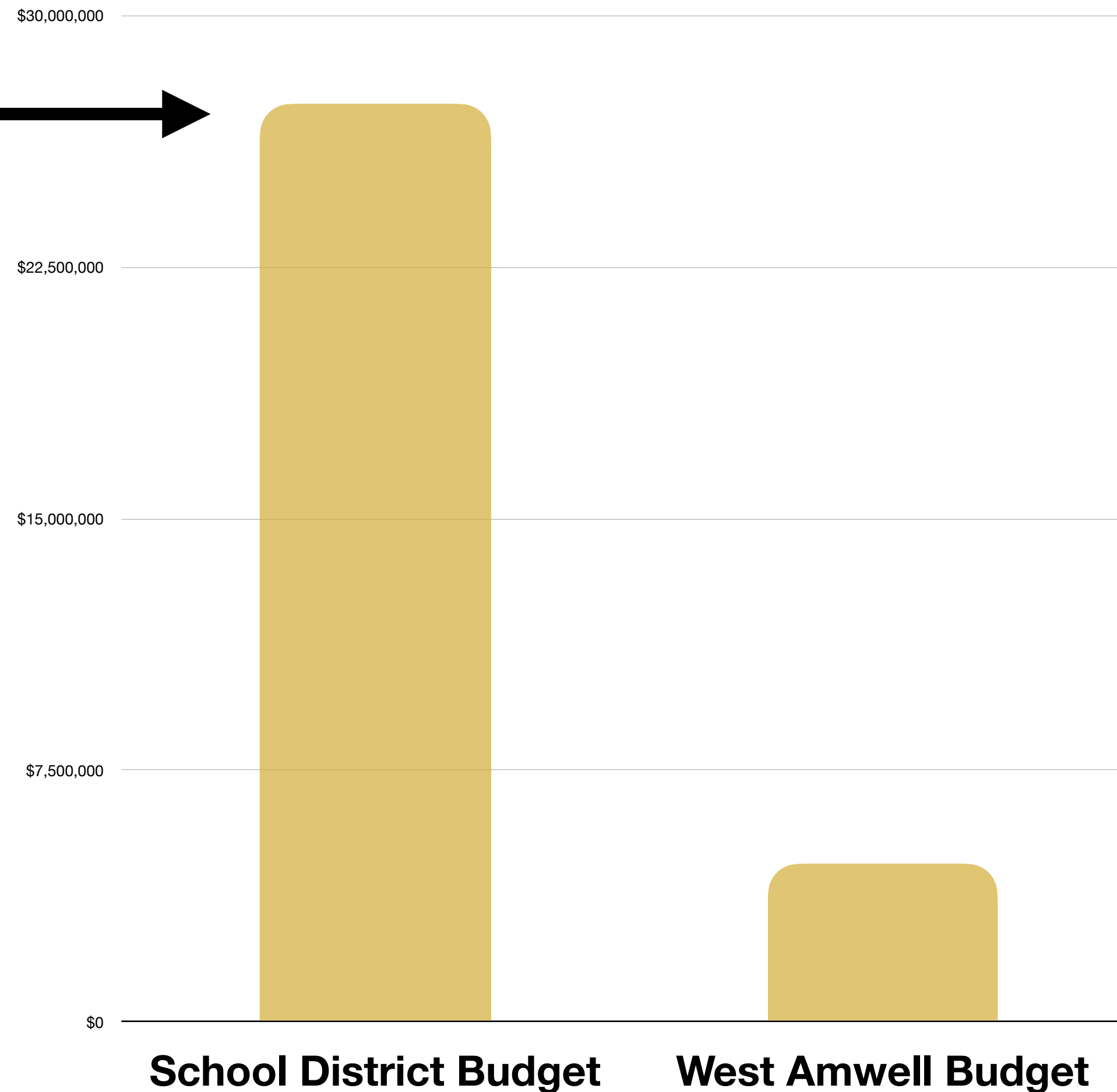
**56%** need help in **MATH**  
**47%** need help in **SCIENCE**  
**65%** need help in **ENGLISH**

% of Students who scored in the lowest category in Fall 2022 Start Strong State Assessment

# School budget 5x larger than municipal

**\$27 million**

SHRSD Total Budget vs. \$4.7 million  
for West Amwell Township



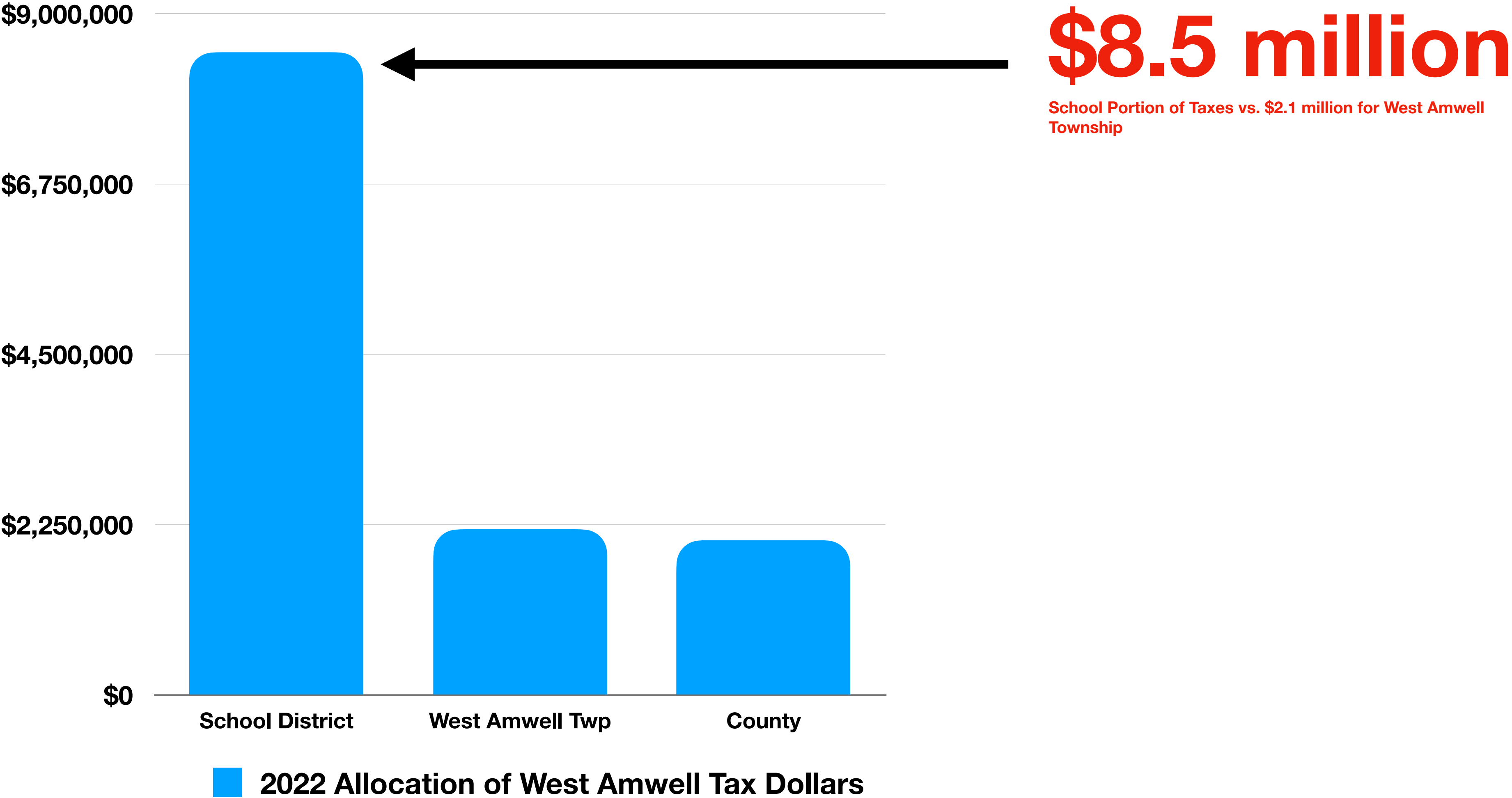
■ 2022 Total Budget from all Revenue Sources

**This is a serious responsibility.**

Our previous BOE members have indicated they are merely “volunteers” here to “help the community”.

In reality, they are **uncompensated elected officials** who control a **vast budget** that has an enormous impact on our children’s futures.

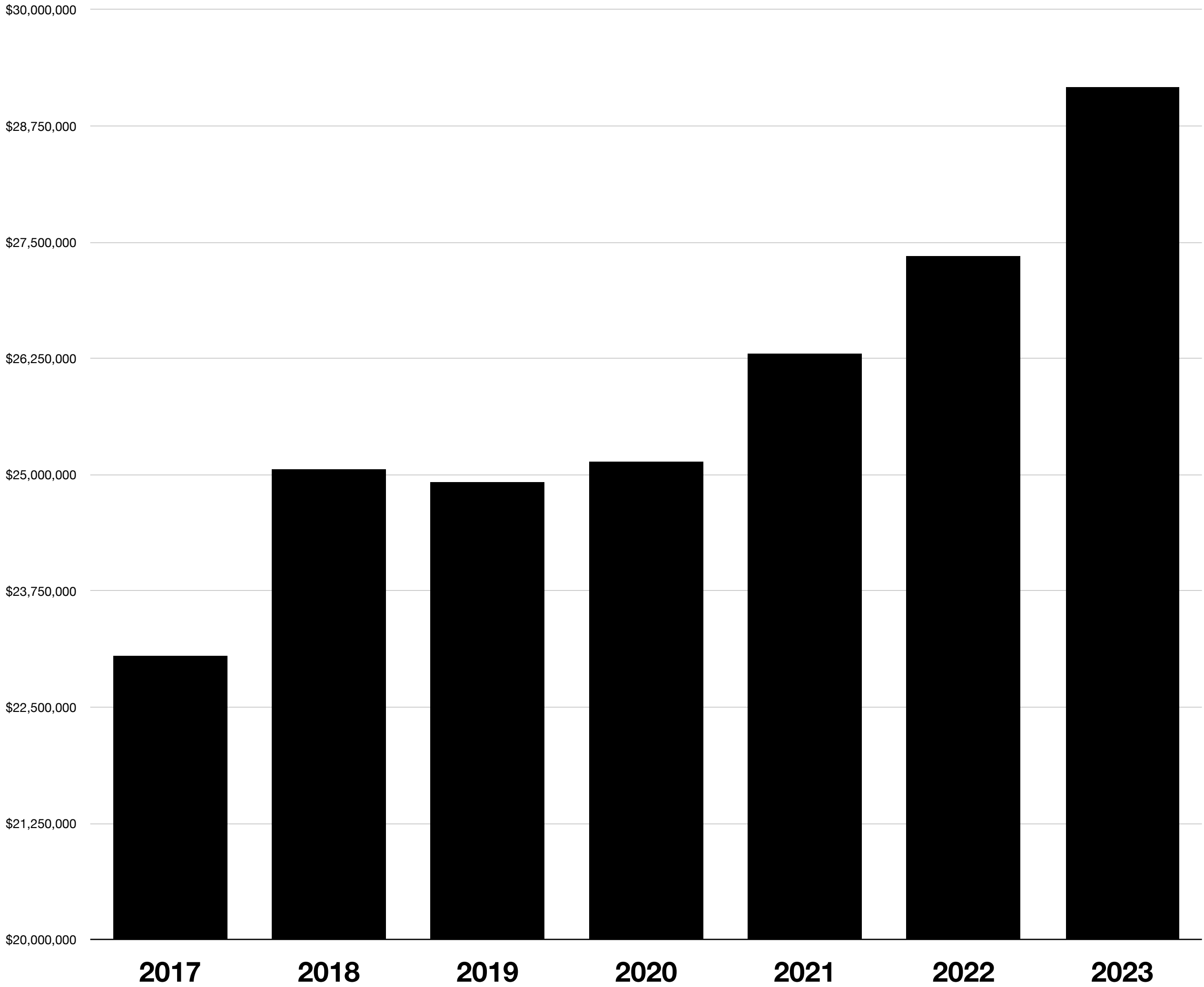
# 2/3 of West Amwell Taxes goes to School District



# Budgets Through the Roof Post-Covid

**+\$5.6 Million**

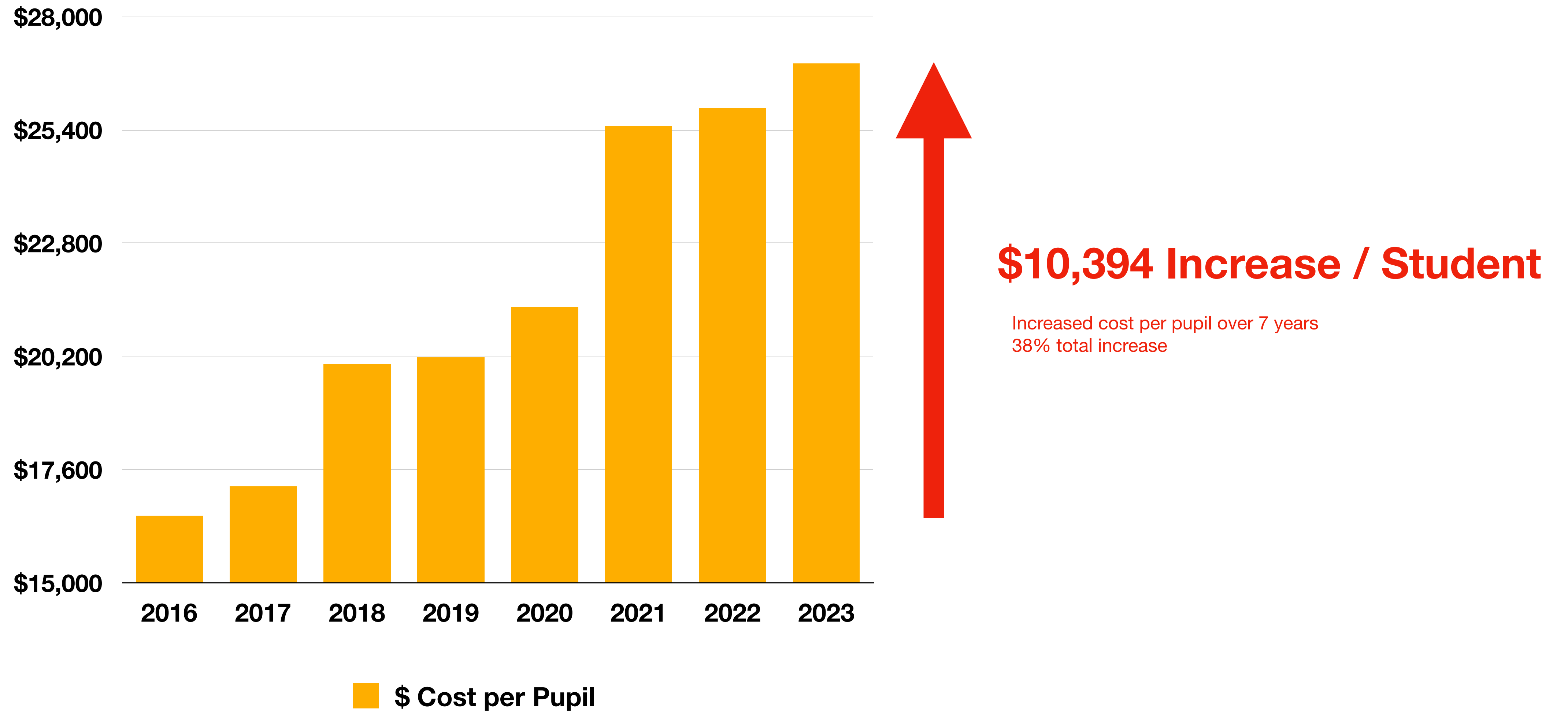
Per Year Budget Growth in just 8 years



■ Total Budget from all Revenue Sources

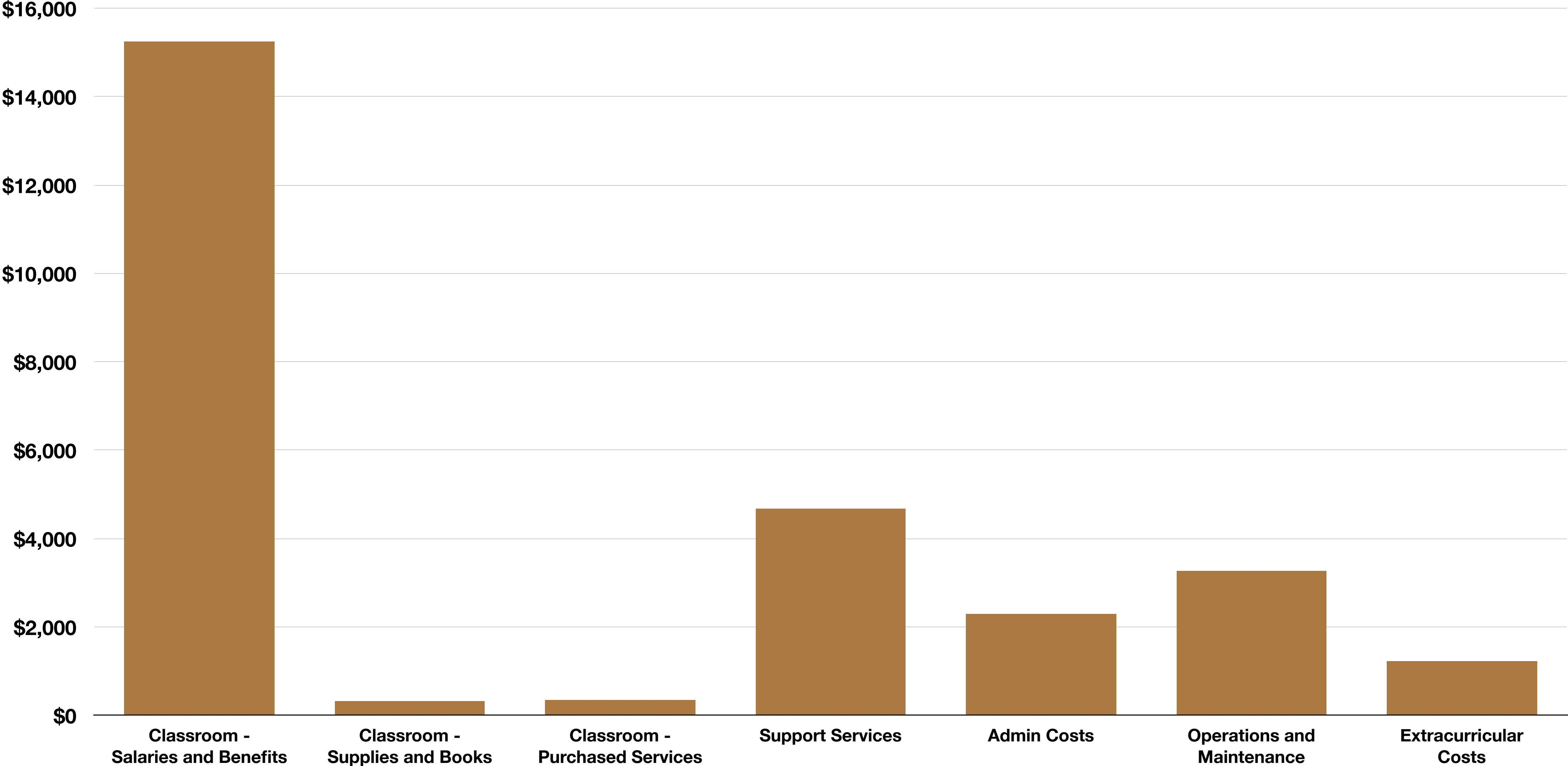


# Spend per student is skyrocketing



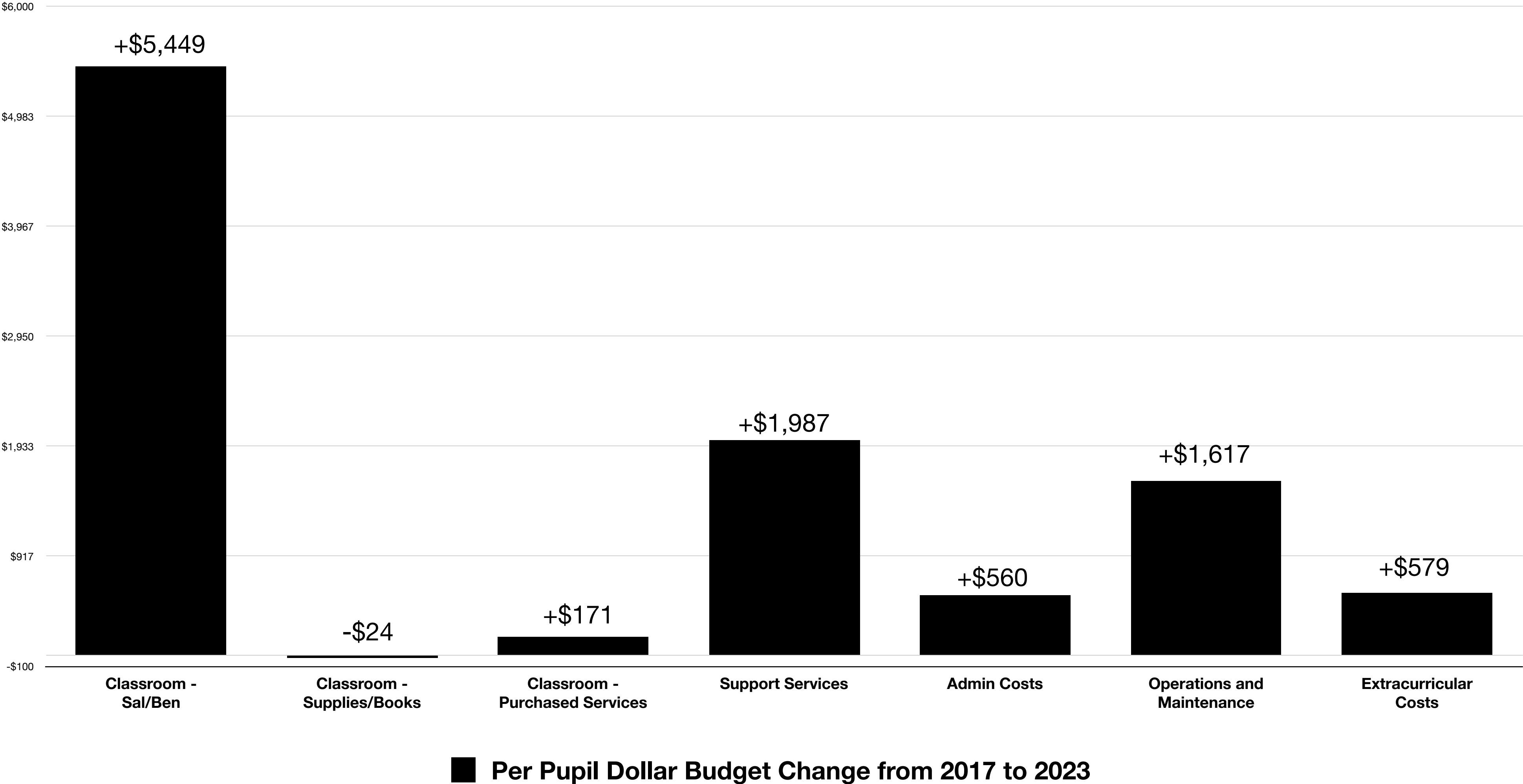
# Spending Breakdown Per Student

2023 Cost Per Student by Category



# Spending Increases Over Time Per Student

Per Pupil Dollar Budget Change 2017 to 2023



# Spending Increases Over Time Per Student

Per Pupil Percent Budget Change 2017 to 2023

