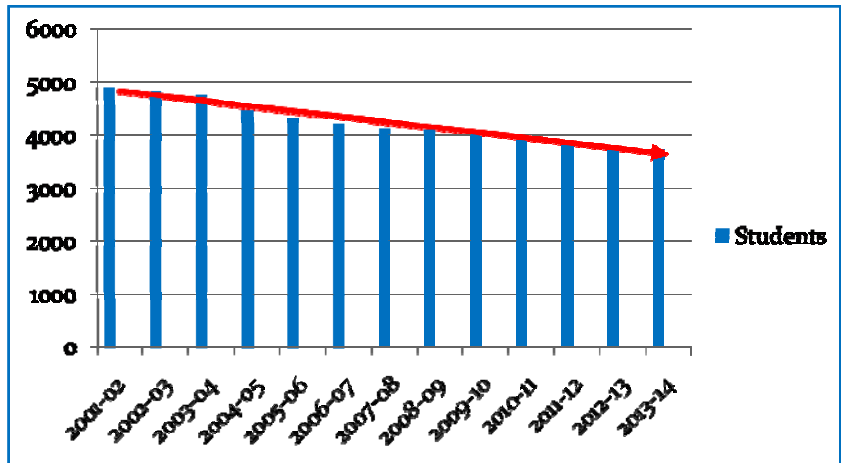


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS): EXISTING SCHOOLS AND FUNDING

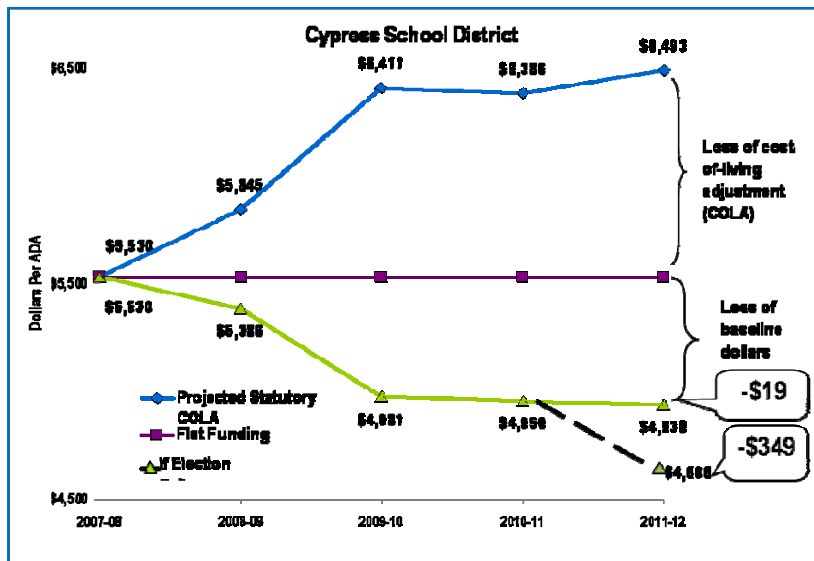
STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND STATE FUNDING PER STUDENT NUMBERS

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

The trend for student enrollment numbers has been declining since the mid-1980s. As shown on the chart to the right, enrollment numbers have continued to decline since the 2001-2002 school year, with 3,943 students enrolled for the 2011-2012 school year. Enrollment numbers are projected to decline to 3,825 students for the 2014-2015 school year.



2. STATE FUNDING PER STUDENT



Like all school districts in California, the Cypress School District has been faced with severe budget cuts. School districts are funded from a combination of local, state, and federal sources, all of which have been negatively impacted by the length and severity of the recession. The chart to the left shows how school districts, including the Cypress School District have been negatively impacted since 2007-2008. The current disparity shows the District is supposed to receive \$6,386 per student by law (blue line), but due to the economy, the District is receiving only \$4,956 per student (green line), which represents \$1,430 less per student. Multiplying the \$1,430 by 3,943 students results in \$5,638,490 less dollars the District should receive than if the District received full funding from the State. The cumulative loss of money from the State over the last four years is over **\$19,000,000**.

3. REVENUE OPTIONS FOR THE CYPRESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Surplus property sale, swap, or lease.
- Bonds - School districts may issue bonds or certificates of participation to raise money to build or modernize schools.
- Parcel Tax - School districts may use a parcel tax or surplus property to raise revenue for programs or services for students. This requires a 2/3 voter approval in support of assessment of the parcel tax.

4. MEASURE M

On November 4, 2008, the voters within the Cypress Elementary School District voted to approve Measure M to authorize the District to issue general obligation bonds to finance the modernization of the District's schools. The modernization projects improve student safety, security, technology, and bring the schools up-to-date with 21st century standards. During this period, the District has been battling declining enrollment and a result closed three schools. The money from Measure M will be used to modernize the remaining schools with students.

EXISTING SCHOOLS

5. 2011-2012 STUDENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

School	Enrollment
Arnold	709
King	562
Landell	714
Luther	552
Morris	735
Vessels	662

Grade Level	Enrollment Number
Preppy Kinder	26
Kindergarten	503
1 st Grade	502
2 nd Grade	519
3 rd Grade	552
4 th Grade	530
5 th Grade	603
6 th Grade	610
Special Education	89
Total Students	3,934

6. ADEQUATE SCHOOLS FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE STUDENTS?

Yes. With the exception of Morris, five of the existing schools have additional capacity. Throughout the District an additional 300-350 students can be supported; plus, the District has the ability to add portables to existing sites for another 350-400 students. In addition, it is the current plan of the District to retain the Swain Elementary School property, which can support an additional 700 students. With this combination, the District is prepared to accommodate a 35 to 40 percent enrollment increase, providing space for an additional 1,350-1,450 students.