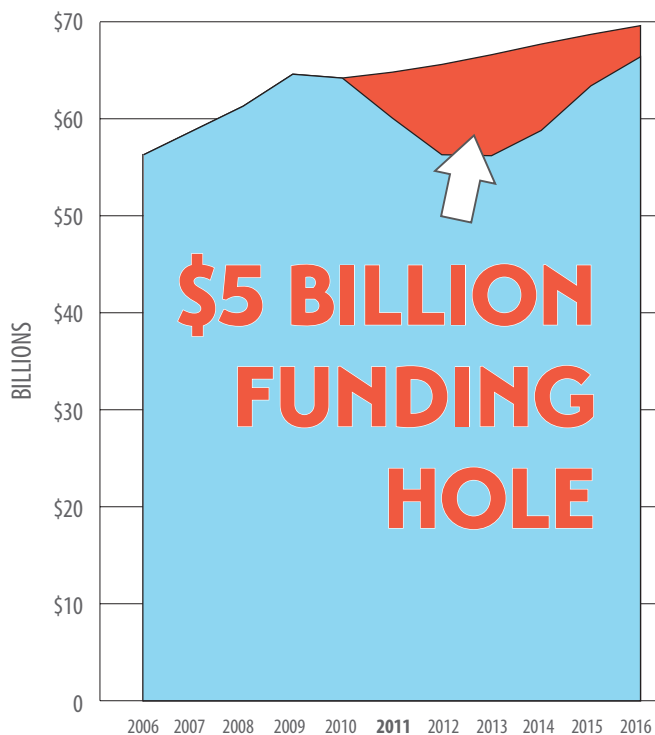


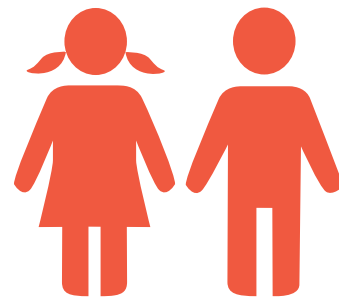
Money in Education Matters

A 21st century education requires resources. The quality of education delivered is directly related to a school's quantity of resources. There is no low-cost alternative to a high quality teacher or manageable classroom size.

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Well-funded schools are able to:



- ➔ Offer small class sizes
- ➔ Attract and retain high-quality teachers
- ➔ Engage students with arts, music and computer science programs

Source: Texas Education Agency, PEIMS financial reports.

Money matters in public education:

- Funding cuts by state lawmakers led to **fewer teachers and support staff** and **less money for science, computers, art** and other programs, affecting all students at all grade levels.
- School districts now have **fewer resources than they did in 2008**, before the recession, despite nearly **14% more students in Texas** and rising costs.¹
- Most of the money in Texas public education (79 percent) goes to pay direct educational costs, such as the teachers that prepare our children for their future. Funding cuts mean teacher layoffs and more crowded classrooms.²

¹ Marder, M. & Villanueva, C. (2017). Consequences of the Texas Public Funding Hole of 2011-16. Austin, TX: Center for Public Policy Priorities.

² Moak, Casey & Associates, "Tracking the Traditional Public School Dollar," <http://moakcasey.com>.