

Comparing Funding for Charter Schools and Their School District Peers



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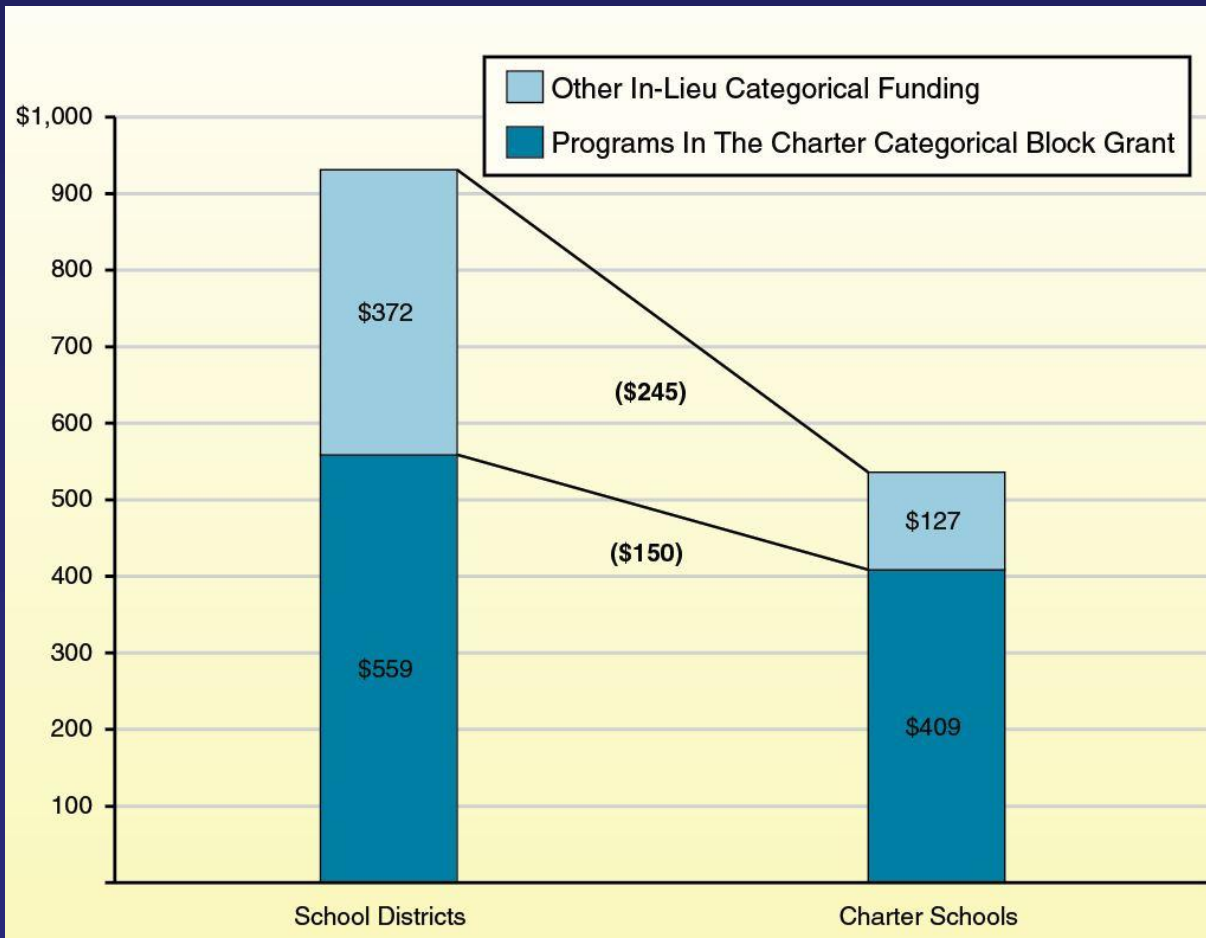
Overview of Presentation

- **Background on Existing Funding Model**
- **Funding Disparities**
- **Addressing Funding Disparities**
- **Governor's Proposals**

What Does the Current School Funding Model Look Like?

- **General Purpose Entitlement/ Revenue Limits**
- **In-Lieu Categorical Funding**
- **Restricted Programs**
- **Reimbursable Mandates**

Charters Receive Somewhat Less Per-Pupil Funding



Gap Exacerbated by Lack of Access to Mandate Reimbursements . . .

Required Activities for Both Charter Schools and School Districts	
Agency Fee Arrangements	High School Exit Examination
Behavioral Intervention Plans	High School Science Graduation Requirements
California State Teachers' Retirement System Service Credit	Immunization Records—Hepatitis B
Caregiver Affidavits	Immunization Records—Original
Collective Bargaining	Missing Children Notifications
Comprehensive School Safety Plans	Physical Performance Tests
Criminal Background Checks I-II	Pupil Health Screenings
Expulsion Transcripts	Pupil Suspensions, Expulsions, and Expulsion Appeals
Financial Compliance and Audits	
Required Activities Only for School Districts	
Stull Act	Mandate Reimbursement Process
Absentee Ballots	Notification of Truancy
AIDS Prevention Instruction I-II	Notification to Teachers of Mandatory Expulsion
Annual Parent Notification	Open Meetings Act
Charter Schools I-III	Pupil Safety Notices
Differential Pay and Reemployment	School Accountability Report Cards
Habitual Truant Parent Notification and Conference	School District Fiscal Accountability Reporting
Inter/Intradistrict Attendance	County Office Fiscal Accountability Reporting
Juvenile Court Notices II	School District Reorganizations
Law Enforcement Agency Notifications	

...And By Changes to K-3 CSR Rules

- **K-3 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Program Changed in 2008-09**
- **All New Schools Locked Out of funding**
- **New Charter Schools Do Not Receive Roughly \$721 Per Student**

Addressing Funding Disparities Under Existing System

- **If Existing K-12 Funding structure Is Retained:**
 - Equalize in-lieu categorical funding rates.
 - Provide mandate funding.
 - Remove K-3 CSR strings, provide funding for all charter schools.
 - Provide more flexibility for Career-Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Statewide Cost Estimate in 2012-13

- **\$200 Million Total**
- **In-Lieu Categorical: \$174 Million**
- **Mandate Supplement: \$10 Million**
- **K-3 CSR for New Charters: \$16 Million**
- **CTE Flexibility: \$0**

Addressing Funding Disparities Under New System

- **If New K-12 Funding Structure Is Pursued:**
 - Block grants.
 - Weighted student formula.

Governor's Proposals

- **Weighted Student Formula**
 - Expand flexibility in eliminating several remaining categorical programs.
 - Formula phased in over six years.
 - Incentives for strong performance in future years.
- **How Does it Affect Charter Schools?**

Governor's Proposals

■ **Mandate Reform**

- **Maintain existing reimbursement process for districts.**
- **Provide block grant option to districts and charter schools.**
- **Eliminates 31 mandates.**

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