

# What is this Levy Cliff & What Can I do?

## How Do We Compare???

### Per-pupil spending, adjusted for regional cost differences, by state, 2013

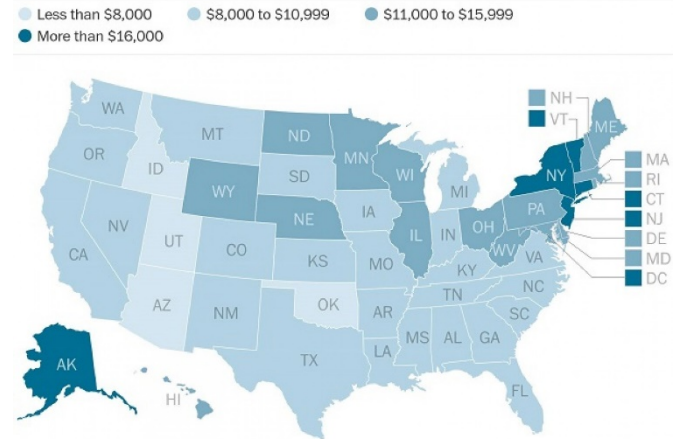
Source: Editorial Projects in Education, [Quality Counts](#), Table 29 (Subscription needed). Data available in January.

1. Vermont	\$18,853
2. Alaska	18,565
3. New York	17,291
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US Average	11,667
<b>39. Washington</b>	<b>9,246</b>

Source: <http://www.k12.wa.us/AboutUs/KeyFacts.aspx>

### Per-pupil spending in public schools

Per-pupil spending varies widely in K-12 schools across the country.



Source: National Center for Education Statistics  
THE WASHINGTON POST

## How do we make up for this????

### Local Levies....

#### Inequity in Action!

Until our schools are fully funded at the state level, all communities throughout Washington rely on local levy funding to cover the gap. It is NOT acceptable, but taking away a vital funding source for our schools is NOT the solution.

Inequity in K-12 Funding		
2013 Local Levies		
	\$\$\$ Raised Per Pupil	Tax Rate Per \$1,000 AV
Seattle	\$3,500	\$1.30
Mercer Island	\$3,059	\$1.43
San Juan Island	\$2,622	\$0.73
Toppenish	\$290	\$1.93
Yakima	\$835	\$2.91
Aberdeen	\$1,573	\$4.16
Federal Way	\$2,077	\$4.43
Spokane	\$2,136	\$4.20

Source: <http://andyhill.src.wastateleg.org/the-paramount-duty-series-2/>

## What Can You Do???

Contact Governor Jay Inslee and let him know we appreciate the additional funding in his proposed 2017/18 budget, but we cannot withstand this levy cliff.

Jay Inslee, Office of the Governor, PO Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504-0002

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Some Great Links to Maps and More Information:

Detailed Per-Pupil Interactive Map for Washington State Broken Down by District:

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-how-per-pupil-spending-compares-across-us.html>