

Selected Data from VASS Spring 2015 Superintendent Survey

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ANALYTICS

Summary of Respondents

- Division Enrollment-Size Categories:
 - **Small** – 2,000 or less
 - **Medium** – 2,001-15,000
 - **Large** – 15,001-40,000
 - **Grande** – 40,001 or greater

	Responses	Total	Percent
Small	31	36	86%
Medium	68	80	85%
Large	8	10	80%
Grande	5	6	83%
Total	112	132	85%

- Note: not all divisions responded to all questions

Local Funding Methodology

- 72% of divisions' governing bodies appropriate local funds via a lump sum
- 78% of divisions' local appropriations are done on an annual basis, with monthly being the next common form (11%)
- 28% of divisions responding have a formal agreement with their governing board allowing the School Board to spend year-end balances on capital or other items
- 14.5% of divisions have a formal revenue-sharing agreement that specifies the allocation of local revenues
- Of those with a formal allocation of local revenues, 50% have a requirement to review that agreement on a regular basis

State Funding Change per Student 2008-2014

	Increase	Decrease	Avg. Incr.	Avg. Decr.
Region 1	1	14	\$357	\$658
Region 2	2	13	\$114	\$719
Region 3	3	14	\$334	\$507
Region 4	9	10	\$423	\$110
Region 5	3	17	\$249	\$618
Region 6	1	14	\$10	\$636
Region 7	1	18	\$375	\$689
Region 8	1	11	\$915	\$657
Total	21	111	\$354	\$593

- From all divisions' ASRs (not just those responding to the VASS survey)
- Excludes State capital funding

Local Funding Change per Student 2008-2014

	Increase	Decrease	Avg. Incr.	Avg. Decr.
Region 1	6	9	\$514	\$1,340
Region 2	11	4	\$500	\$929
Region 3	10	7	\$1,038	\$882
Region 4	9	10	\$1,235	\$1,919
Region 5	14	6	\$1,134	\$1,002
Region 6	9	6	\$850	\$2,175
Region 7	13	6	\$769	\$2,620
Region 8	8	4	\$320	\$554
Total	80	52	\$827	\$1,503

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Staffing Reductions

- 92% of divisions responding have reduced staff in response to budget pressures since 2008

	FTE Reduced
Teachers	3,785
School-Based Administrators	232
Support Staff (School & Division)	3,701
Division-Level Administrators	283
Total	8,001

Impact on Staff

- In 2008 the average percentage of staff with five or few years experience was 25.8%, with the number in 2014 dropping to 23.8%
- 26% of respondents believe that their starting salary enhances the number of teacher applicants, 45% believe that it deters, with the remaining 29% unsure.
- 77% of respondents believe that teachers have left their division due to their salary (10% No; 13 % Unsure)
- 29% of respondents believe that changes in VRS benefits have affected the availability of qualified teachers (29% No; 44% Unsure)

Impact on Staff

- 87% of respondents who have reduced staff have added duties to the remaining staff
- 19% of divisions have reduced employees' compensation since 2008 to accommodate funding reductions
- The average increase in starting salary for those who have not reduced compensation is \$2,311.
- 44% of divisions have reduced employees' benefits since 2008

Impact on Class Size

- 71% of divisions responding have increased class sizes since July 1, 2008
- Of these, 54% say the reported largest class sizes below are the norm rather than the exception

	Avg. Largest Class Sizes
Elementary	25.6
Middle	28.6
High School	29.9

Program Reductions

- 51% of divisions responding have reduced curricular programs for cumulative reductions of:

	Eliminated Programs
Fine Arts	47
Foreign Language	40
Physical Education	34
Career Technical Education	88.5
Total	209.5

- 76% of divisions responding have reduced professional development spending since 2008

Program Reductions

- 28% of divisions responding have reduced co-curricular programs for cumulative reductions of:

	Eliminated Programs
Academic Clubs	53
Student Clubs	45
Athletics	58
Total	156

School Closings

- 22% of divisions responding have closed schools for financial reasons for cumulative closings of:

	Closed Buildings
Elementary	30
Middle	10.5
High School	2.5
Total	43