

# Education: Fundamental Concepts

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First things first.....

...why EDUCATION?....





Education is a  
PUBLIC GOOD....

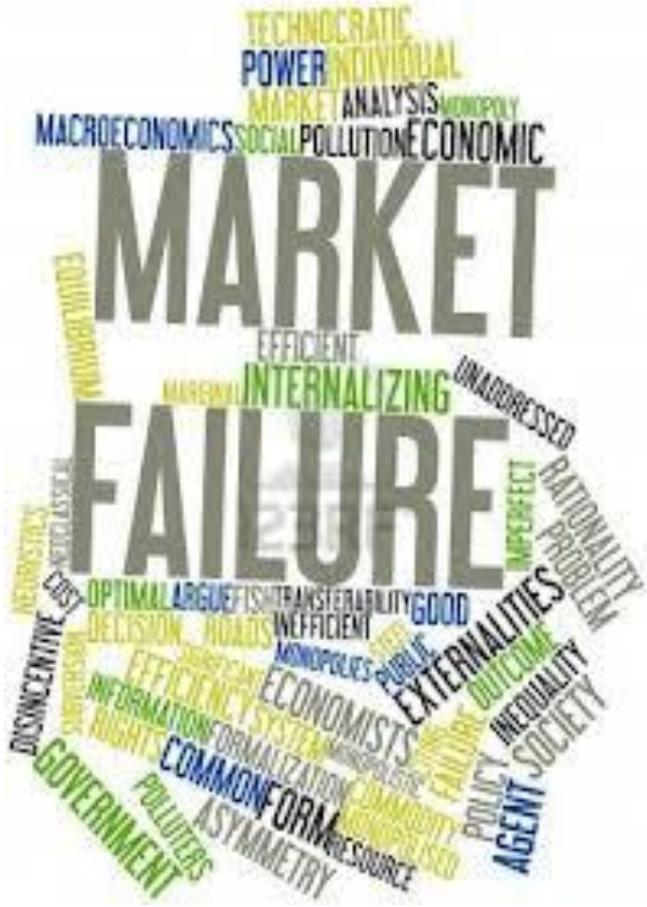


An education benefits the  
individual....BUT it also  
benefits the public at large.



If left to the “market,” education will be underproduced.

Government steps in to correct the market failure.





It's about STUDENTS....  
our children!

It's about the future  
- a civil society,  
economic  
prosperity, etc.





How will we know an excellent education system?

By what our children know, and the contribution made to their advancement.





# State Structures

- State Board of Education
- State Superintendent
- Department of Education





# Key Questions

- How selected?
- Who controls what?
- What authority does each have?





# Local Structures

- School Districts
- Community (Charter) Schools
- Chartered non-public (private) schools
- Educational Service Centers
- Joint Vocational School Districts
- Local Boards of Education





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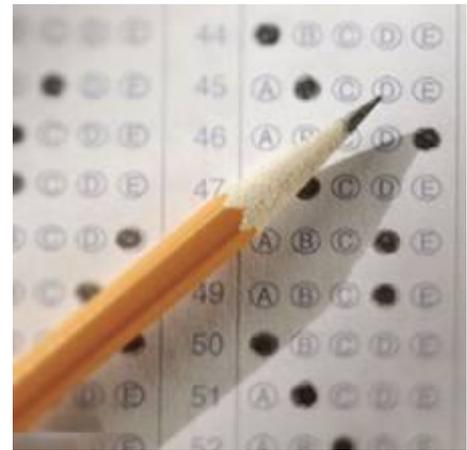
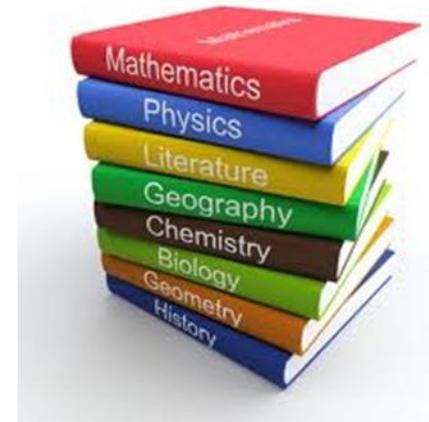
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- Who controls what?
- What authority does each have?
- What operating rules/regulations apply?
- How are they funded?
- How are they accountable?





# Emerging Issues

- **Standards** – what students need to know and be able to do.
- **Assessments** – how to measure what students know.





# Emerging Issues

- **Educating ALL students** – ensuring that the educational needs of all students are met.
- **Early Childhood Education** – recognition of the importance of starting earlier.





# Emerging Issues

- **Accountability** – how to hold entities/people accountable for results.
- **Teacher/Leader Quality** – how to ensure that teachers/principals are effective.





# Emerging Issues

- **No longer “place bound”** – learning takes place at different places/different times.
- **Technology** – technology enhances and accelerates learning.





# Emerging Issues

- **Data** – used to inform operational and educational decisions.
- **School Operational Improvement** – maximizing effectiveness through autonomy and accountability.





# Emerging Issues

- **Competency-Based education** – it's about learning not about time.
- **Finance** – Stable, predictable revenues to support effective and efficient education delivery.



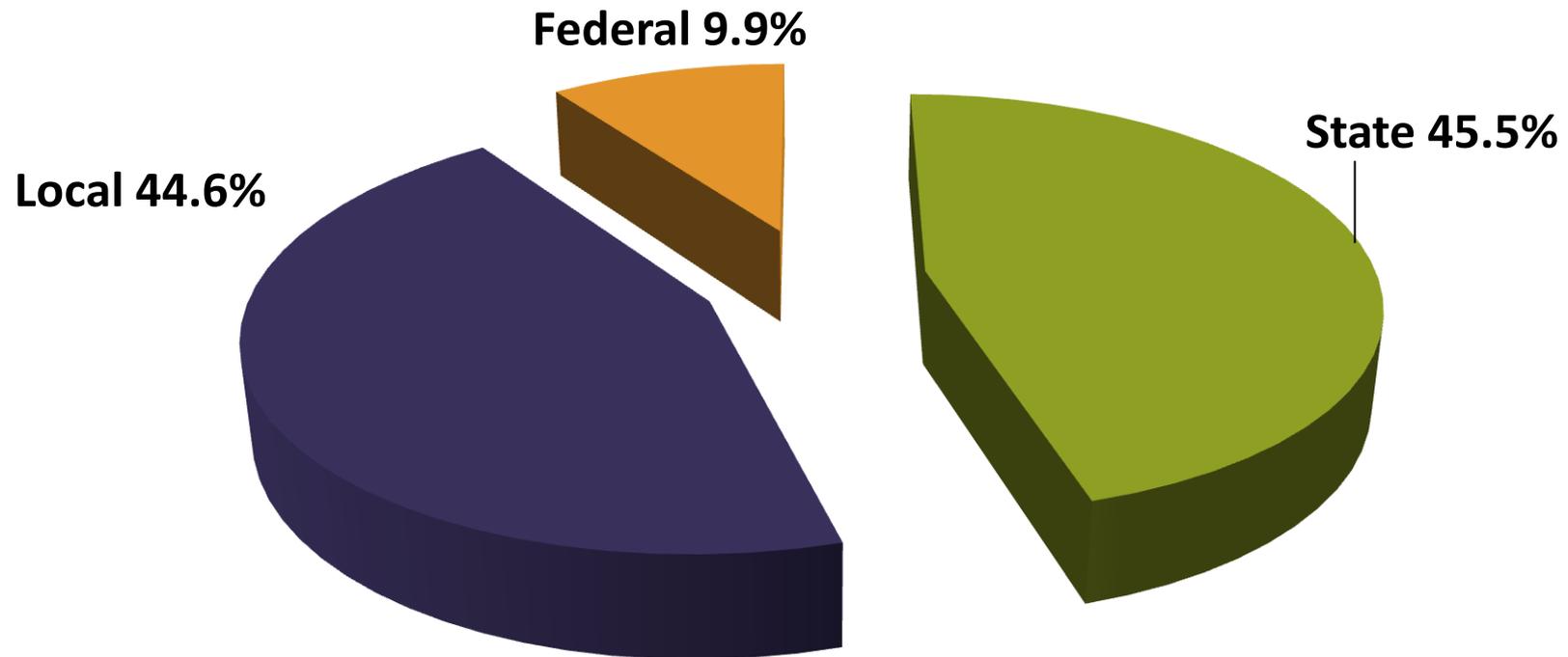


Observation about Finance  
...Be attentive to the  
intersection of education policy  
and tax policy.



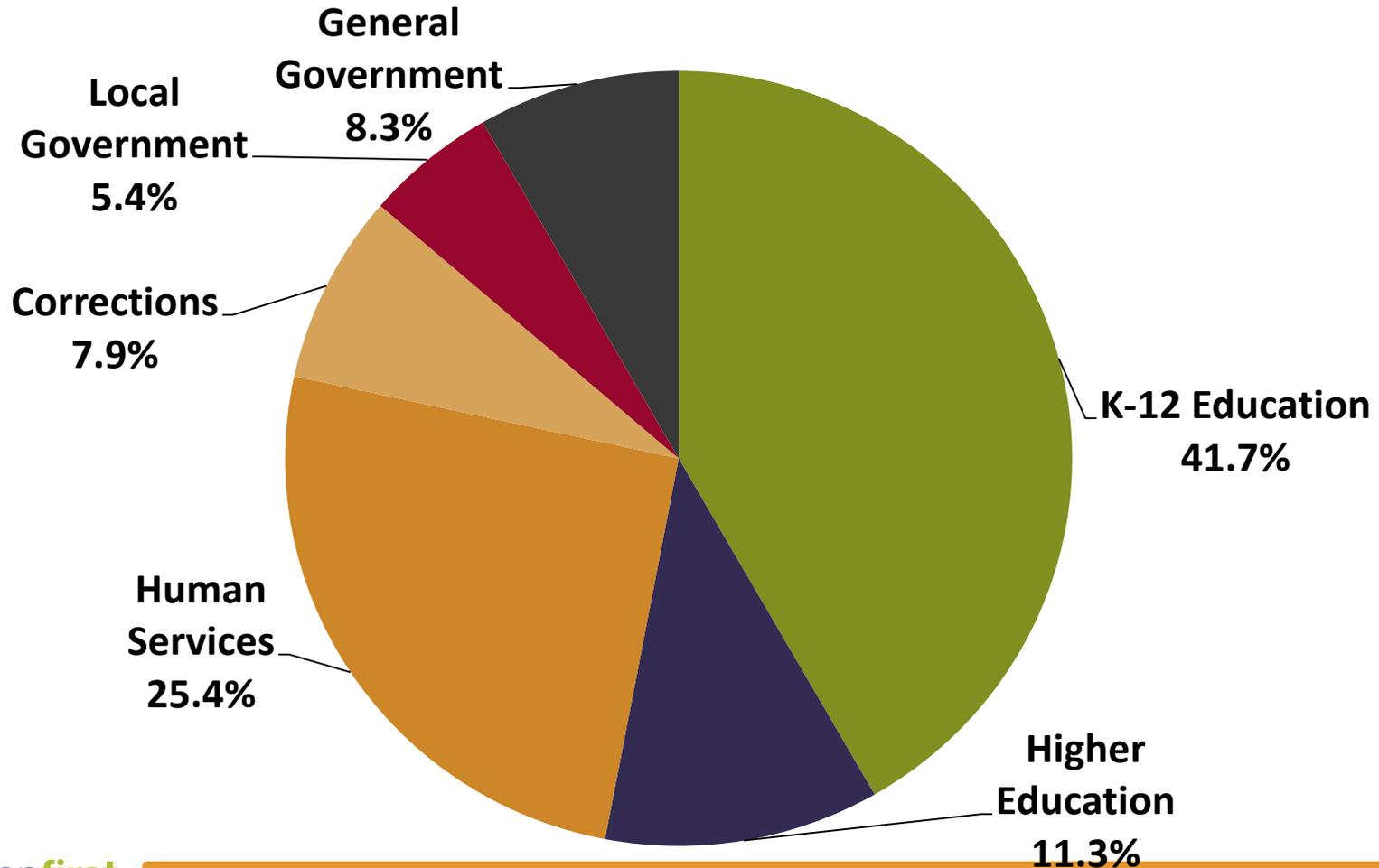


# Public Schools – a \$20.5 Billion Business (FY 2011)



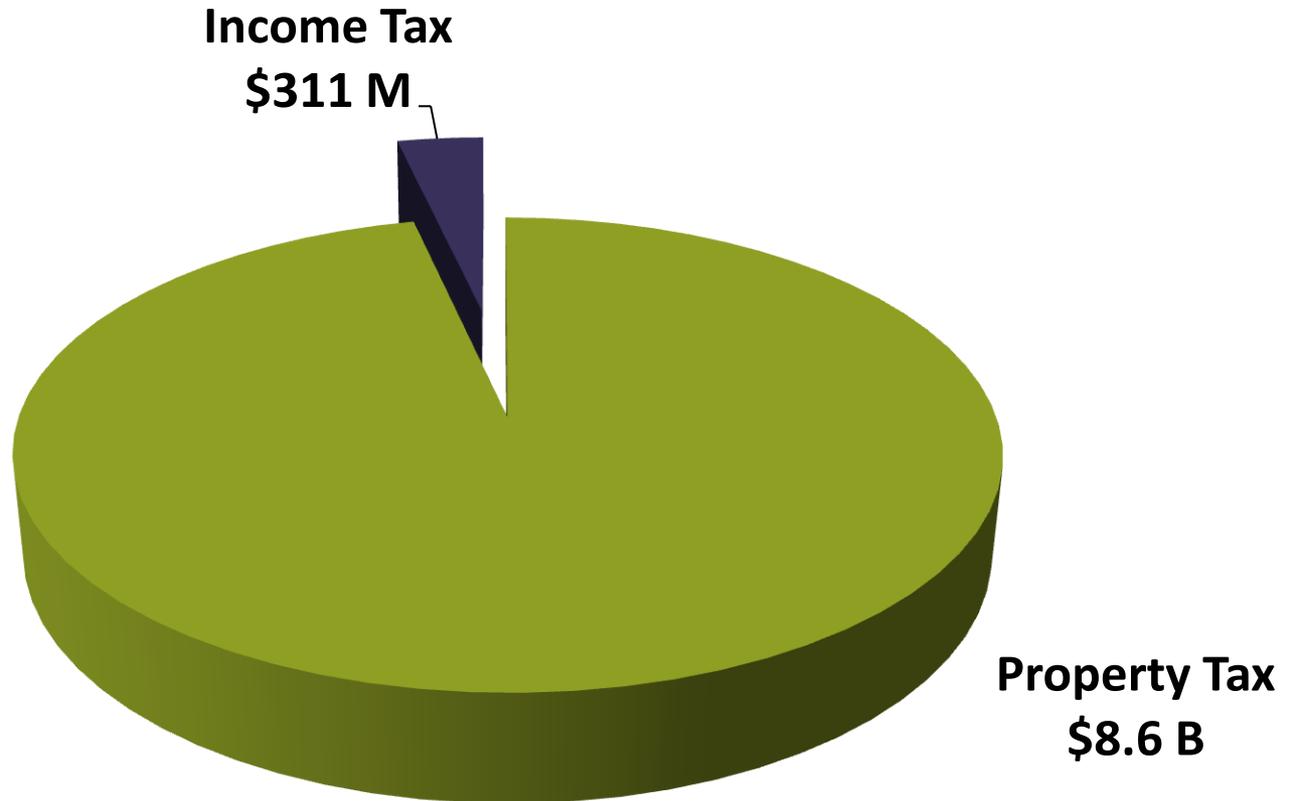


# K-12 Education – Largest Share of the State Budget (GRF Only)





# Local Revenue – Two Sources





# Final Observation

...More spending does not result in better student outcomes.





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