



California State Budget Realities: Our State Budget System is Broken and Schools Are Suffering Because of It. Is Reform Possible?

What is needed in reform? What comes next? How Can we inform and influence the outcome?

Whether state revenues are up or down, our school funding has been at the bottom nationally for three decades. The State Budget is still in the red, and what is on the immediate and long-term horizon for California public schools? The last major reform of school finance was Proposition 98 in 1988. While well intentioned, the reality is that none of the goals of Proposition 98 were realized. California remains underfunded, class sizes are the highest in the nation, and per-pupil costs are in the bottom third of the nation. Change is not an option—it is a necessity. Where will it come from and who can influence this change?

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