



State Budget Actions and K-12 Education

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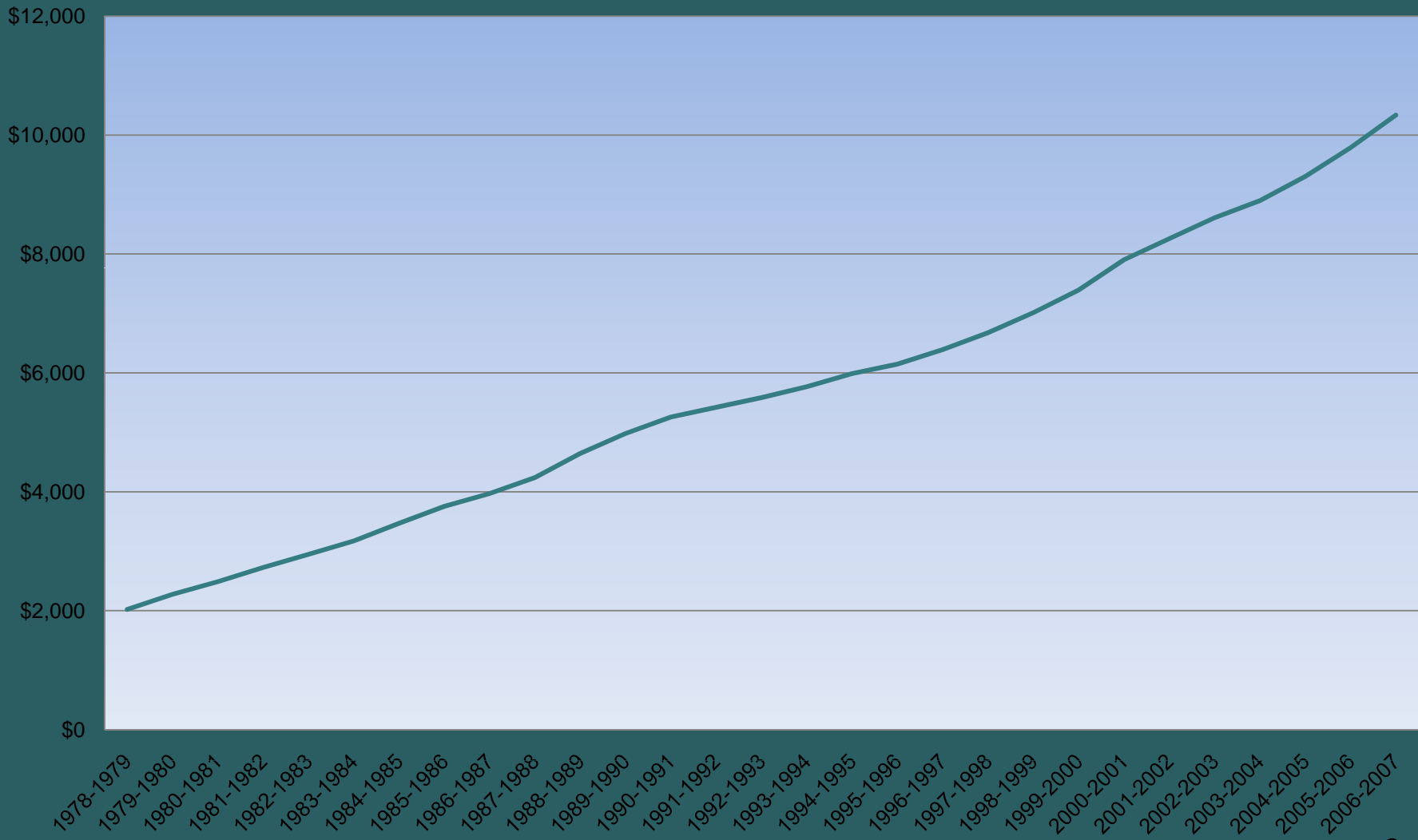
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Expenditures Per Pupil 1979-2007

Source: NCES



State K-12 Education Cuts

Source: NCSL

- 30 states have cut education budgets in 2009-10
- 24 states have already reduced their education spending for 2010-11
- In all 50 states education is the largest, or second largest, line-item

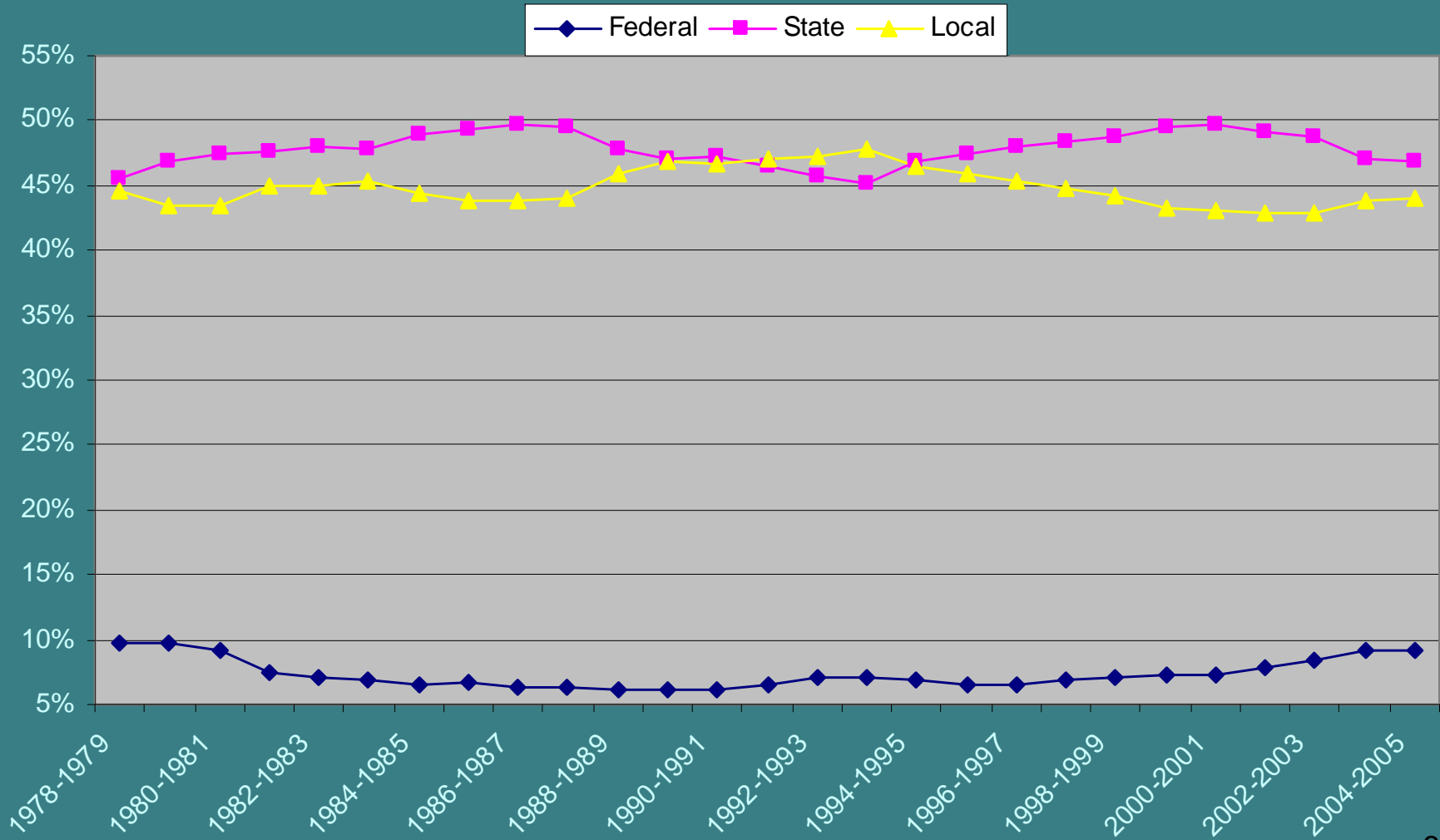
State Education Cuts

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- **Arizona:** \$144 million reduction in future “soft capital” expenditures from K-12 education which includes: textbooks, computers, buses and building maintenance
- **Hawaii:** Public schools will be closed for 17 days a year and furloughing more than 13,000 public school teachers for a combined total of 34 days in the biennium
- **Illinois:** 2% cut from state funding of K-12. Impacting: Pre-kindergarten education, Gifted & Talented, after-school programs, teacher certification programs and bilingual studies

Education Revenue Sources

Source: NCES



Federal Recovery Act Funds

- \$100 billion in funding directed toward education
- \$48.3 billion in stabilization funding
- State spending of Stabilization funds
 - FY 2008-09: 31.5%
 - FY 2009-10: 58.8%
 - FY 2010-11: 14.8%
- 19 states will have no stabilization funds available for FY 2010-11

The Recovery Begins

- Traditionally it takes 18 to 24 months for state budgets to recover after a down-turn
- Most economist agree that a recovery started in 3rd or 4th quarter of last year
- If this recovery holds education budgets will begin to see improvement in mid to late 2011

Concerns

- Will the recovery hold?
- What will happen to innovative programs when funds are lost?
- How can states/districts follow through on Race to the Top and i3 while they are cutting funds?

Questions & Comments

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