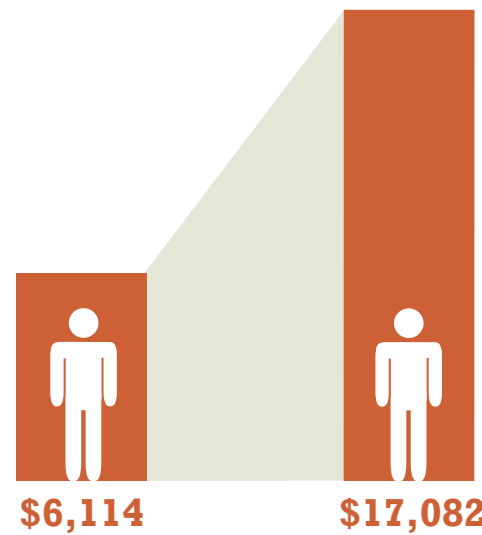


A look at the numbers...

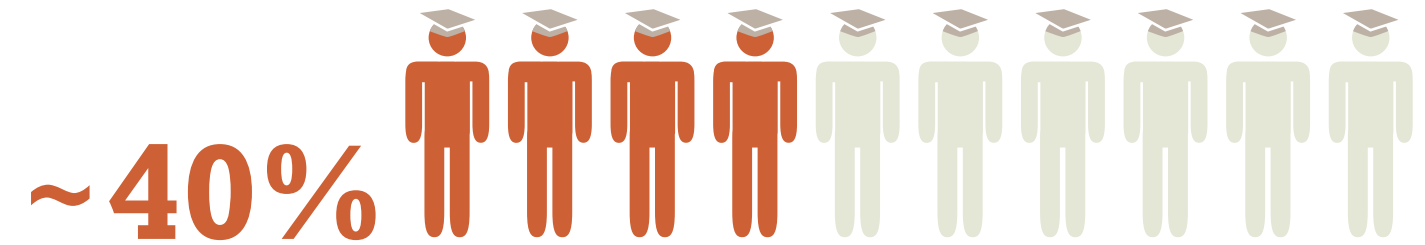
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All school districts are not funded equally. In one state, **per-pupil spending ranges from \$6,114 to \$17,082** across 500 districts.

22 points

Amount that test scores in poor urban districts of New Jersey have increased after reforming their school funding system.



of high school graduates lack the skills necessary to succeed **in college and the 21st century workplace.**

75%

Increase in math and reading proficiency scores in Portland's SUN Community Schools, which coordinate extended learning, service learning, health and social services and parental engagement programs to support their students.

90%

Percentage of graduates from the Harlem Children's Zone (where they are held to the highest expectations) who go on to college.

Estimates suggest that we'll need between:



to rebuild the country's **deteriorating school buildings.**

\$15 billion

Amount the Obama administration has pledged to rebuild school buildings that are worst-off, but more is needed.

Struggling cities will not be able to rejuvenate without education, yet many organizations estimate that every 26 seconds a student drops out of school in America. **That's more than 1.3 million students per year.**



\$900 million

Amount President Obama has promised for the 12% of American schools that produce 50% of dropouts.

\$400 – \$670 billion

How much higher the GDP would have been in 2008 if the US had narrowed the gap between low-income students and their peers.

MEDIAN ANNUAL EARNINGS

High School Dropout

\$31,400

College Graduate

The median annual earnings of **college graduates** are **\$31,400 more** than high school dropouts.

Addressing the achievement gap:

2x

How much more likely low-income students and students of color are to be taught core academics by out-of-field teachers.

Providing low-income students with highly effective teachers **virtually closes the socio-economic achievement gap.**

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