

Vermont Education Fund Budget Presentation



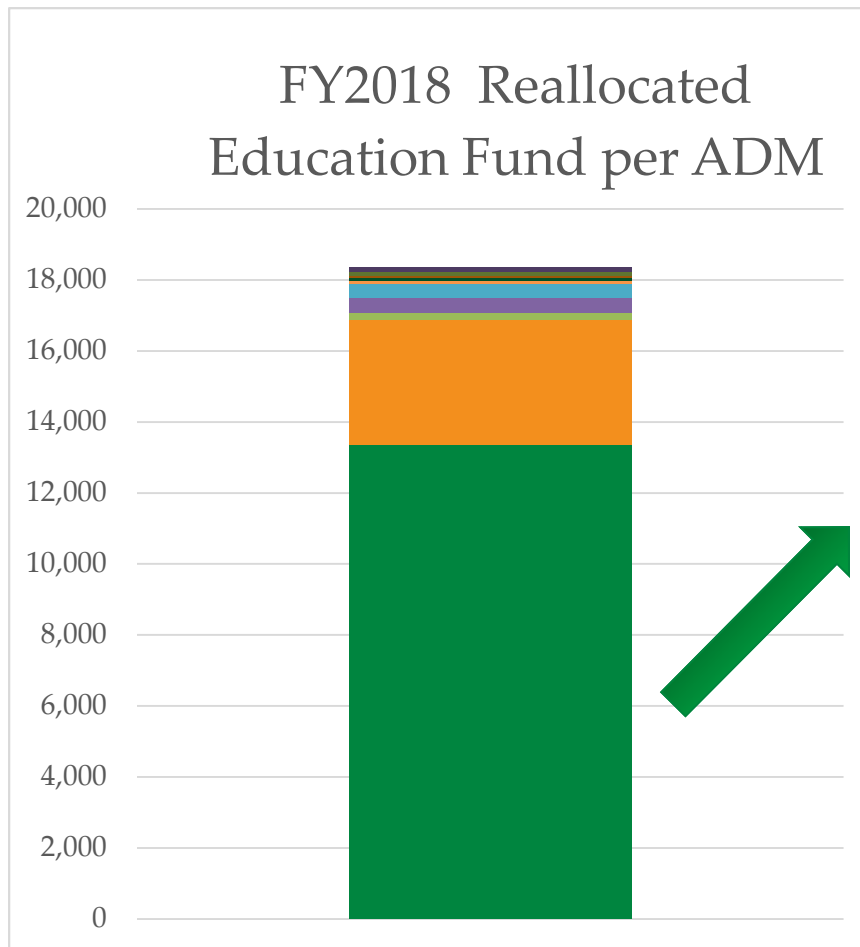
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Agenda

Education Fund Highlights

- What do we buy with our Education Fund Dollars?
- Budget book introduction and walk through appropriations

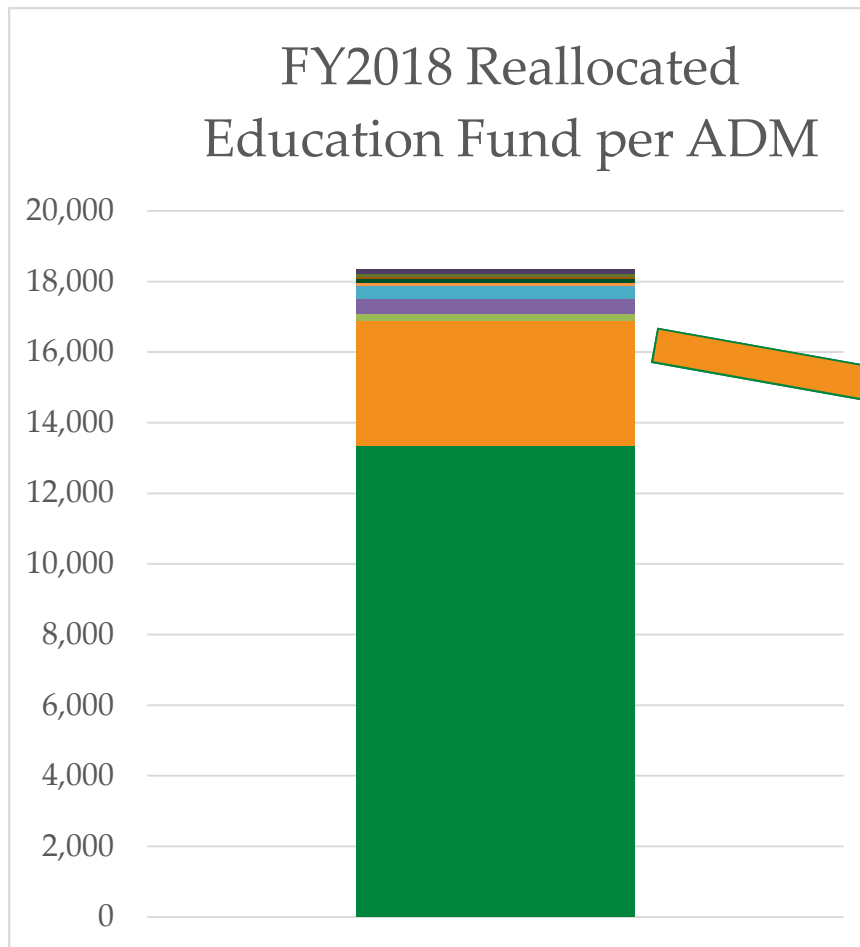
What do we buy with our Education Dollars?



About 73%: “net education payment” which covers items including (but not limited to):

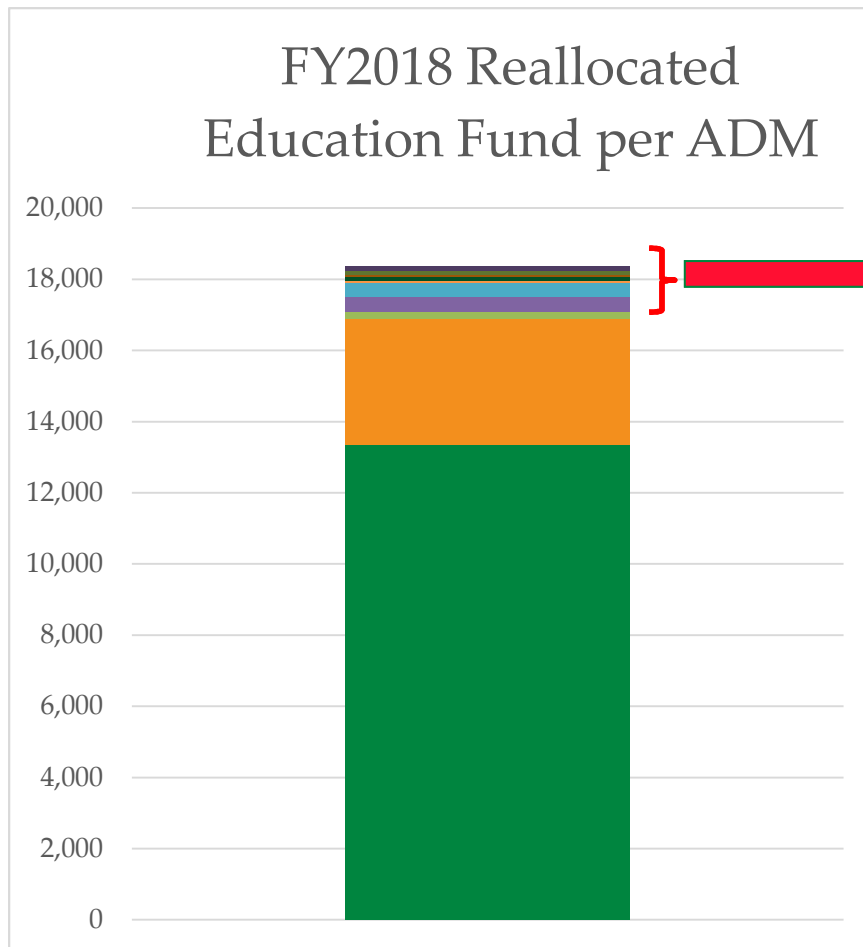
- most costs of our public schools, tuition payments to other public, independent, and out-of-state schools
- tuition payments to Career and Technical Education
- supervisory union costs
- Local costs related to flexible pathways
- Prekindergarten

What do we buy with our Education Dollars?



About 19% is spent on special education costs in public and independent schools.

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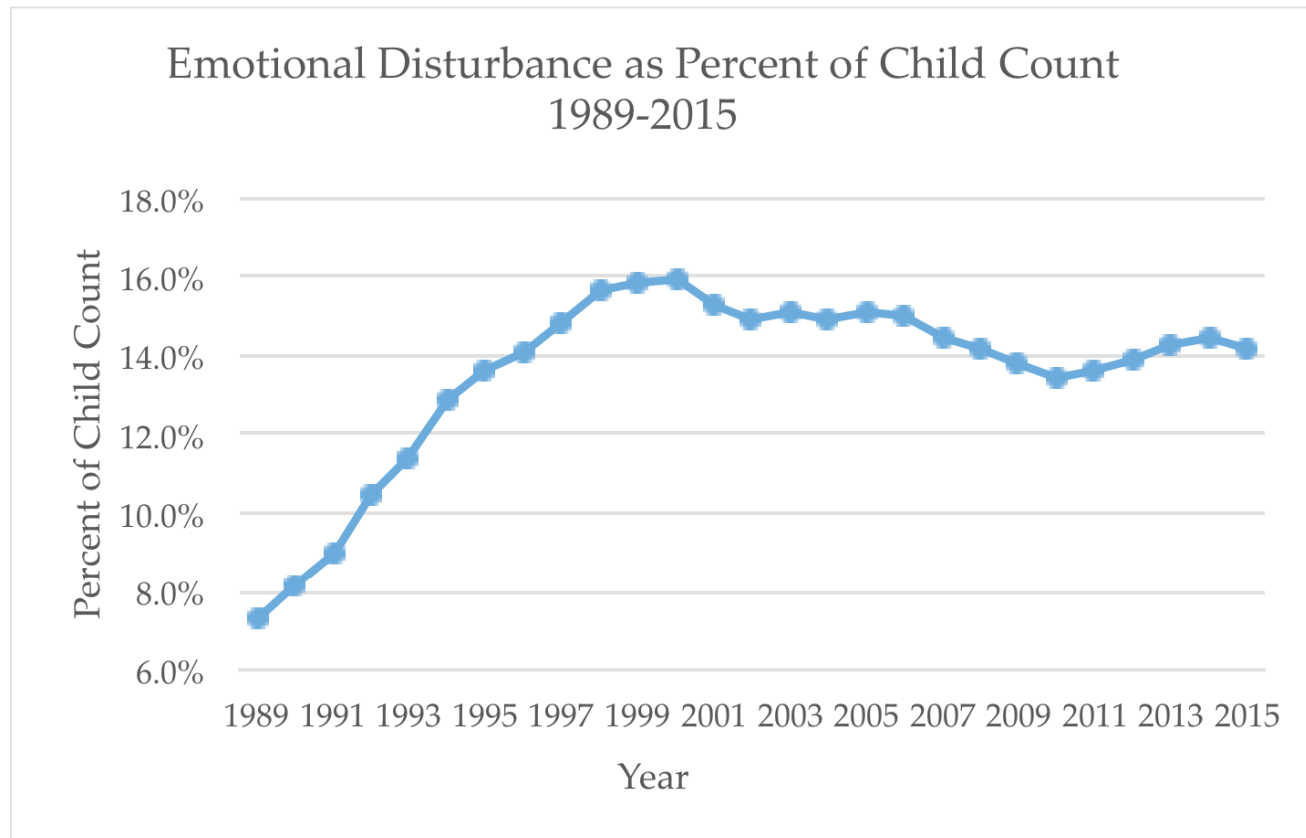


The rest of the \$1.6 billion we spend per pupil is spread across a number of functions, including:

- subsidies to small schools
- costs associated with children in state custody who are placed in schools near their foster homes.
- Technical Education support
- Small school support
- Flexible pathways
- Community HS of Vermont
- Teacher pensions
- Other

Changes in Special Education Practice?

Between 1989 and 2000, rates of emotional disturbance as percent of Child Count more than doubled (from 7.3% of Child Count to 15.9%), decreased slightly, then leveled off, ranging between a high of 15.1% and a low of 13.4%.

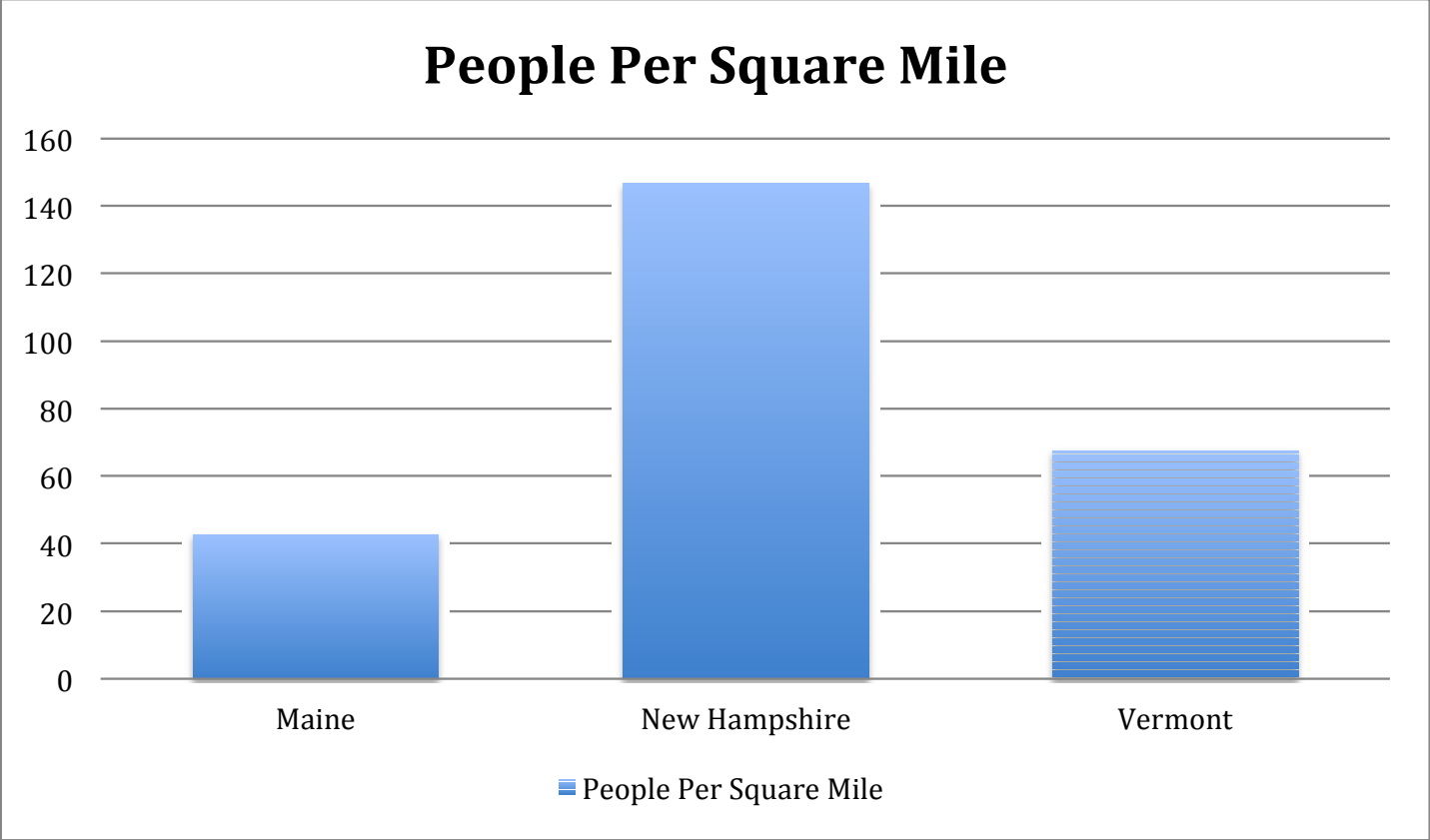


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Change in Education Fund Spending

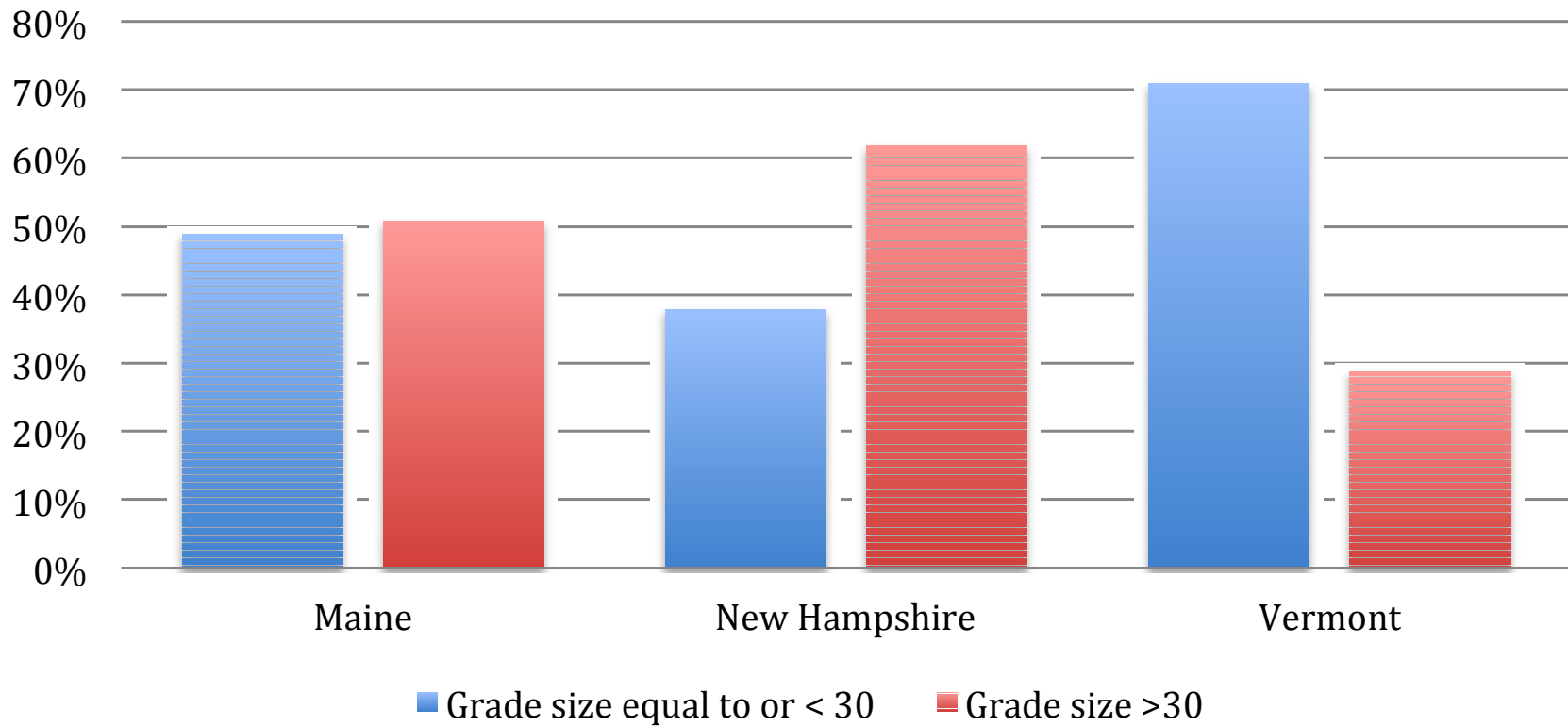
| | Education Expenses (In Millions) | Percent Change |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| FY 2015 Actual | 1,514 | - |
| FY 2016 Actuals | 1,553 | 2.58% |
| FY 2017 Actuals | 1,578 | 1.61% |
| FY 2018 Estimates | 1,621 | 2.72% |
| FY 2019 Projection | 1,681 | 3.70% |

Small School Size: Is it Density?



Or is it a VT preference?

New England States: Proportion of schools with 1st grade sizes equal to or less than 30 students, or greater than 30 students



Challenge with Education Funding

- The Education pressure:
 - We have fewer students,
 - In the same number of schools (public and independent)
 - With proportionally more overhead to support education on a per pupil basis.

Budget Book

- Review
 - Carryforward
 - Reversions
- Education Fund Appropriations
 - B.502 through B.511