



# Special Education Cross-Subsidy

*Creating College and Career-Ready Graduates*

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# OUR MISSION

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Community

Excellence

Collaboration

C O R E   Integrity   V A L U E S

Respect

Courage

Innovation

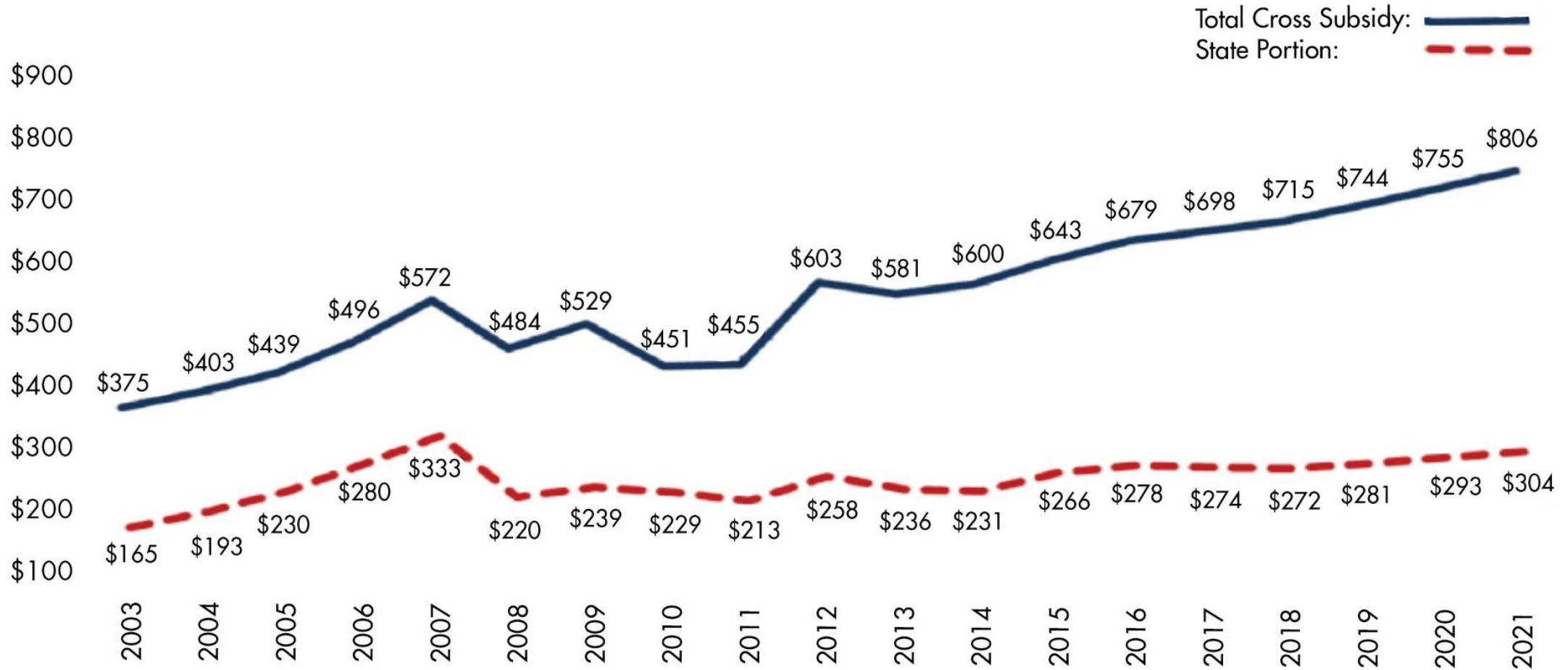
# Association of Metropolitan School Districts

## **Legislative Platform**

Increase special education funding to reduce the state share of the special education cross-subsidy by 10 percent and create a working group to develop a plan to eliminate the state share of the cross-subsidy by 2023.

# State Special Education Cross-Subsidy Fiscal Years 2003-2021

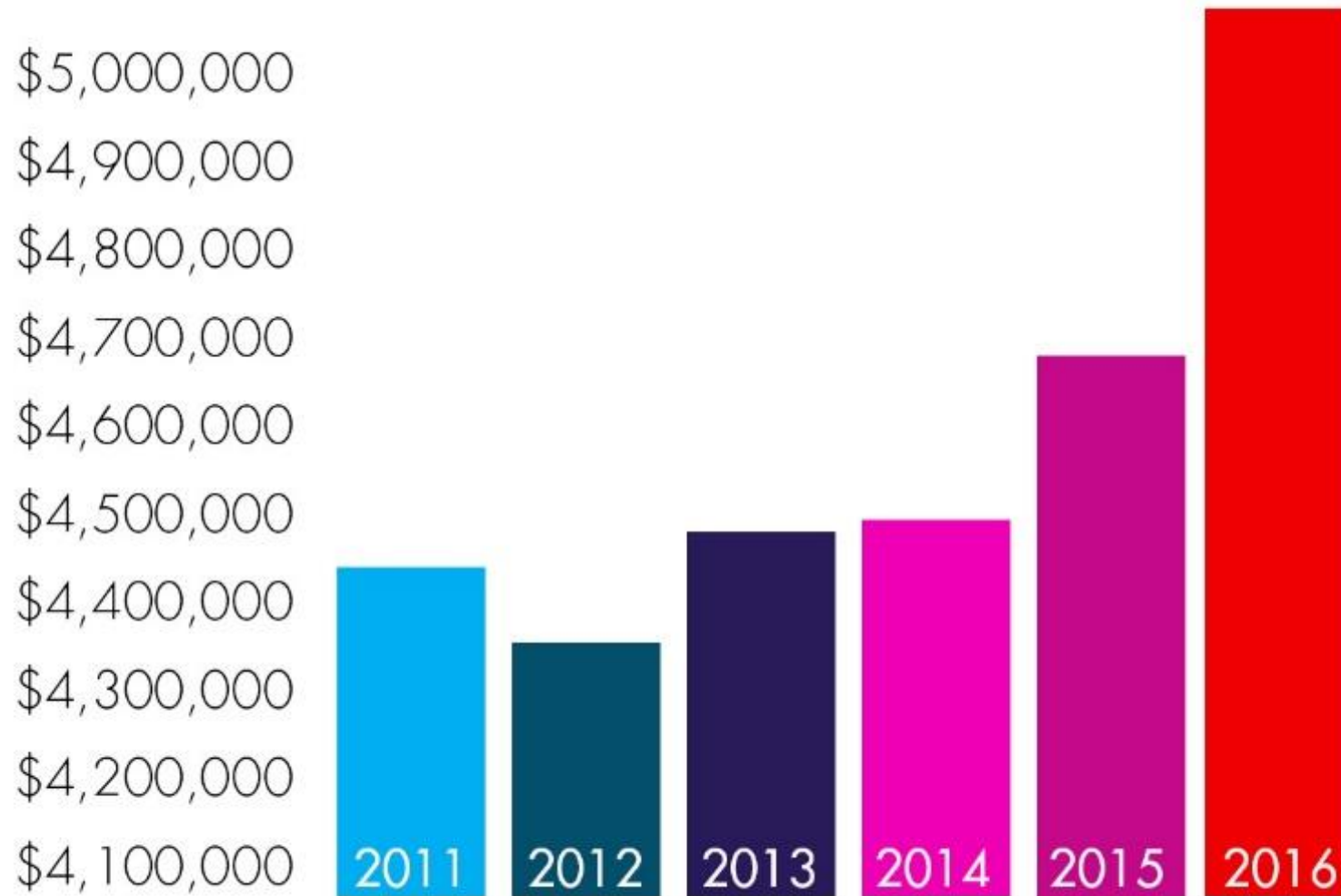
Total and State Portion, Current Dollars (Millions) - 2017 End of Session Estimates



Source: Minnesota Department of Education

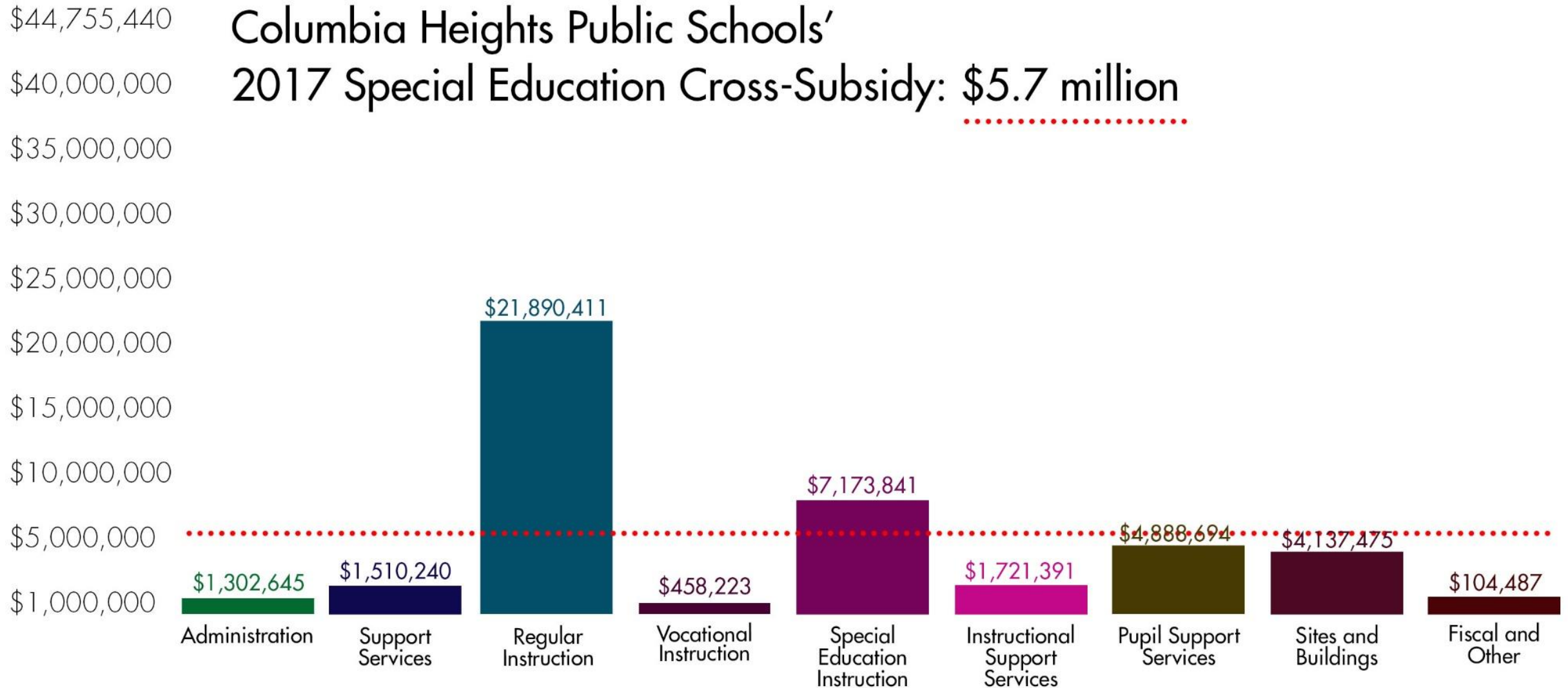
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# Columbia Heights Public Schools Special Education Gross Cross-Subsidy



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## 2017 Special Education Cross-Subsidy: \$5.7 million





# Impact on Columbia Heights Public Schools

- The gross Cross-Subsidy:
  - \$5.7 million
  - Is the equivalent of 10 percent of the total School District budget.
  - Amounts to 75 full-time equivalent (staff) positions.
  - Exceeds the cost of the 2014 Valley View Elementary School early learning educational wing addition.
- To meet a balanced budget, this District has to divert funds from regular classroom instruction into Special Education programming.

# Elected Officials

- Senator Amy Klobuchar, 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
- Senator Tina Smith, 309 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
- Congressman Keith Ellison, 2263 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515,
- Senator Carolyn Laine, 95 University Avenue W, 2327 Minnesota Senate Building, St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
- Representative Connie Bernardy, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 253 State Office Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155
- Representative Mary Kunesh-Podein, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 303 State Office Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155