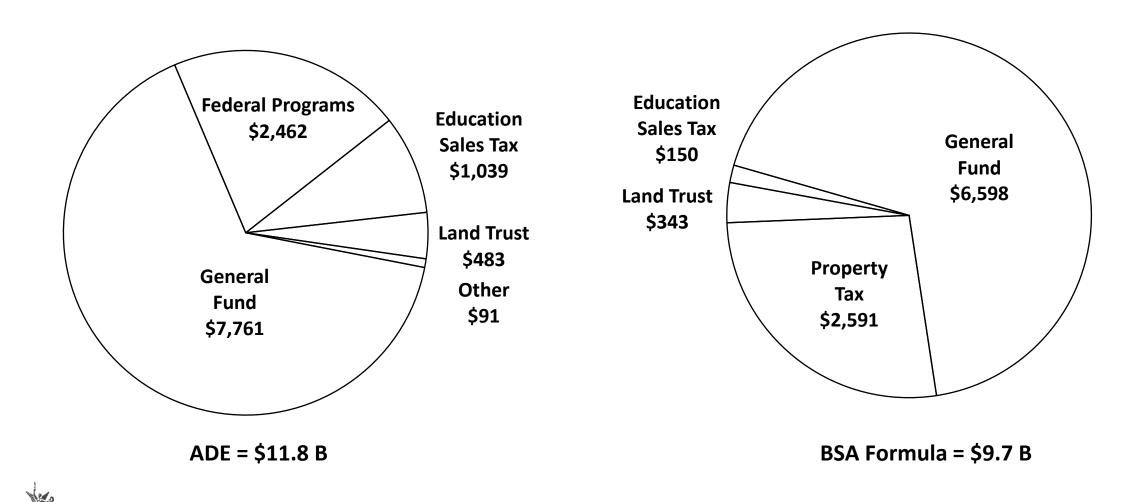
# K-12 and ESA Formula Funding Overview

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# **Basic State Aid Allocates \$9.7 Billion to Schools**

- Mostly Funded by ADE Resources



## **Student Counts are Key Determinant of BSA Funding Levels**

- Average Daily Membership (ADM) measures student counts:
  - Enrollment of full-time/fractional students for first 100 days, minus withdrawals
  - Students must meet minimum requirements for total instructional hours/courses to be counted
  - FY 2024 Unweighted Count (Estimated): 1.1 million
- ADM is "weighted" based on statutory factors:
  - Group A weights adjust for school size, urban/rural location, K-8/high school
  - Group B weights adjust for specific student populations (e.g. Special Ed, English Learners, K-3, etc.)
  - FY 2024 Weighted Count (Estimated): 1.56 million



# Public School BSA Formula Components (Enacted Budget)

- Base Level: \$7.80 billion
  - Calculated with <u>current</u> year <u>weighted</u> ADM; current amount is \$4,914.71
  - Voter-protected statute requires annual inflation adjustment
- Additional Assistance: \$1.04 billion
  - Districts: calculated with <u>prior</u> year <u>unweighted</u> ADM; ranges from \$549.45 to \$732.87
  - Charters: calculated with <u>current</u> year <u>unweighted</u> ADM; ranges from \$2,049.12 to \$2,388.21
- Transportation: \$213 million
  - Districts only; calculated with <u>prior</u> year <u>route miles</u>; ranges from \$2.37 to \$2.89 per route mile
  - Voter-protected statute requires annual inflation adjustment



# Property Taxes Fund \$2.59 Billion of Public School Formula

- State Partially Offsets with Homeowner's Rebate

- Qualifying Tax Rate (QTR): \$2.59 billion
  - Districts cover portion of their formula cost via primary property tax
  - Current rates are \$1.6549 for non-unified, \$3.3098 for unified
  - Adjusted annually by JLBC Staff in accordance with Truth-in-Taxation
- Homeowners receive rebate on portion of QTR taxes
  - 50% in FY 2024 with cap of \$600
  - Also provides funding for homeowners over the 1% cap
  - Total FY 2024 cost: \$512 million General Fund



#### ESA Formula Funds 90% of Base Support Level and CAA - Enacted Budget Assumed \$625 million for 68,000 enrollees

- Actual enrollment is currently 70,000 and awards are \$665 M.
- Net impact on ADE budget depends on whether new ESA students are "switchers" or were always in private/homeschooled settings.
- ESA formula cost compared with public school depends on school of origin and Group B weights
- We cannot determine impact of switchers in real time due to data limitations



## ESA Basic State Aid Formula Comparisons

- Large State Aid District, Pupil with no Group B weights

| Table 1                      |               |             |         |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------|
|                              | Grades 1-8    | High School |         |
| District                     | \$<br>6,200   | \$          | 6,800   |
| Charter                      | \$<br>7,700   | \$          | 8,600   |
| ESA                          | \$<br>6,900   | \$          | 7,700   |
| District less than Charter   | \$<br>(1,500) | \$          | (1,800) |
| District less than ESA       | \$<br>(700)   | \$          | (900)   |
| Charter <u>more</u> than ESA | \$<br>800     | \$          | 900     |



## ESA Basic State Aid Formula Comparisons

- Large Non-State Aid District, Pupil with no Group B weights

| Table 2                       |               |    |                    |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----|--------------------|--|
|                               | Grades 1-8    | F  | <b>High School</b> |  |
| District                      | \$<br>0       | \$ | 0                  |  |
| Charter                       | \$<br>7,700   | \$ | 8,600              |  |
| ESA                           | \$<br>6,900   | \$ | 7,700              |  |
| District less than Charter    | \$<br>(7,700) | \$ | (8,600)            |  |
| District <u>less</u> than ESA | \$<br>(6,900) | \$ | (7,700)            |  |
| Charter more than ESA         | \$<br>800     | \$ | 900                |  |



## **ESA Basic State Aid Formula Comparisons**

- Large State Aid District, Pupil with Moderate Intellectual Disability (MOID)

| Table 3                    |            |         |             |         |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|---------|
|                            | Grades 1-8 |         | High School |         |
| District                   | \$         | 27,900  | \$          | 28,500  |
| Charter                    | \$         | 29,400  | \$          | 30,300  |
| ESA                        | \$         | 26,500  | \$          | 27,300  |
| District less than Charter | \$         | (1,500) | \$          | (1,800) |
| District more than ESA     | \$         | 1,400   | \$          | 1,200   |
| Charter more than ESA      | \$         | 2,900   | \$          | 3,000   |



#### Major Non-BSA State and Local Funding for Public Schools - ESAs May Impact Select Non-Formula Funding Sources

| Funding Source                | <u>\$ in Millions</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Classroom Site Fund        | 1,018                 |
| 2) Bonds                      | 814                   |
| 3) Overrides                  | 750                   |
| 4) Other State Formulas       | 472                   |
| 5) School Facilities Division | 357                   |
| 6) Other Local Tax Levies     | 350                   |

\*\* ESAs may also affect utilization of STO Tax Credit programs, which totaled \$257 Million in FY 23

