

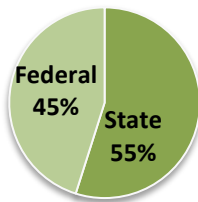
PR Public Schools & Their Students

- PR is the 3rd largest school district in the US (after NYC and LA Unified): There are **1,520 public schools** with a FY10 enrollment of **491,273 students**. **84%** of these schools are currently **in need of academic improvement**, according to federal standards. The district is managed by the PR Department of Education (PRDE).
- Most schools have chronic physical infrastructure problems** which result in unhealthy learning conditions. The PR government has already invested approximately \$60 million to address the most pressing issues in about 1/3 of schools and is now implementing a \$750 million capital improvement project to rehabilitate 95 schools and build 5 new ones.
- Achievement Test Results
 - NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress): FY09 8th grade **results for PR were 26 percentage points below the US national average** of 51%.
 - 11th grade PPAA (PR public school standardized achievement test) **proficiency levels in FY09 were 2% in math, 36% in science, 35% in Spanish and 44% in English.**
- Graduation and Dropout Rates
 - PR public schools have a **64.5% graduation rate**, while the US national average is 74.9%.
 - Official dropout rate is low, yet studies show **PR middle school dropout rates are higher than in the US.**

PR Public Education in Dollars and Cents

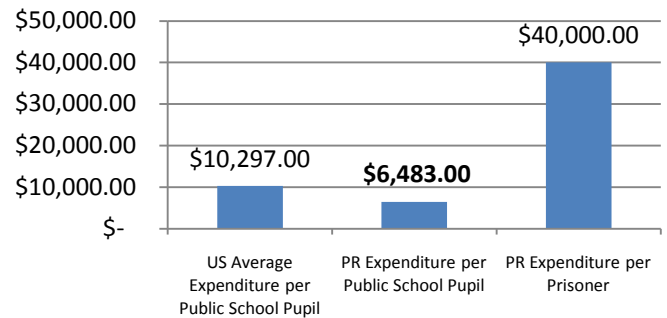
PRDE Budget Sources FY11

Total Budget for FY11 is **\$4,040,075,000**



14% of FY11 state revenues are destined to public k-12 education.

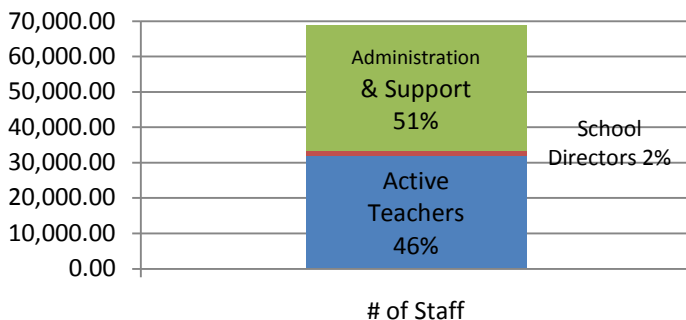
Annual Expenditure Comparison FY08



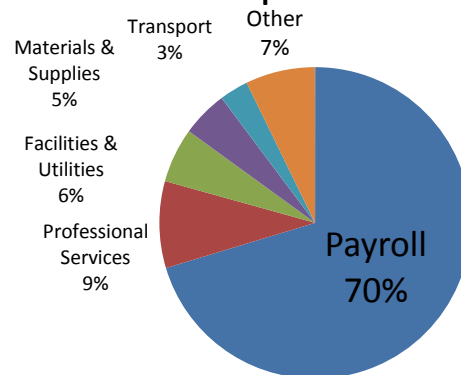
PR Department of Education (PRDE) Operations

PRDE Personnel Breakdown FY10

Total Staff is 68,896



PRDE Expenditures FY09



Importance of Education: "A country able to attain literacy scores 1% higher than the international average will achieve levels of GDP per capita that are 2.5 and 1.5% higher, respectively, than those of other countries." (OECD, Education at a Glance, 2006, p. 155)