

Getting the Most from Our K-12 Education Dollars

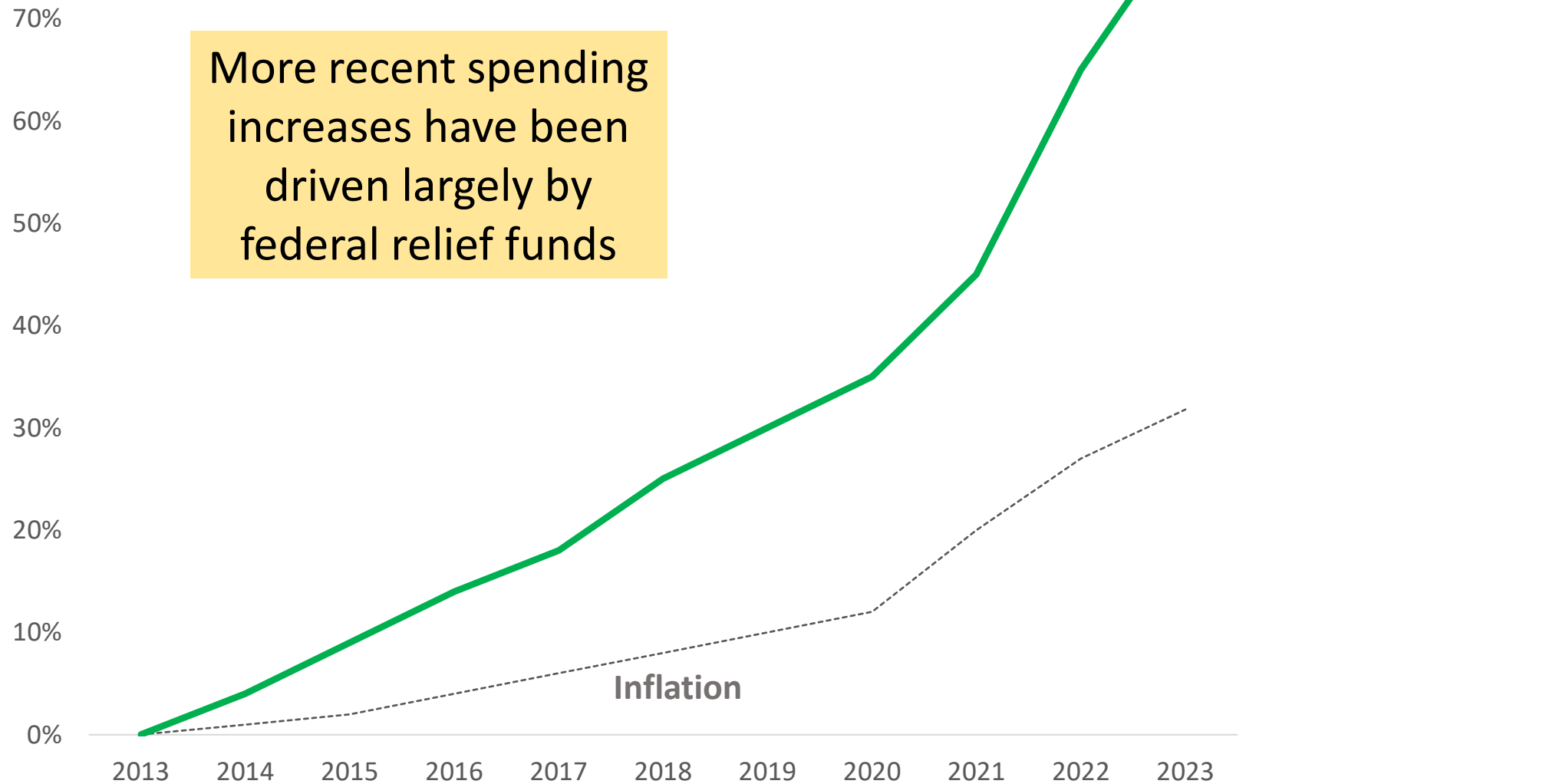
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A new and EXTREMELY CHALLENGING school finance landscape:

- ✓ Supes stressed about budget
- ✓ End of ESSER left holes in budgets
- ✓ Enrollment down. School closures?
- ✓ State revenues are tight
- ✓ Schools carrying more staff than ever
- ✓ Teacher shortage is over
- ✓ Local appetite for taxes is down
- ✓ Sp Ed costs crowding out other spending
- ✓ Other student needs are growing
- ✓ Financial dysfunction plagues some districts
- ✓ Changing US administration
- ✓ Test scores have not recovered

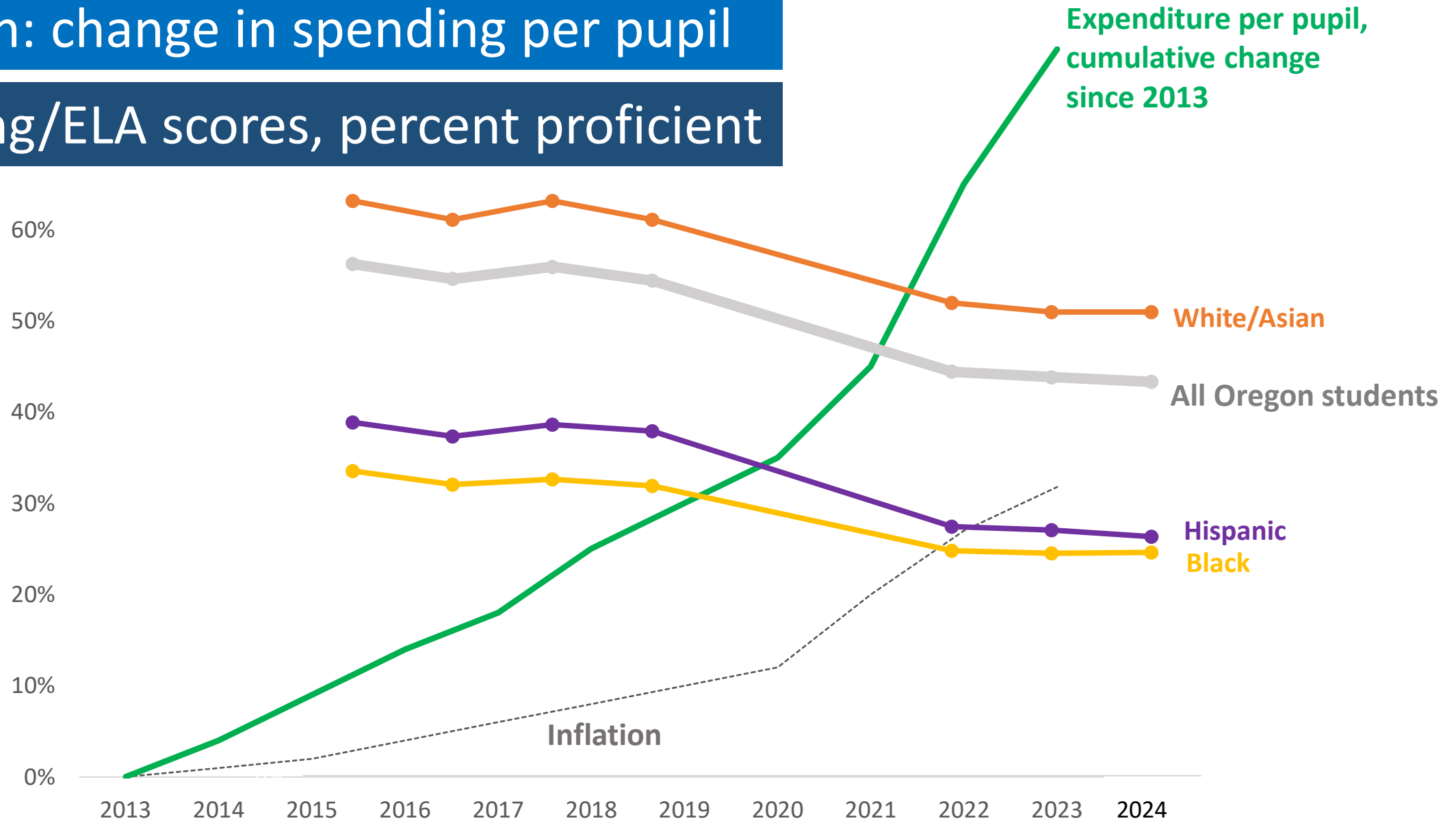


Oregon: change in spending per pupil



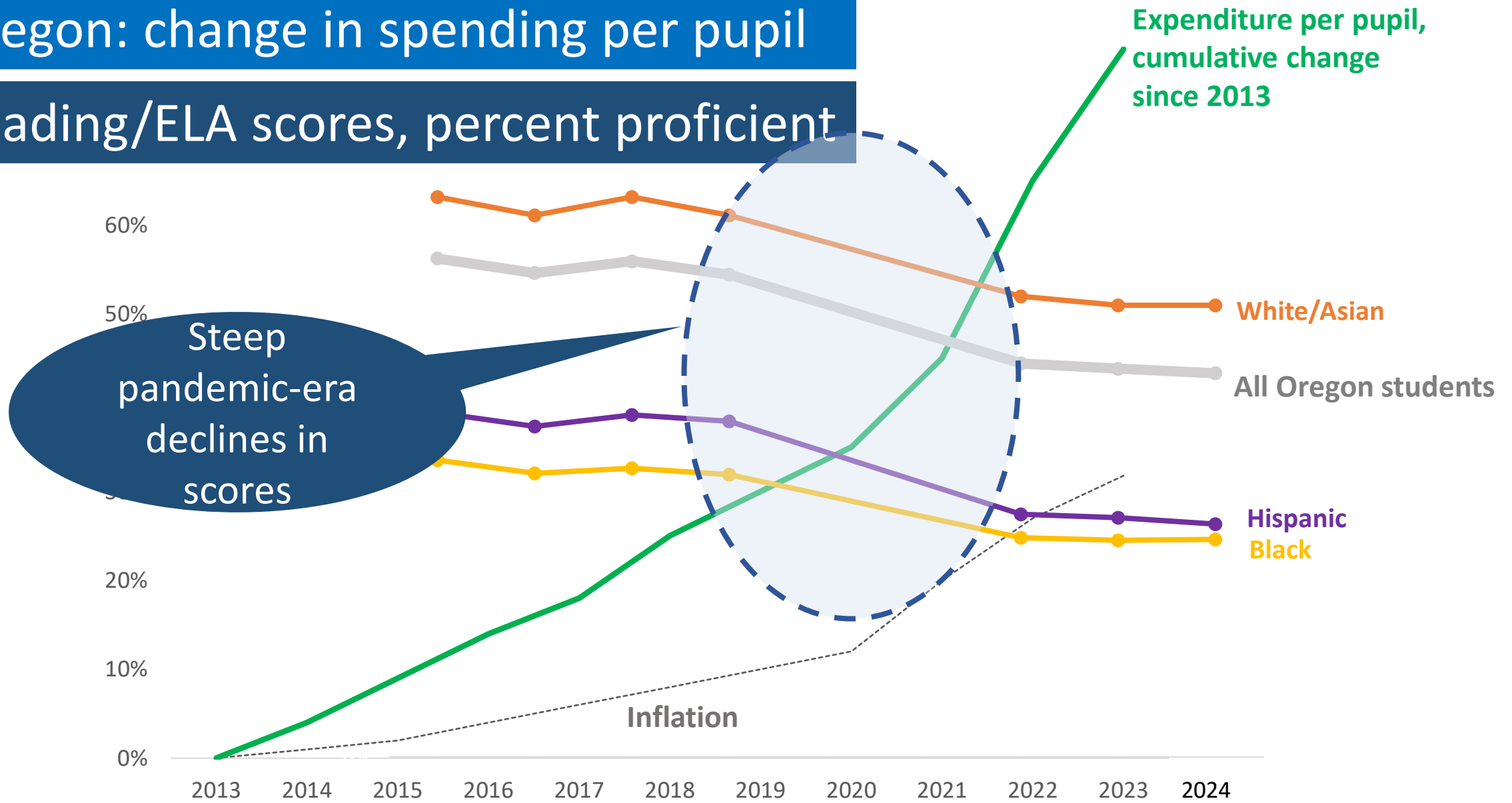
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Reading/ELA scores, percent proficient



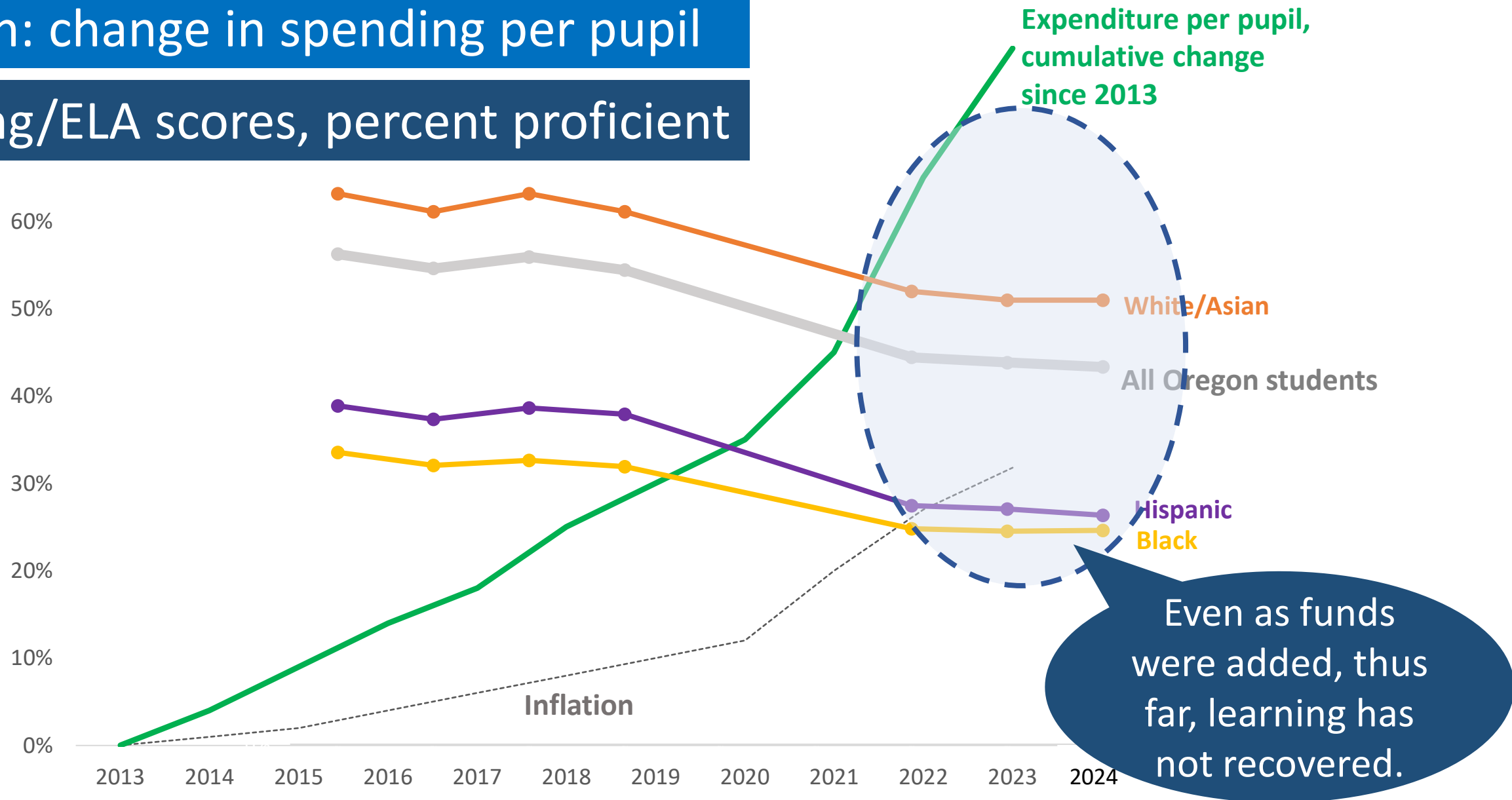
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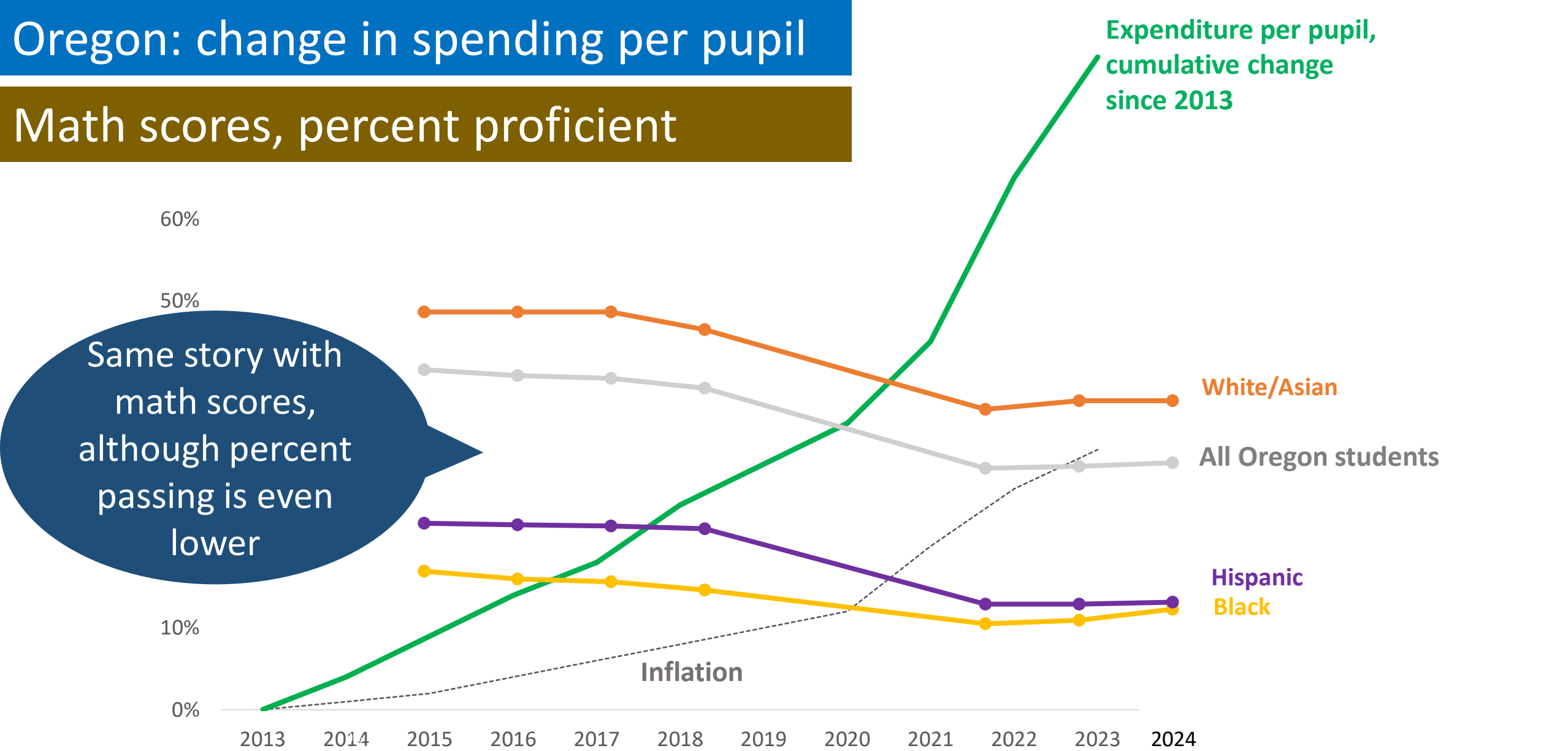
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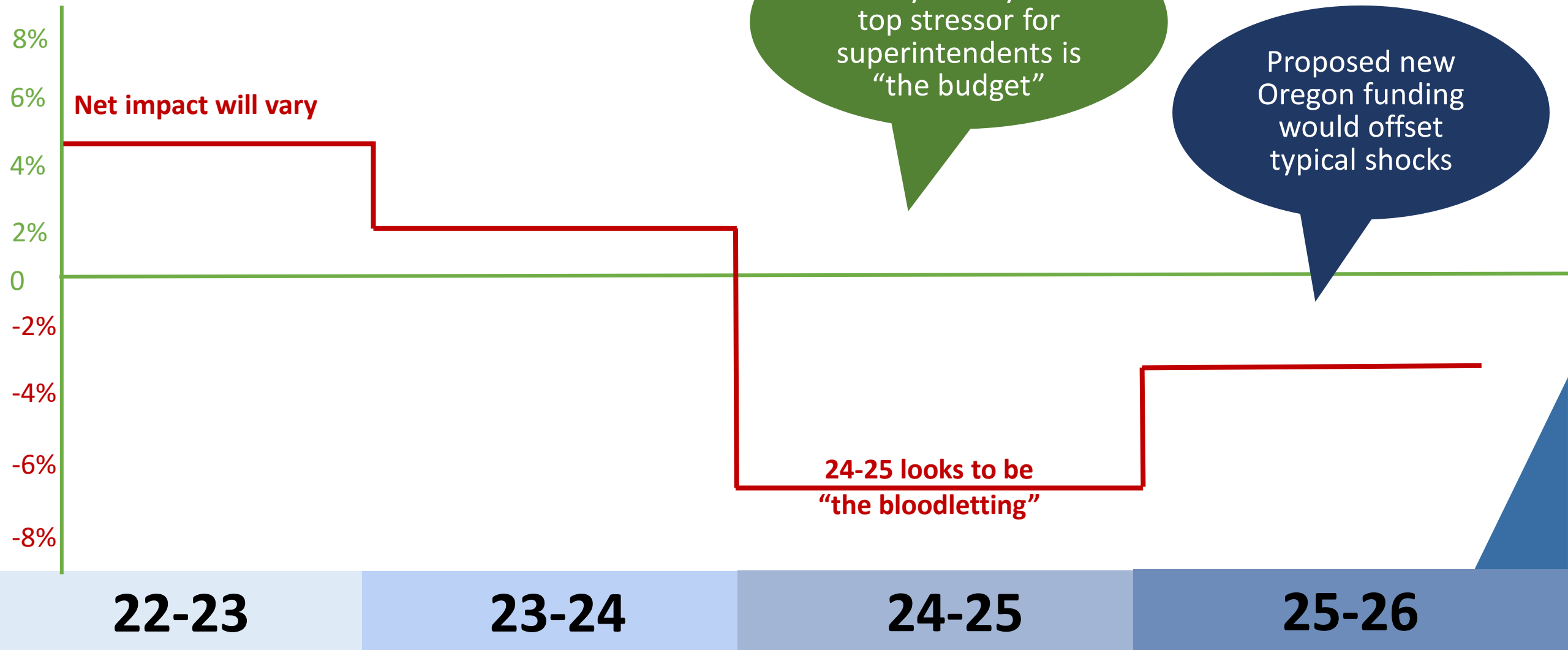
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Math scores, percent proficient



Atypical financial shocks

Net effect on typical
budget trends



Atypical financial shocks

1. ESSER boosted spending but that ended abruptly this fall.

- Most at risk: Districts using ESSER for recurring financial commitments via budget backfilling, new hires or permanent raises.

2. Enrollment declines mean fewer revenues in the long run

- Most at risk: Urban districts. Districts closed longer.

3. Inflation, labor scarcity, & new hiring drove up recurring commitments

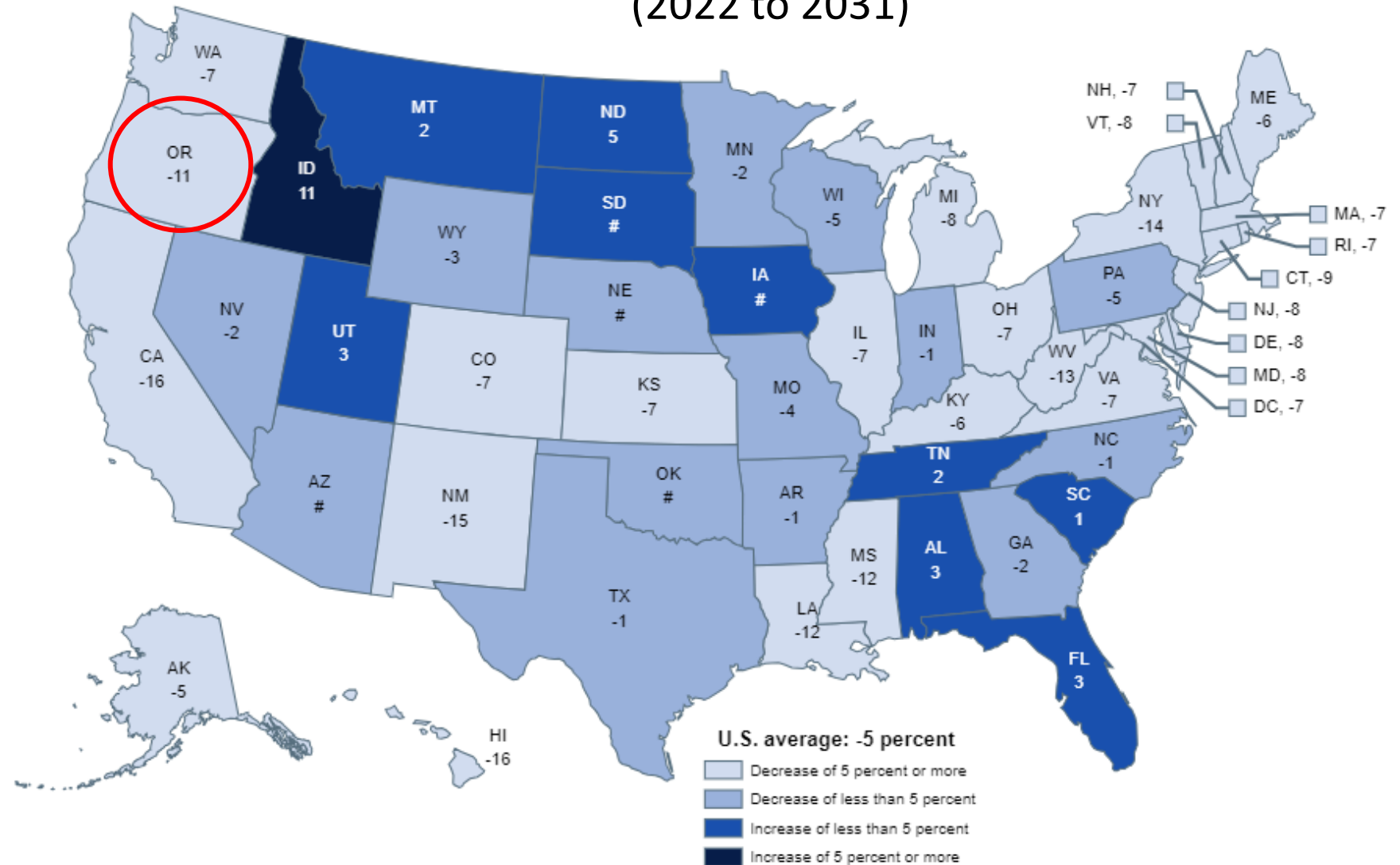
- Most at risk: Those offering permanent raises that are larger than typical (typical is ~1-2% on top of 3% via step/column increases) and those who grew their staff rolls.



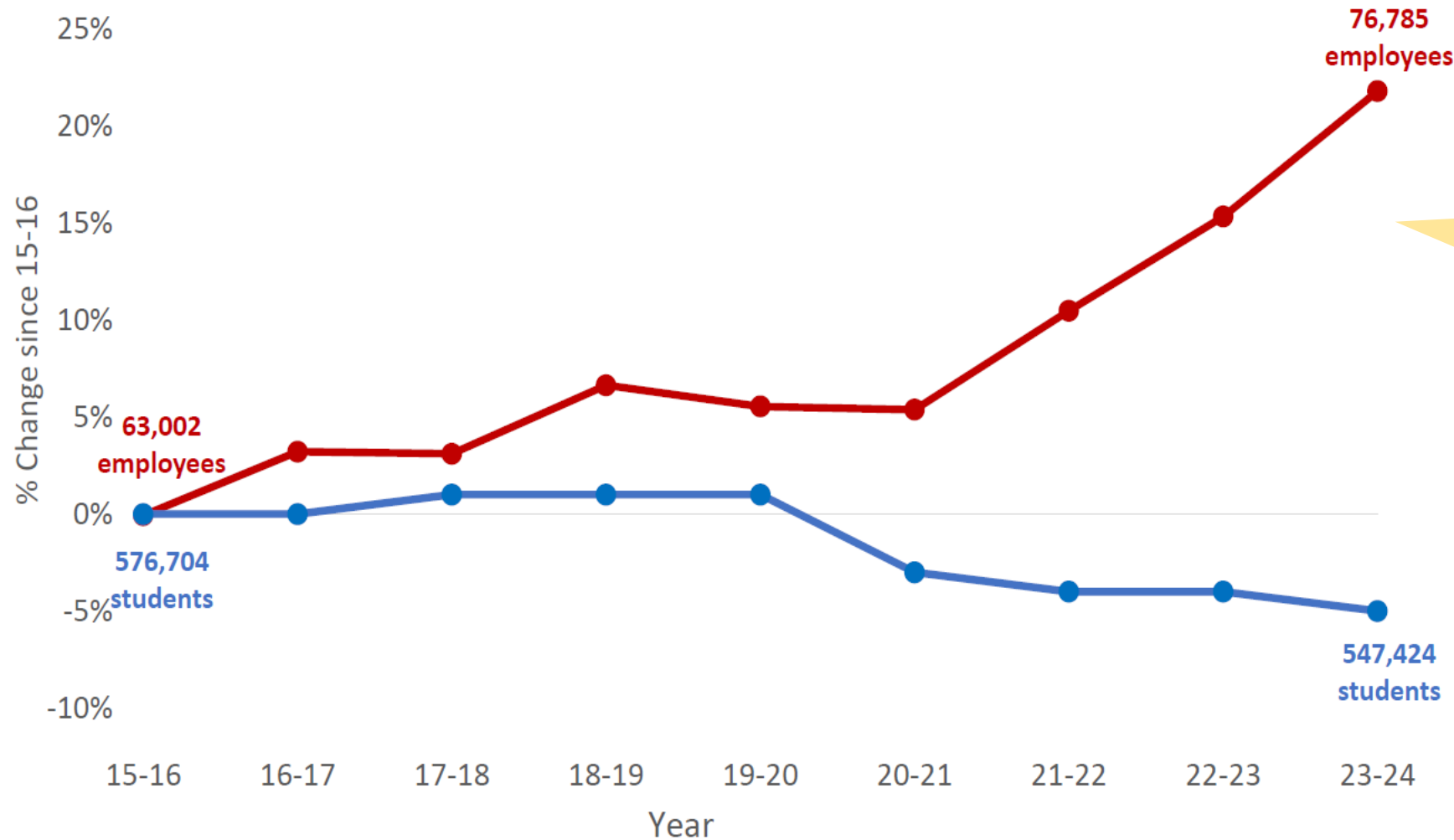
States are projected to see varying changes in enrollment (2022 to 2031)

Nearly 25% of OR districts had >11% decline since 2019

Many are still seeing continued declines



Oregon: Staffing vs Enrollment Trends (Cumulative % change since 15-16)



Oregon schools have more staff now than ever before.

Sources: Oregon Department of Education [Student Membership Reports](#), [School and District Staffing](#)

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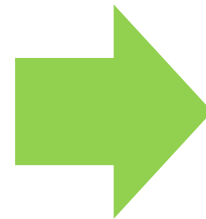


The teacher shortage is over!



Targeted raises e.g. for math or high poverty schools may make more sense now.

Districts posted VERY FEW job openings this spring.

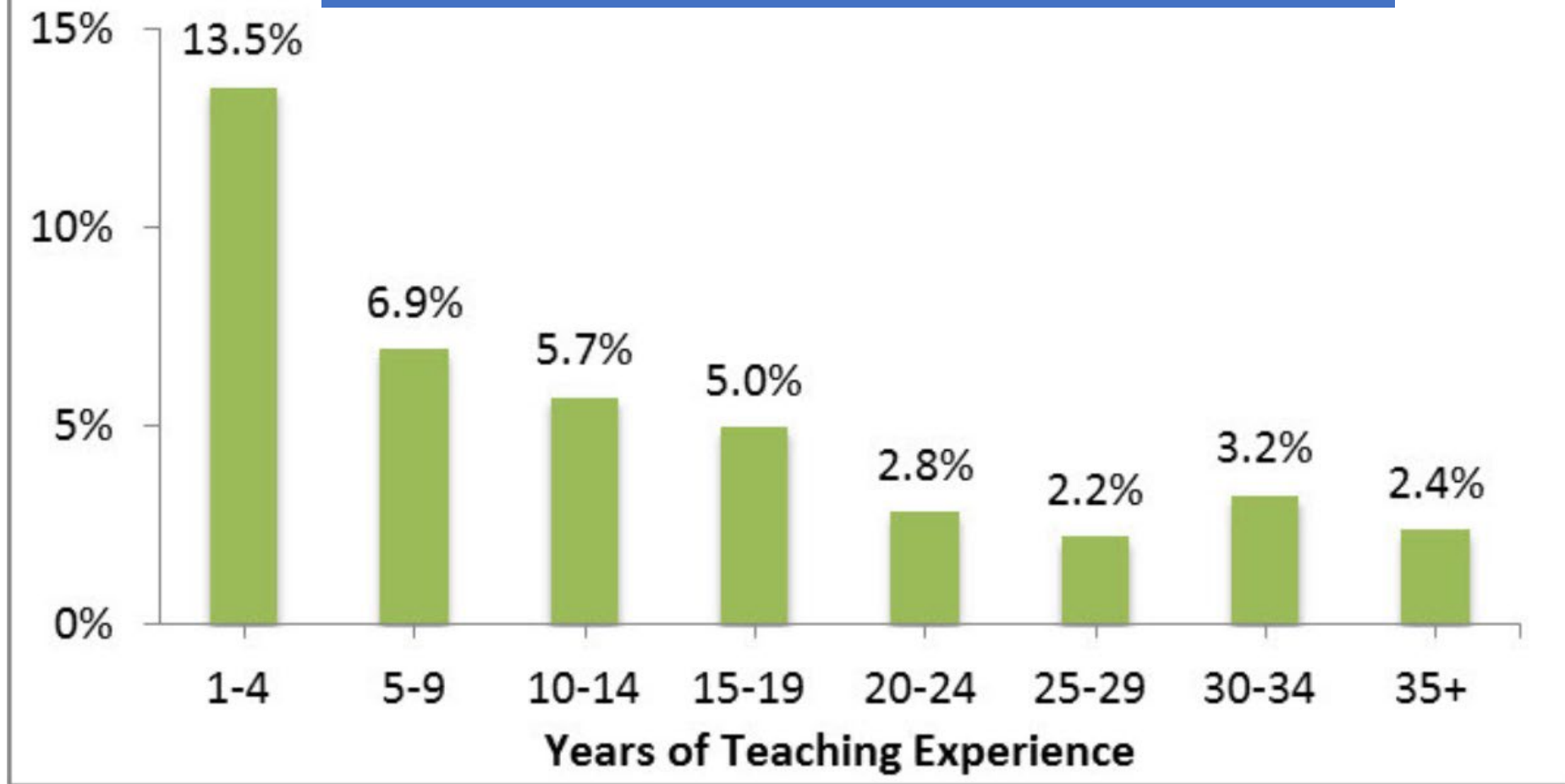


Districts are now trying to shrink their workforce via attrition.

*https://nces.ed.gov/whatsnew/press_releases/12_13_2023.asp

** WorkInEd (data collected June 10, 2024): <https://workined.org/jobs>

Most turnover (excluding retirement) is among the newest teachers



Math 8th Grade All Students % Proficient

Oregon FY22-23 Expenditure vs SY23-24 8th Grade Proficiency

II. These schools spend **fewer public dollars** than their peers and have **higher student outcomes**.

I. These schools spend **more public dollars** than their peers and have **higher student outcomes**.

80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%

Average

III. These schools spend **fewer public dollars** than their peers and have **lower student outcomes**.

Average

IV. These schools spend **more public dollars** than their peers and have **lower student outcomes**.

Color the schools based on

% Economically Disadvantaged

District Name
(All)

Highlight a District
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Charter Status Legend

No

Yes

Charter Status

(All)

No

Yes

Color Filter

(All)

Null

0-25% Eco Dis

25-50% Eco Dis

50-75% Eco Dis

75-100% Eco Dis

Color Legend

0-25% Eco Dis

25-50% Eco Dis

50-75% Eco Dis

75-100% Eco Dis

Null

Enrollment

(All)

0-250 Students

250-500 Students

500-750 Students

750-1000 Students

1000+ Students

Enrollment Legend

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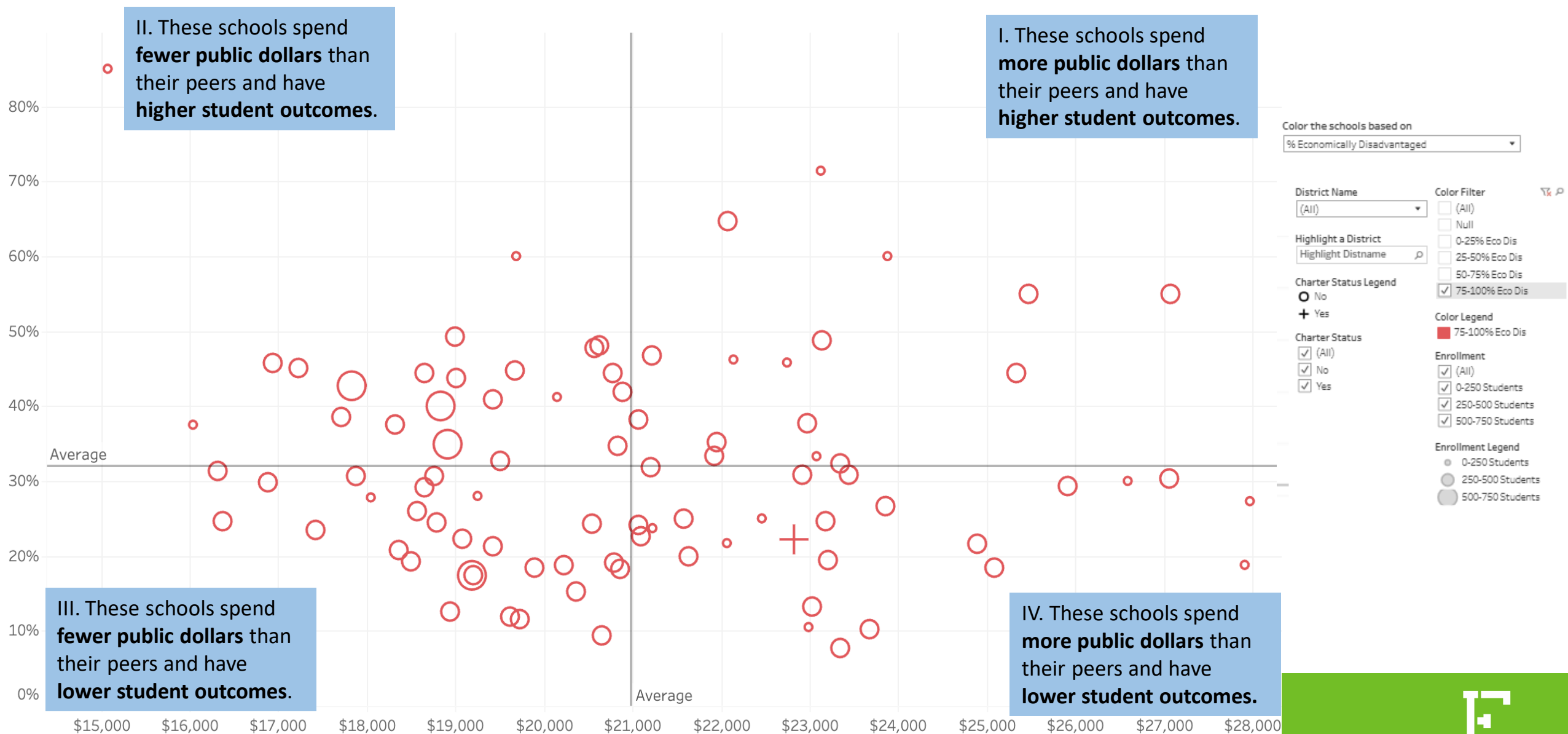
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4th Grade Outcomes

ELA 4th Grade All Students % Proficient

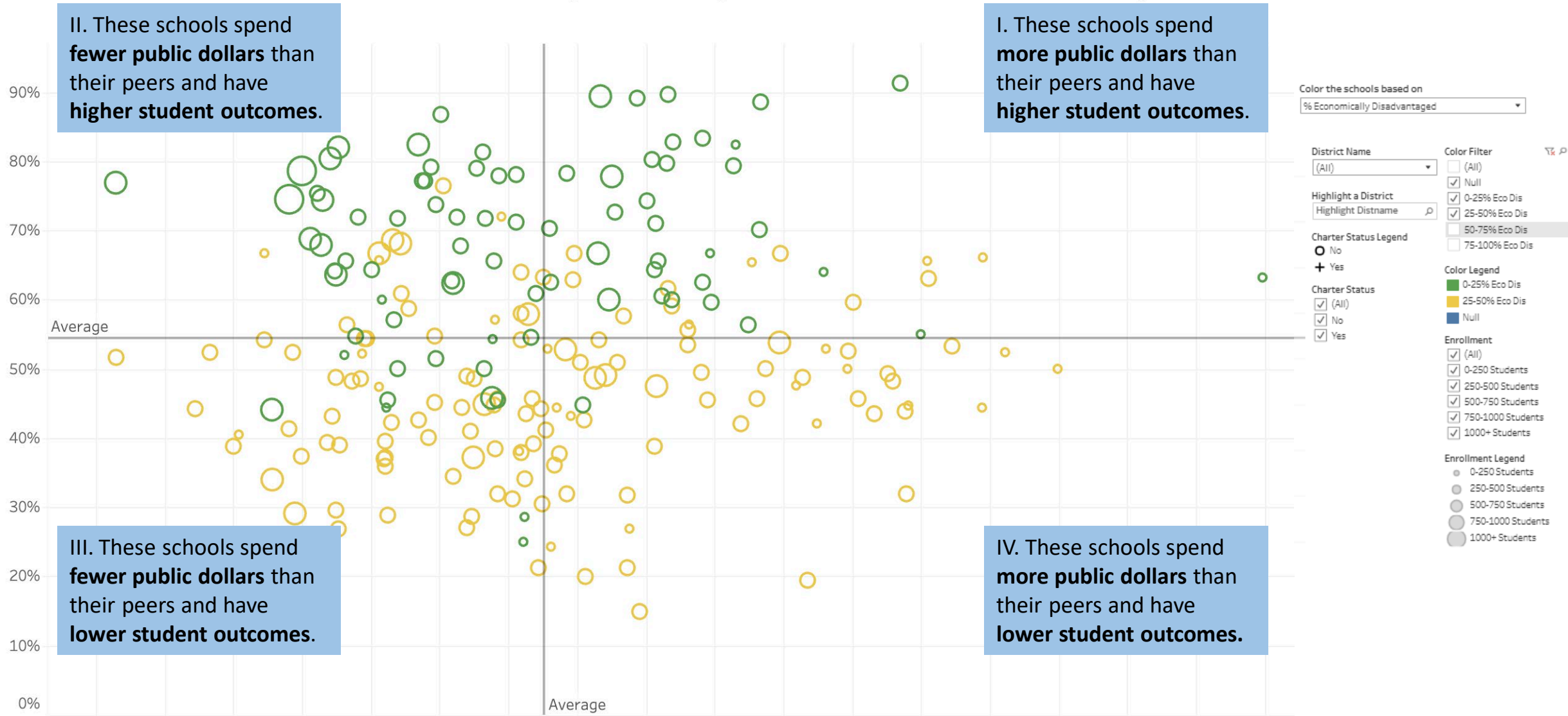
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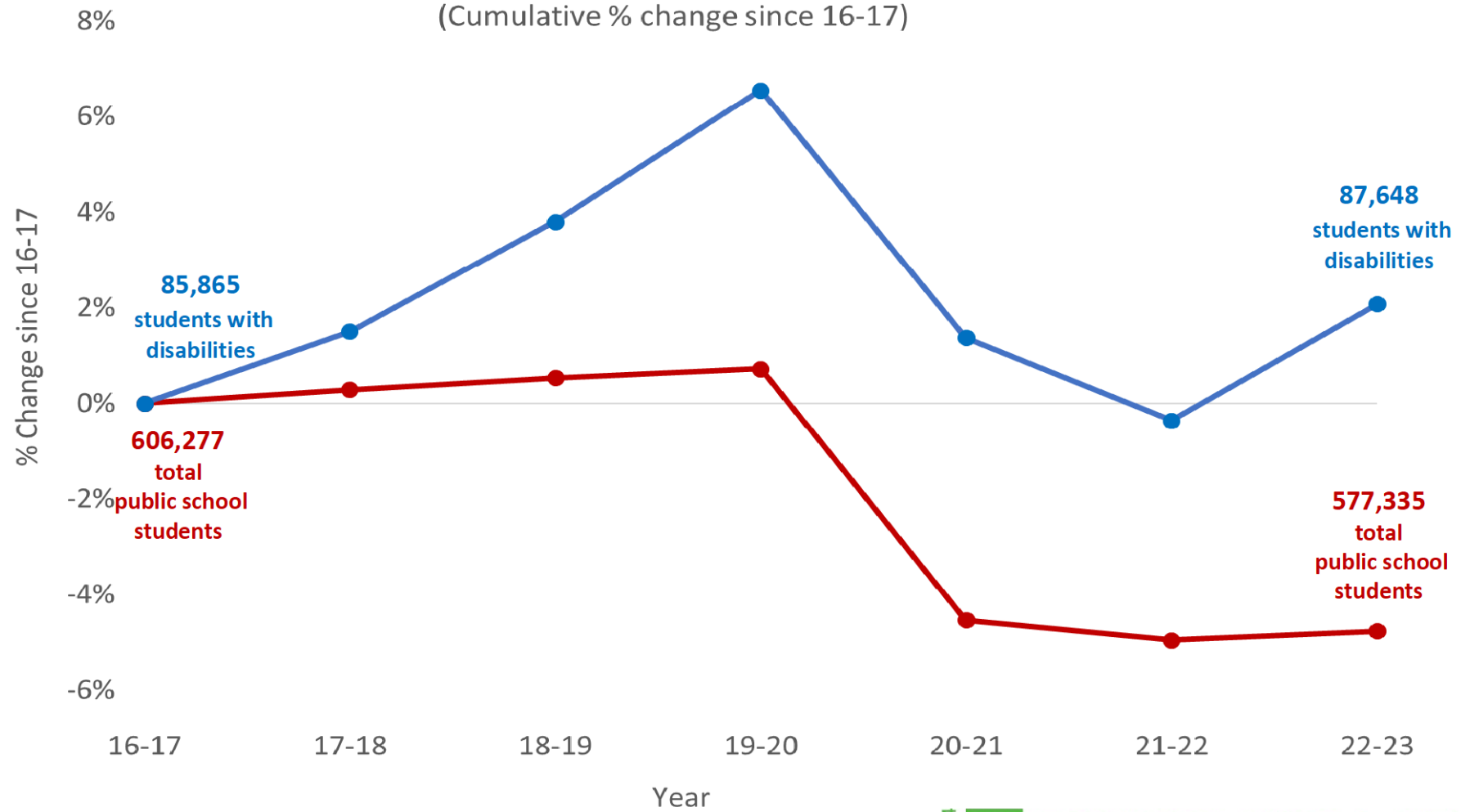
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Oregon data: edunomicslab.org/spending-v-outcomes/

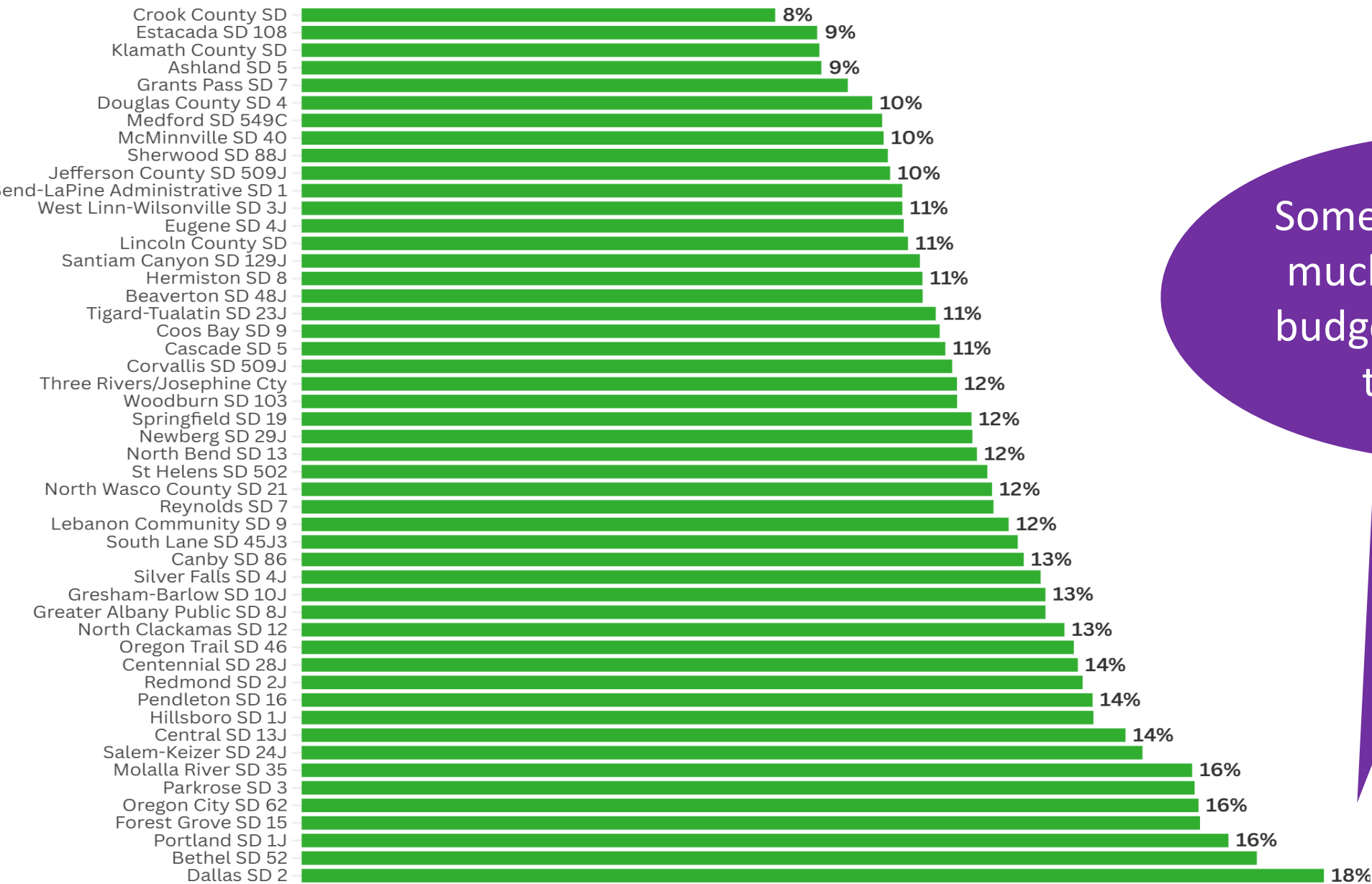


Oregon:
Public School Enrollment vs.
Students with Disabilities Enrollment
(Cumulative % change since 16-17)



Source: [NCES Common Core of Data](#)

OR Districts spend different portions of their ed dollars on special education



Some districts spend much more of their budget on special ed than peers.

THANK YOU

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