

# Filling the Hole in K-12 School Funding

\$300 per pupil funding increase = \$510 million

*A \$300 per pupil funding increase will not fill the hole in funding needs of K-12 schools in Michigan.*

*\$250 of it will be eaten up by the anticipated increases in retirement and health care costs; leaving only \$50 per pupil to cover all of the other rising costs of teaching and learning.*

Student Achievement ✧ Program Restoration ✧ Teacher Quality ✧  
 Small Class Size ✧ 0-to-5 School Readiness<sup>3</sup> ✧ School Maintenance ✧  
 School Security ✧ Up-to-date Textbooks ✧ Student Educational  
 Supplies ✧ After-School Programs ✧ Before-School Programs ✧  
 Increased Reporting Requirements ✧ Technology Upgrades ✧  
 Increased Special Education Costs ✧ Professional Development ✧  
 At-Risk Students ✧ Personnel Cost-of-Living Adjustments ✧  
 Increased Transportation Costs ✧ Increased Energy Costs

**\$50 per pupil**

Increased Retirement Costs  
**\$90 per pupil<sup>1</sup>**

Increased Health Care Costs  
**\$160 per pupil<sup>2</sup>**

**\$300  
 per pupil  
 increase**

<sup>1</sup> *Financing Michigan Retired Teacher Pension and Health Care Benefits*, Citizens Research Council of Michigan, September 2004

<sup>2</sup> Michigan Department of Education (MDE) estimate based on data from MDE and Michigan School Business Officials, November 2004

<sup>3</sup> *Building the Economic Case for Investment in Preschool*, Committee for Economic Development, December 2004, [www.ced.org](http://www.ced.org)