The chart above shows the growth in TOTAL state aid per pupil from FY 2006 to FY 2023. It includes new programs that were implemented during that time period such as full day Kindergarten and voluntary pre-K and also includes state aid that does not provide revenue to school districts such as property tax equalization, charter school lease aid, and funding to cover the state mandated increases in the employer contribution to TRA.

A significant share of the increase in state aid has been for the special education and English learner programs. Even with the increased state aid in these programs, the special education cross-subsidy has grown to $780 million and the English learner cross-subsidy is $146 million.

While total state aid for education has grown, the general education formula allowance has lost considerable ground to inflation. The formula allowance would be $798 per pupil higher in FY 2023 if it had simply kept pace with inflation since 2003, as measured by the Consumer Price Index.