

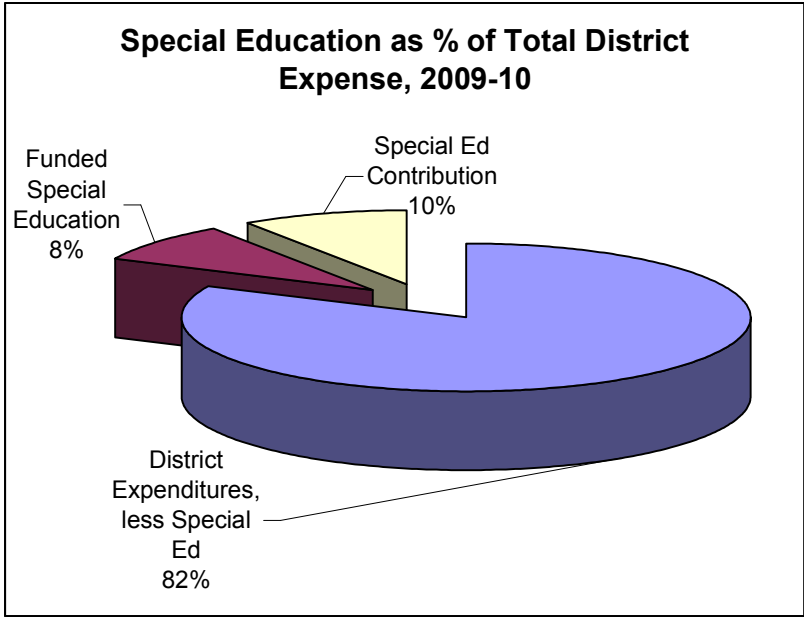
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COSTS 2009-10

Special Education Excess Costs/Contribution from Unrestricted			
Program	2007-08	2008-09 Revised Budget	2009-10 Budget
Special Ed Revenues	\$2,841,502	\$3,619,890	\$4,080,287
Special Ed Expenditures	\$6,112,250	\$8,555,879	\$8,692,133
<i>Special Education Encroachment</i>	\$3,272,736	\$4,935,989	\$4,610,846
<i>Contribution to Special Ed</i>	<u>54%</u>	<u>58%</u>	<u>53%</u>

School districts throughout the state face a continuing challenge in funding the costs for serving Special Education students. The District is proud of the Special Education support provided to our students, but the District is also faced with mounting increases in the difference between the Federal and State governments' funding and the mandated costs for these vital student services.

For 2008-09 and 2009-10, the State has provided no COLA, or cost of living adjustment, for Special Education revenues

Unfortunately, the Federal government has not provided the funding that was envisioned when the laws mandating programs for Special Education students were adopted. The nation's capital community committed to providing funding for 40% of the costs of Special Education, but has never been able to match much more than about a 17% funding level.



This shortfall in dedicated funding has led to very significant encroachment into the District's Unrestricted General Fund. Encroachment - the difference between Special Education income and expense - has forced the District into making cuts in other District programs in order to make up for the funding shortfall by Federal and State governments.

During 2009-10, it is estimated that the District will contribute \$4,610,846 from the District's Unrestricted General Fund to cover the encroaching costs for Special Education.