

UNITY POINT SCHOOL #140

REFERENDUM 2014

WELCOME

Meeting Purpose:

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide information and seek feedback concerning the educational and financial challenges at Unity Point School.

Issues and Concerns

ISSUES:

- Expenses are currently exceeding revenues and will continue into the future.
- Future deficits will need to be balanced with reductions and/or increased revenues.
- The continued reduction of General State Aid funding and the uncertainty around pension costs are crucial variables in the revenue/expenditure projections.
- Increases in special education costs---13% of our students have special needs. Special education services are mandated by the State and Federal Governments.
- The district has reduced the number of full time employees by 23 positions since the 2006 school year.
- Fluctuating increase in class sizes due to faculty and staff reductions. Two 1st grade classrooms have 30 students this year.

Concerns:

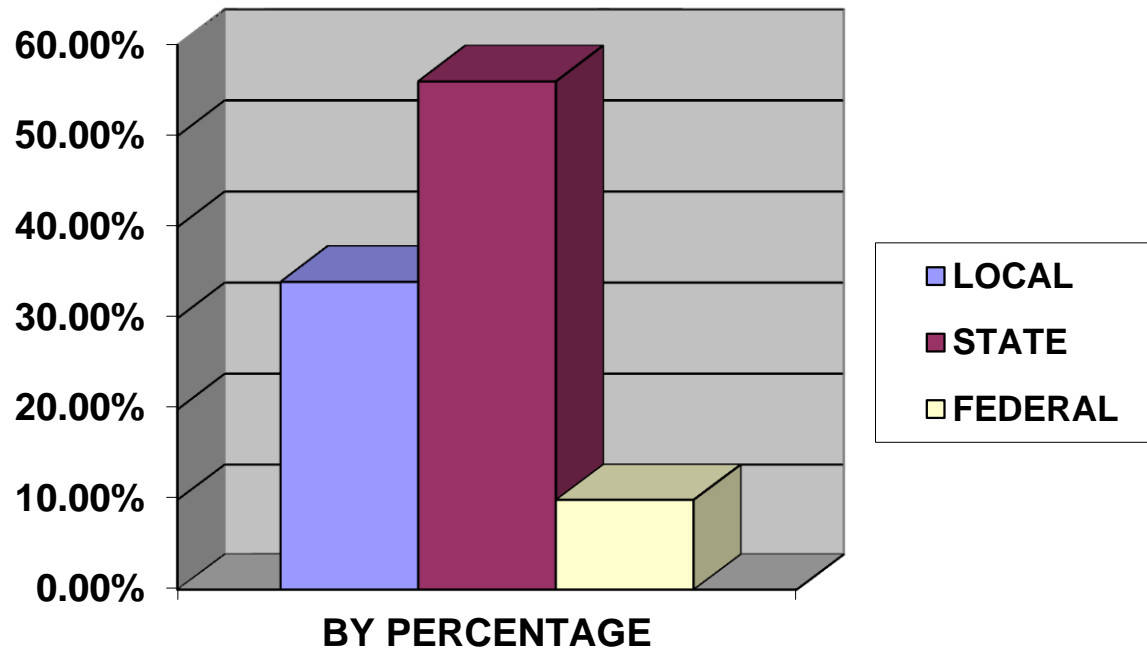
- The ability to attract and keep quality teachers. Currently, UP ranks ninth out eleven local school districts in terms of beginning salaries and seventh relative to overall teacher salaries.
- Overall level student enrollment with fluctuating numbers from year to year.
- Growing population of low-income families---57% of our students qualifies for free and reduced lunch.
- On-going costs associated with maintenance of our facility and grounds.
- **The ability of the District to continue to provide a high-quality education program.**

LOCAL REVENUE AS A SHARE OF TOTAL REVENUE

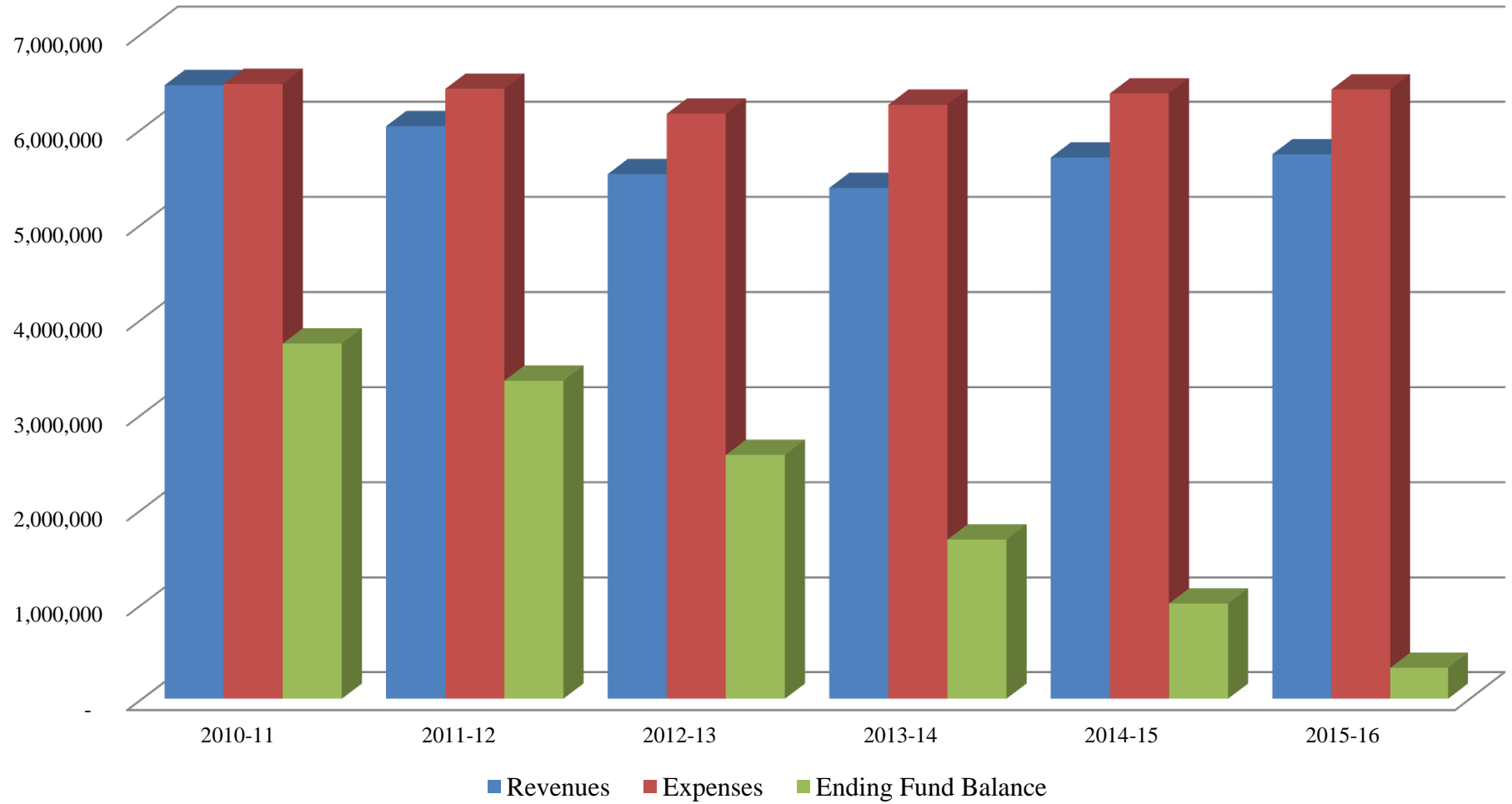
BY PERCENTAGE

REVENUE BY SOURCE

LOCAL	34%	2,070,345
STATE	56%	3,420,303
FEDERAL	10%	654,080
TOTAL	100.00	6,144,728



Unity Point SD 140 All Operating Funds



Unity Point SD 140 Education Fund



**Jackson County School District Property Tax Rate Comparison
2012 Tax Year Payable 2013**

<u>School District</u>	<u>Elementary Rate</u>	<u>High School Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Carbondale #95	3.58913	2.23954	5.82867
DeSoto #86	4.39719	2.23954	6.63673
Giant City #130	3.00262	2.23954	5.24216
Unity Point #140	2.10471/**2.60471	2.23954	4.34425
Carbondale H.S. #165		2.23954	
Elverado #196			4.51459
Murphysboro #186			4.96700
Trico #176			4.33170
*Cartersville #5			3.64955

****If the limited rate is increased 50 cents after the building bonds are paid off, the total rate for Unity Point School would be 2.60471.**

PRIORITY RANGE	COMPOSITE SCORE	PROGRAMS
Very High Priority	27.2	Class Size
Scores of 26 to 30	27.2	Elementary Core Curriculum
	27.2	Jr. High Core Curriculum
	26.2	Social Workers Services
High Priority	25	Transportation
Scores from 23 to 25	24.7	Special Education Programs
	23.7	Pre School Programs
	23.3	Supplementary Services
	23.3	Technology Services
	23.2	Physical Education
	23	Library Services
Moderate Priority	22.7	English as a Second Language Program
Scores from 20 to 22.9	22.7	Food Services
	22.5	Art Education
	21.3	Classroom Support
	21.2	Music Education
	20.9	Exploratory Classes (5 th – 6 th Grade)
	20.8	Professional Development
	20.4	Exploratory Classes (Jr. High)
Low Priority	19.8	Building Supervisors
Scores from 15 to 19.9	19.5	After School Programs (Kidz Klub)
	18.3	Athletics
	17.8	Health Services
	16.8	SIU Partnerships
	16.5	Extracurricular

QUESTIONS
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ANSWERS