



2013-14 Property Tax Report Card and Budget Votes

Analysis of Statewide Results

June 17, 2013

Almost All Districts Stayed Under the Tax Levy Cap

(2012-13 Estimates for Comparison)

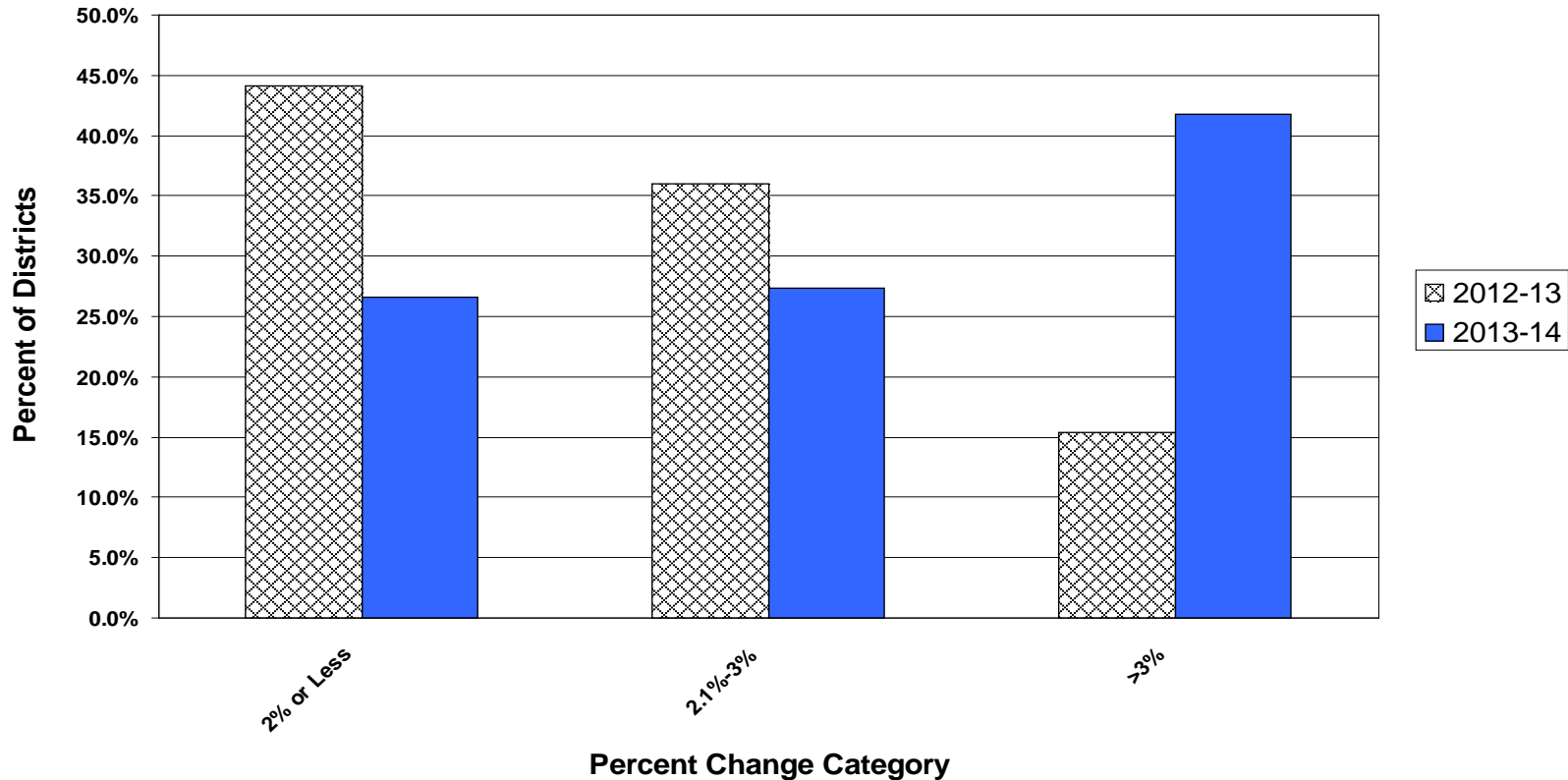
- 641, or 96.0%, at or below their Tax Levy Cap
 - 99 districts exactly equal to Tax Levy Cap (157)
 - 542 districts below their Tax Levy Cap (481)
- 28 districts sought to exceed their Levy Cap (31)

Tax Levy Limit With Adjustments - The Actual Measure of the Coming Year's Tax Increase

- Represents the maximum allowable Tax Levy increase under the Cap
- Average possible increase, compared to reported 2012-13 Actual Levy: 5.1%
- Actual proposed year-to-year Tax Levy change: 3.1%
 - Last year, districts could have increased by 3.5%, but proposed only 2.3%, on average

While Most Districts Stayed Under the Cap Both Years, the Distribution Shifted Closer to the Maximum Cap

Projected Levy Increases



Spending Increases Appear to be Driven by Pension and Capital Costs, While Enrollment Continues to Decline

➤ Budgeted Spending

- Mean year-to-year change of 3.1%
- Large increases in capital and pension costs, as reflected in 47.5% rise in claimed exclusions

➤ Public School Enrollment

- 431, or 64.4%, project a decrease again this year
- Mean year-to-year change of -0.81%

➤ Budgeted Spending Per Pupil (General Fund Only)

- Mean year-to-year Change of 3.5%

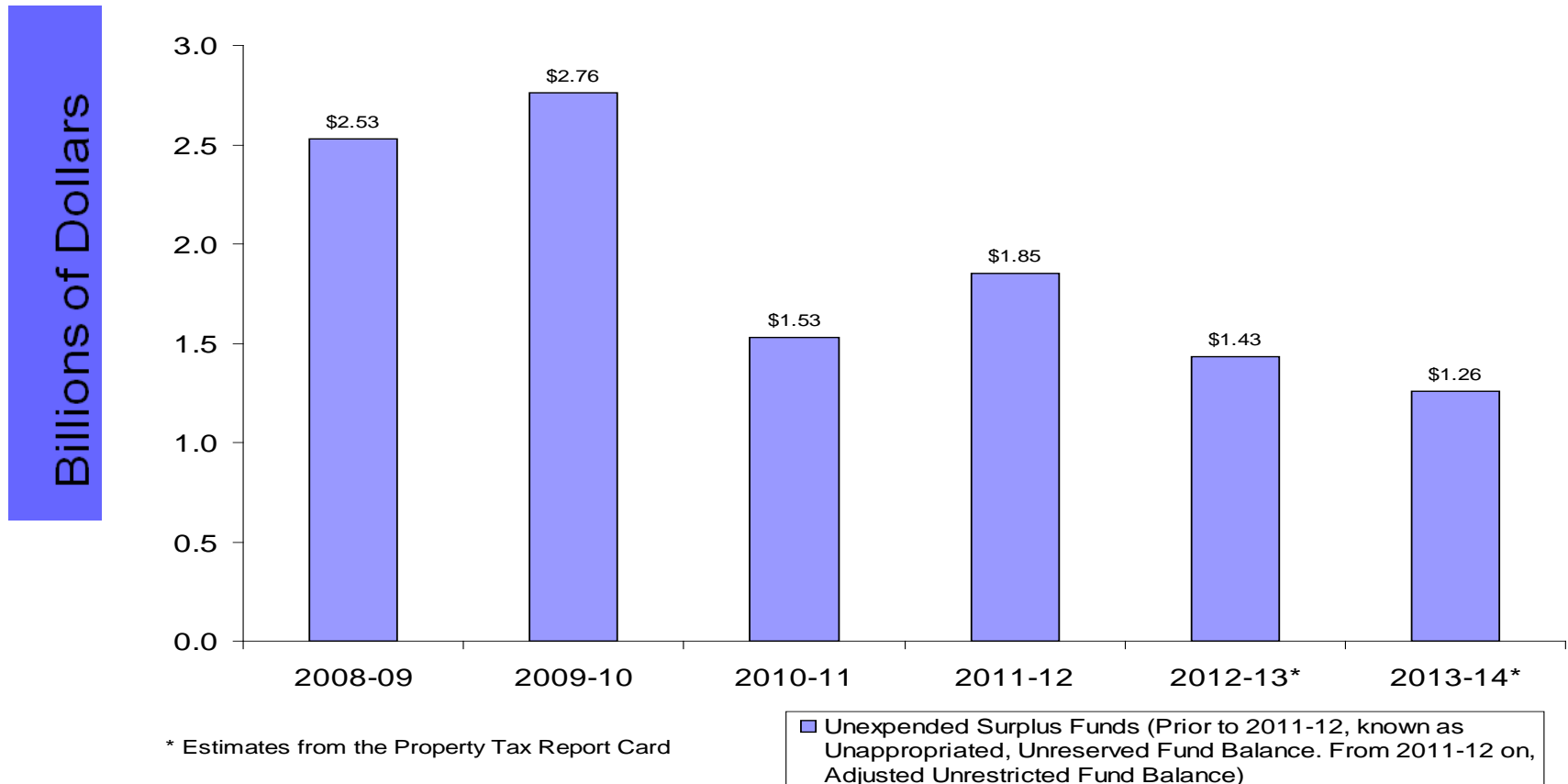
Fund Balances are Projected to Continue Declining

- Fund Balances include:
 - Adjusted Restricted for legal requirements or Board action (reserves)
 - Assigned Appropriated for reducing tax levy in coming year
 - Adjusted Unrestricted (savings) for operational purposes
- 88.9% of districts estimate a reduction in at least one of the three Fund Balance categories reported
 - 71.7% of districts project a decrease in their total fund balance
 - Projected mean year-to-year total decrease of 6.9%

The Decline in Unrestricted Fund Balance has Brought Districts Closer to the Mandated 4% of Total Budget

- Projected to decline an average of 12.4% year-to-year
 - 46.2% of districts estimating a decrease
- As a percentage of the total budget, estimated an average to be 4.36% for the coming year
 - A significant decline from an average of 5.26% in 2012-13

Unrestricted Fund Balances Continue to Decline



2013-14 School Budget Vote Results

- Of the 676 districts reporting, (the Big 5 are exempt)
 - 644, or 95.4%, passed
 - For districts that passed, the average approval vote was 70.5%
 - The average “Yes” vote in the 32 failing districts was 49.1%
- 28 districts proposed a levy that required a 60% supermajority vote
 - 21 were defeated, with an average “Yes” vote of 51.5%
 - 7 passed, with an average approval vote of 71.8%