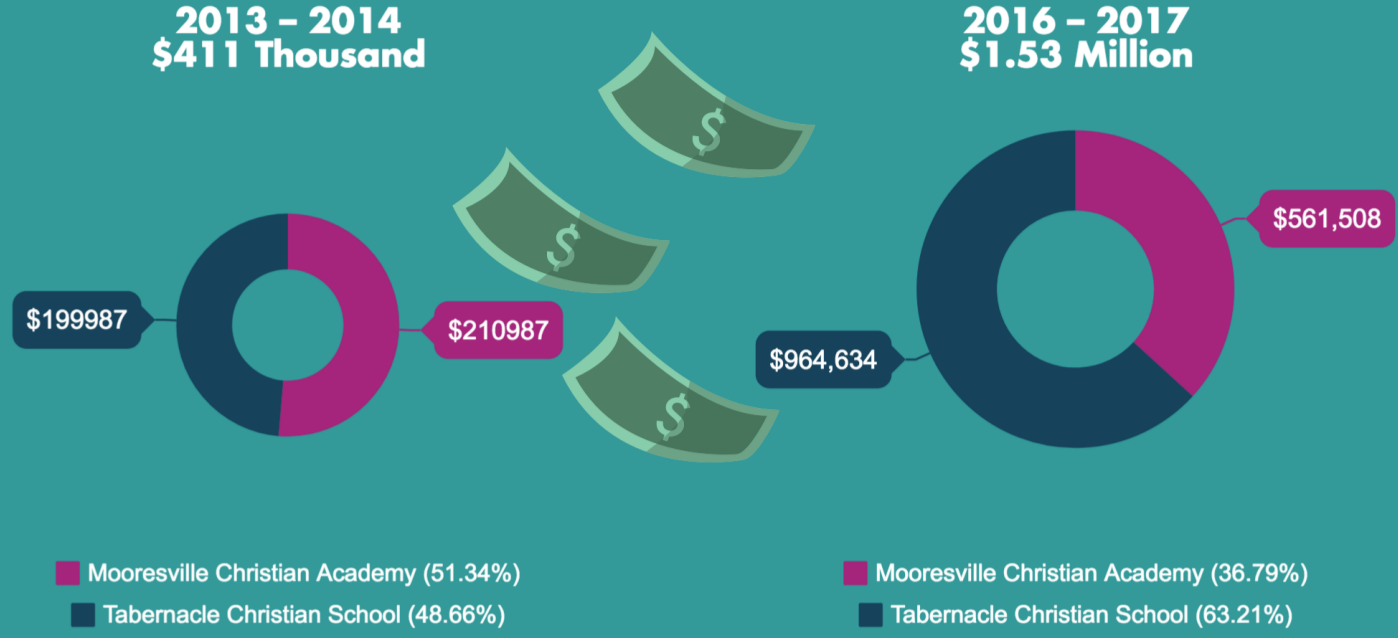
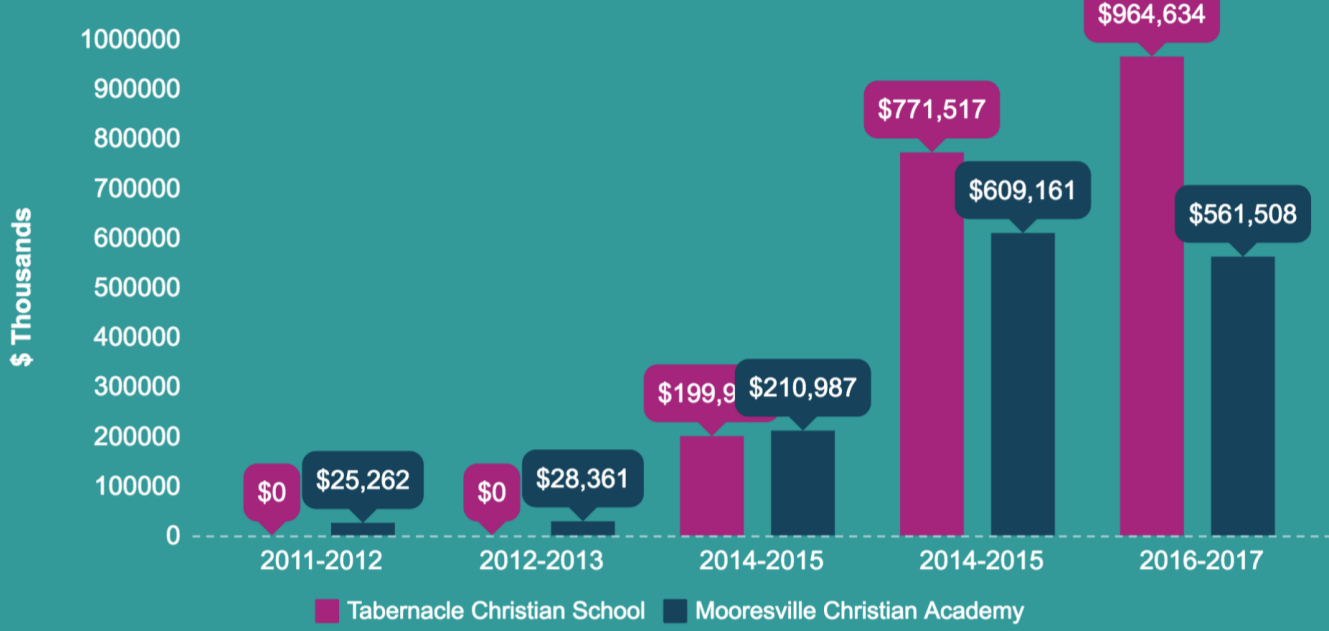


Morgan County Private School Vouchers Keep Growing and Public Schools Keep Losing!

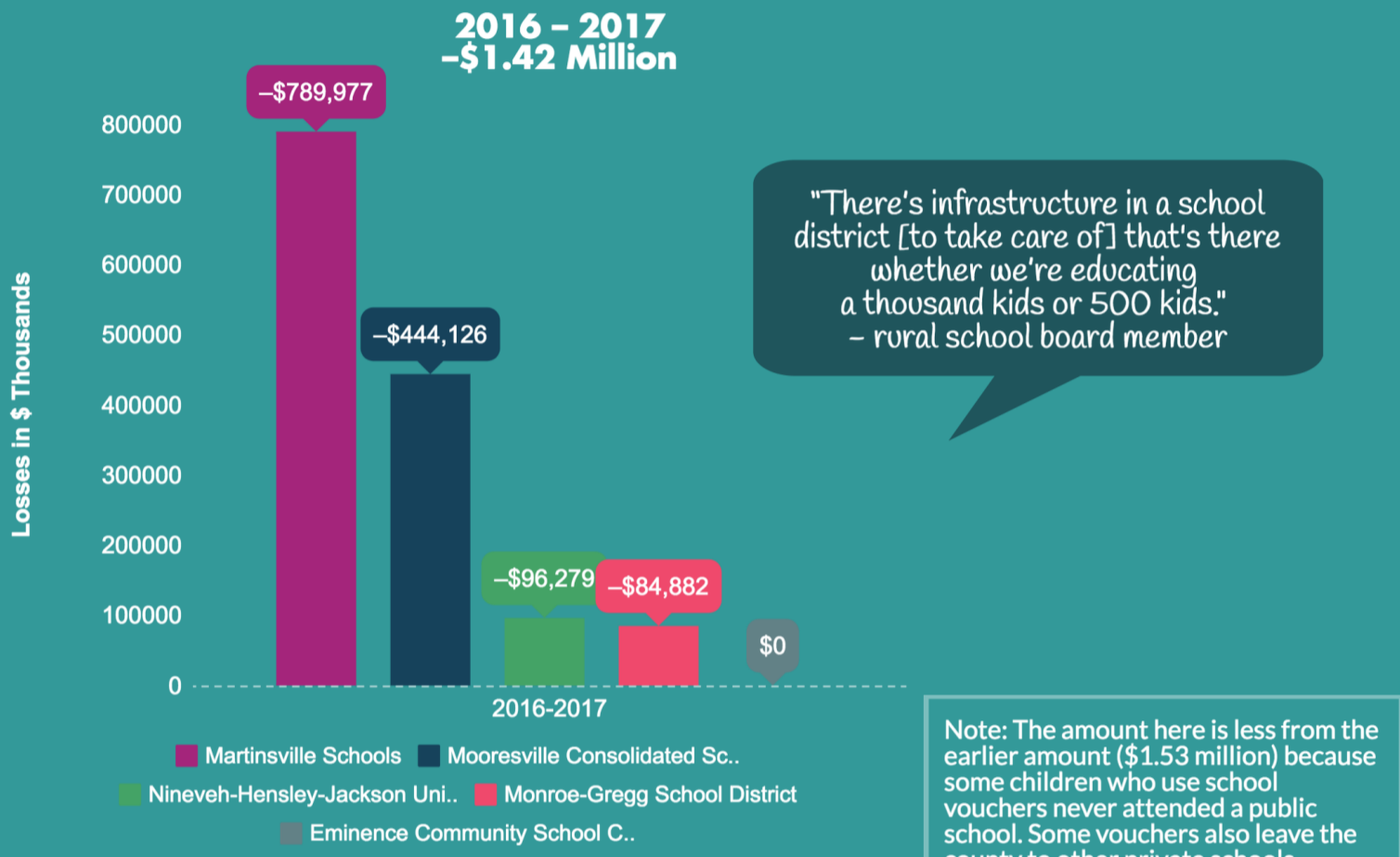
Amount of State Taxpayer Money Going to Private Schools in Morgan County



Annual Voucher Amount per Private School in Morgan County



Amount of Taxpayer Money Leaving Public School Districts in Morgan County and Going to Voucher Schools



What could Martinsville Schools do with the lost \$790k last year?



- Reduce classroom size.
- Retain advanced courses, enhance vocational programs.
- Keep more employees at full time, offering them health care coverage.
- Not offer a retirement incentive and instead keep more senior, experienced teachers on board.



Do your elected officials support local public education?

Why are public schools, especially rural schools, struggling with their budgets?



"When [state budget] cuts are made, local administrators get the blame when in most cases state legislators who write the state budget are actually the ones responsible for forcing such cuts to be made in some program by local leaders."
- Vic Smith, Indiana Coalition of Public Education Founder

Public schools are the heart of our community.

"Everything starts at the school," says Sarah Finney, Eminence Community Schools' PTO president. "We have community events there...."

Finney always planned for her sons, ages 5 and 8, to attend the one-building district with about 375 students, from pre-K through 12th grade. Her husband's family has for generations.

"Our kids know everybody," Finney says. "The parents know everybody."



The More You Know!

In 2009, the state of Indiana switched to sales and income tax instead of property taxes to pay for most K-12 expenses. Local property taxes still pay for transportation and buildings.

When the recession hit, school funding got cut. It has not returned to pre-recession levels. Current funding for public schools is not keeping up with the rate of inflation.

Many districts have asked voters to approve a raise in local property taxes (a referendum) to help maintain programs. (For example, for 6 cents more per every \$100 dollars of property tax.)

Most school referendums, since 2009 have been approved by voters. Nineveh and Mooresville have tried for referendums, but did not receive enough votes. Martinsville and Eminence have never placed a referendum on the ballot.

Join the fight for public education! Become a member of ICPE-Monroe County or let us help you form a new chapter.

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