

Does Your Legislator Support Public Education?

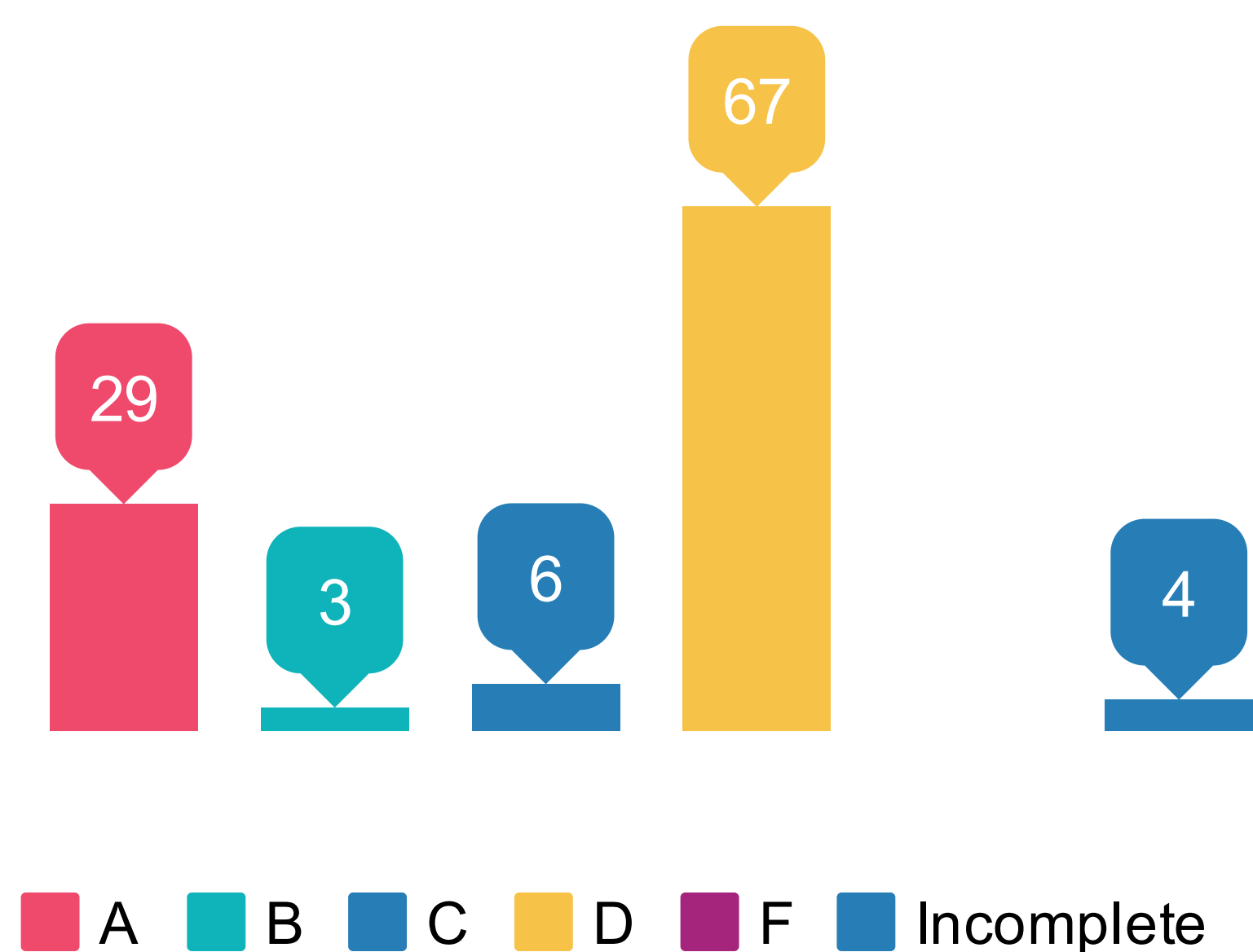
Our state organization, the Indiana Coalition for Public Education, issues a legislative report card in election years. This ICPE Report Card rates incumbents who filed for reelection in 2018, grading them based on their votes on six bills that either damaged public schools by:

1. promoting the expansion of private school vouchers
2. increasing tax credits giving taxpayer money to scholarships for private schools
3. cutting voter control of public education

or helped public schools by promoting support for public education.

In all, ICPE issued grades to 109 legislators. The majority were Ds.

Grade breakdown for legislators running for re-election



When you weaken public schools by diverting funding away from them, you undermine a key institution in our society—one that stands as the bedrock of democracy and the cornerstone of local communities.

“Although legislators might claim it’s unfair to assign letter grades based on a small portion of what they do,” said Vic Smith of ICPE, “that is exactly what Indiana does to schools across the state when it bases schools’ letter grades largely on one standardized test. Many politicians claim to support public education, but the proof is in their votes.”

The education of children in our communities should NOT be a partisan issue.

Indiana Coalition of Public Education is a bipartisan nonprofit organization that supports public schools.

Read the full report here:
keepeducationpublic.org/reportcard

\$685 Million

was spent on vouchers in Indiana from 2011–2012 through 2017–2018.

\$300 Million

was cut from Indiana public school budgets in 2009 and was never returned.

\$10,000+

students attend virtual charter schools in Indiana. All virtual charters received failing grades from the state in 2017.

97%

of private schools in Indiana that receive government vouchers are religious.

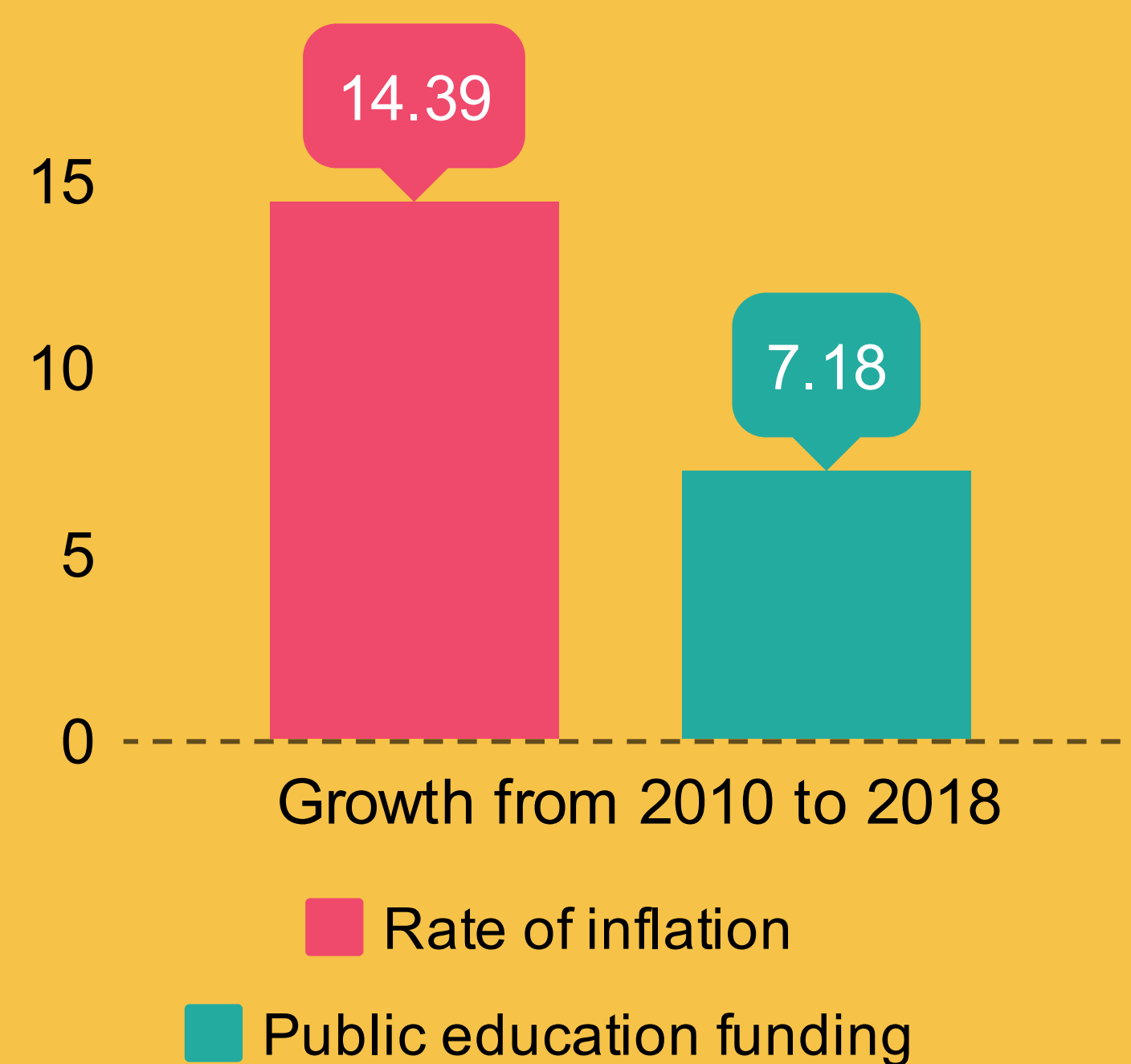
16%

is how much less teachers are earning in Indiana today compared to two decades ago when adjusted for inflation.

60 hours

is the minimum estimated time Indiana’s children spend preparing for standardized tests each year.

Public education funding is not keeping up with the rate of inflation in Indiana



percentages are estimated

Sources: Indiana Department of Education, accessed August 2018; Carmen McCollum, “Teacher Pay In Indiana Continues Its Downward Slide,” NWI.com, June 6, 2018, <https://bit.ly/2C1s0Qf>; Phil Downs, “Cumulative district budgets don’t fully reflect vouchers’ drain,” Journal Gazette, March 24, 2018, <https://bit.ly/2GD0pCJ>; Howard Nelson, Testing More, Teaching Less, American Federation of Teachers, 2013, <https://bit.ly/2PR2o1B>; and Dan Carden, “Early Christmas Gift,” NWI.com, December 7, 2011, <https://bit.ly/2wu6r5m>.

Legislator Gradebook

District/Senator/Party	Grade
1 Sen. Frank Mrvan, Jr-D.....	A
4 Sen. Karen Tallian-D.....	A
6 Sen. Rick Niemeyer-R.....	D
14 Sen. Dennis Kruse-R.....	C
15 Sen. Liz Brown-R.....	D
17 Sen. Andy Zay-R.....	D
19 Sen. Travis Holdman-R.....	D
21 Sen. James Buck-R.....	D
22 Sen. Ronnie Alting-R.....	B
23 Sen. Phil Boots-R.....	D
25 Sen. Timothy Lanane-D.....	A
27 Sen. Jeff Raatz-R.....	D
29 Sen. Mike Delph-R.....	D
31 Sen. Jim Merritt-R.....	D
38 Sen. Jon Ford-R.....	C
39 Sen. Eric Bassler-R.....	D
41 Sen. Greg Walker-R.....	D
43 Sen. Chip Perfect-R.....	D
46 Sen. Ron Grooms-R.....	C
47 Sen. Erin Houchin-R.....	D
48 Sen. Mark Messmer-R.....	D
49 Sen. Jim Tomes-R.....	A

cont. District/Representative/Party	Grade
38 Rep. Heath VanNatter-R.....	D
39 Rep. Jerry Torr-R.....	D
40 Rep. Gregory E. Steuerwald-R.....	D
41 Rep. Tim Brown-R.....	D
42 Rep. Alan Morrison-R.....	D
45 Rep. Bruce Borders-R.....	D
46 Rep. Bob Heaton-R.....	D
47 Rep. John Young-R.....	D
48 Rep. Doug Miller-R.....	D
50 Rep. Daniel J. Leonard-R.....	D
51 Rep. Dennis J. Zent-R.....	D
52 Rep. Ben Smaltz-R.....	D
53 Rep. Robert W. Cherry-R.....	D
54 Rep. Thomas E. Saunders-R.....	C
55 Rep. Cindy Meyer Ziemke-R.....	D
57 Rep. Sean R. Eberhart-R.....	D
58 Rep. Woody Burton-R.....	D
60 Rep. Peggy Mayfield-R.....	D
61 Rep. Matt Pierce-D.....	A
62 Rep. Jeff Ellington-R.....	D
63 Rep. Shane Lindauer-R.....	I
65 Rep. Chris May-R.....	D
66 Rep. Terry Goodin-D.....	A
67 Rep. Randy Frye-R.....	D
68 Rep. Randy Lyness-R.....	D
69 Rep. Jim Lucas-R.....	D
70 Rep. Karen Engleman-R.....	D
72 Rep. Edward D. Clere-R.....	D
73 Rep. Steven Davisson-R.....	I
74 Rep. Steve Bartels-R.....	I
75 Rep. Ron Bacon-R.....	D
76 Rep. Wendy McNamara-R.....	D
77 Rep. Ryan Hatfield-D.....	A
78 Rep. Holli Sullivan-R.....	D
79 Rep. Matthew S. Lehman-R.....	D
80 Rep. Phil GiaQuinta-D.....	A
81 Rep. Martin Carbaugh-R.....	D
82 Rep. David Abbott-R.....	I
83 Rep. Christopher N. Judy-R.....	C
84 Rep. Bob Morris-R.....	D
85 Rep. Dave Heine-R.....	D
86 Rep. Edward O. Delaney-D.....	A
87 Rep. Carey Hamilton-D.....	A
88 Rep. Brian C. Bosma-R.....	D
89 Rep. Cindy Meyer Kirchhofer-R.....	D
90 Rep. Mike Speedy-R.....	D
91 Rep. Robert W. Behning-R.....	D
92 Rep. Karlee D. Macer-D.....	A
93 Rep. David N. Frizzell-R.....	D
94 Rep. Cherrish S. Pryor-D.....	A
95 Rep. John L. Bartlett-D.....	A
96 Rep. Gregory A. Porter-D.....	A
97 Rep. Justin Moed-D.....	A
98 Rep. Robin Shackelford-D.....	A
99 Rep. Vanessa J. Summers-D.....	A
100 Rep. Dan Forestal-D.....	A

District/Representative/Party	Grade
2 Rep. Earl Harris-D.....	A
4 Rep. Ed Soliday-R.....	D
5 Rep. Dale DeVon-R.....	D
6 Rep. B. Patrick Bauer-D.....	A
7 Rep. Joe Taylor-D.....	A
8 Rep. Ryan Dvorak-D.....	A
10 Rep. Charles Moseley-D.....	A
11 Rep. Michael J. Aylesworth-R.....	D
12 Rep. Mara Candeleria Reardon-D....	A
13 Rep. Sharon Negele-R.....	D
14 Rep. Vernon G. Smith-D.....	A
15 Rep. Hal Slager-R.....	D
16 Rep. Douglas L. Gutwein-R.....	D
17 Rep. Jack Jordan-R.....	D
18 Rep. David A. Wolkins-R.....	D
19 Rep. Julie Olthoff-R.....	D
20 Rep. Jim Pressel-R.....	C
21 Rep. Timothy Wesco-R.....	D
22 Rep. Curt Nisly-R.....	B
24 Rep. Donna Schaibley-R.....	D
25 Rep. Donald J. Lehe-R.....	D
26 Rep. Sally Siegrist-R.....	C
27 Rep. Sheila Klinker-D.....	A
28 Rep. Jeffrey A. Thompson-R.....	D
30 Rep. Mike Karickhoff-R.....	D
31 Rep. Kevin A. Mahan-R.....	D
32 Rep. Anthony J. Cook-R.....	D
34 Rep. Sue E. Errington-D.....	A
35 Rep. Melanie Wright-D.....	A
36 Rep. Terri Jo Austin-D.....	A
37 Rep. Todd Huston-R.....	D

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Election day is Nov. 6

