ILLINOIS “STATE” OF EDUCATION SNAP SHOT

TOTAL STUDENTS: 2,054,556

Of which:

- 54.2% are Low Income
- 10.3% are English Learners
- 14.1% have Special Needs

ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN MATH AT 4TH GRADE ON NAEP

- 4th Worst in the Nation: White/African American
- 6th Worst in the Nation: Low-Income/Non Low-Income

FUNDING BY SOURCE:

- 66% Local (1st nationally)
- 26% State (50th nationally)
- 8% Federal
Funding Gaps

“By far the largest gap is in Illinois, where the highest poverty districts receive nearly 20% less state and local funding than the lowest poverty districts.”

Source: Funding Gaps 2015, The Education Trust
Dollar Shortfall in State Per-Pupil K-12 Education Funding to Meet EFAB Adequate Education Standard by Fiscal Year

General State Aid In FY2015
($ in Billions)

If Foundation Level Was Fully Funded
Actual
EFAB Recommendation

$9.24
$4.72
$5.07
$4.52
The Real Fiscal Policy Issue

Where needs are greatest

Resources are least