



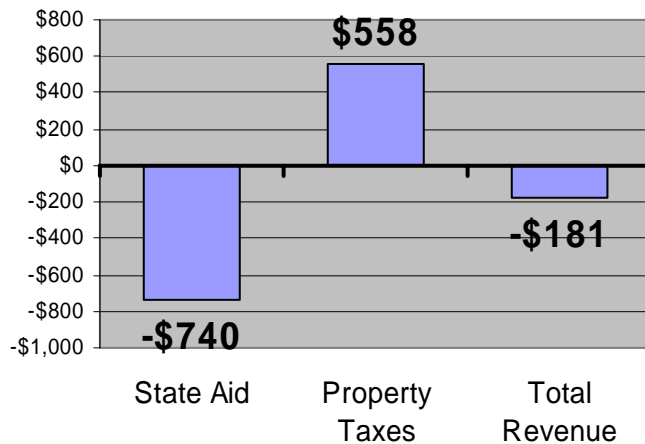
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Major Points from Critique of Business Coalition's "Facts About School Funding"

- The Coalition of Minnesota Businesses overstates state aid growth and understates property tax growth since the state takeover of general education by \$159 million. This represents over a quarter of statewide property tax growth over this four year period.
- The Coalition uses an inflation index that does not measure inflation for school district purchases. School finance trends change dramatically when an inflation index that is appropriate for school districts is used.

- The Coalition analysis includes years prior to the state takeover of general education costs. Since the state takeover in FY 2003, per pupil state aid has declined by \$740 (8.6 percent), per pupil total school revenue has declined by \$181 (1.5 percent), and per pupil school property taxes have grown by \$558 (40.3 percent) in inflation-adjusted dollars.

Change in Inflation-Adjusted Per Pupil State Aid to Schools, School Property Taxes, & Total School Revenue: FY 2003 to FY 2007



- Inflation-adjusted per pupil state aid has declined in nearly every Minnesota school district since the state takeover of general education costs in FY 2003.
- In seven out of ten Minnesota school districts, inflation-adjusted per pupil state aid and total revenue has declined while inflation-adjusted per pupil property taxes have increased since the state takeover of general education.