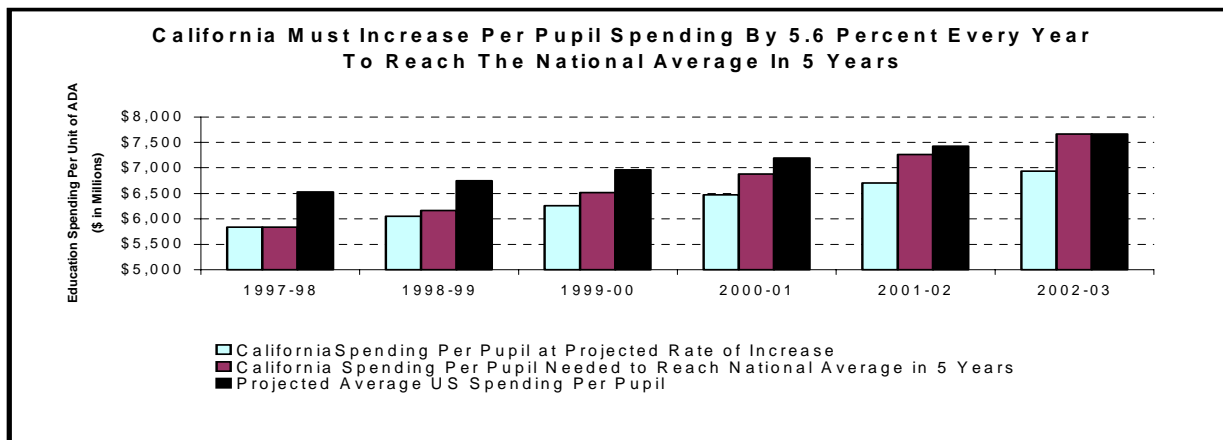


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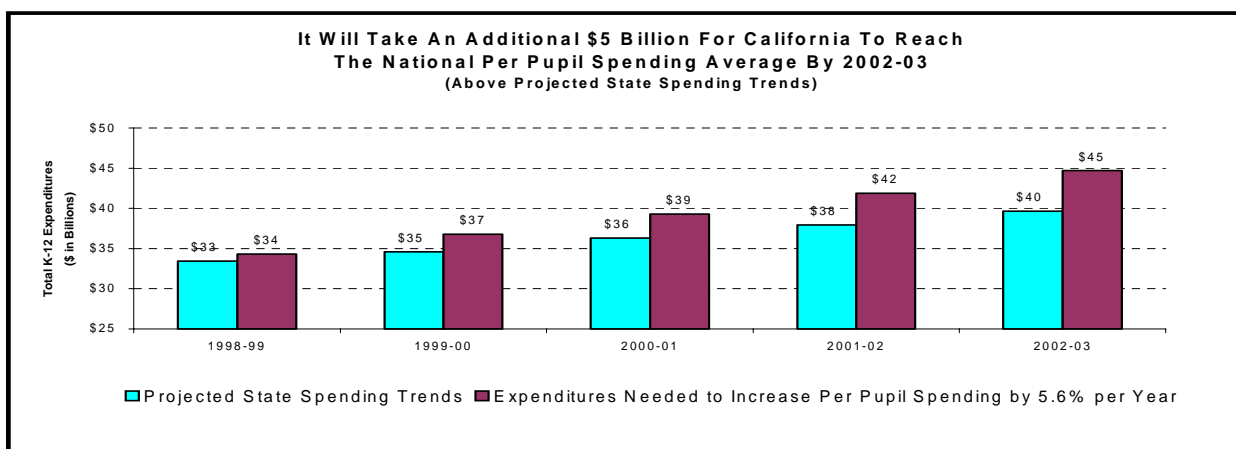
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WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR CALIFORNIA TO REACH THE NATIONAL PER PUPIL SPENDING AVERAGE IN K-12 EDUCATION?

- In 1996-97, the most recent year for which data is available, California ranked 39th among the states in per pupil spending, \$795 less than the national average for each student in the state's public school system.
- If California continues to increase per pupil spending at its current pace, it will take the state 30 years to reach the national average.



- The Governor's May Revision to the 1998-99 Budget increases state and local per pupil spending by 5.6 percent between 1997-98 and 1998-99. *Total* per pupil spending, however, increases by 3.2 percent. In order for California to reach the national average in total per pupil spending by 2002-03, education spending must increase by \$4.959 billion, equivalent to 5.6 percent growth every year for the next 5 years.¹



- If California wishes to increase per pupil spending in order to reach the national average in 5 years, the state must spend \$775 million more than the Governor's May Revision proposal this year and increase spending by 5.6 percent in each of the next four years. To reach the national average now, the state must spend an additional \$4 billion.
- Senate and Assembly budget proposals increase total per pupil spending by 4.6 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively, from the current budget year.

¹ Education spending includes federal, state, local, and lottery funds used for operating local public schools, excluding capital outlay, interest on school debt, and state administration.