



Background Briefing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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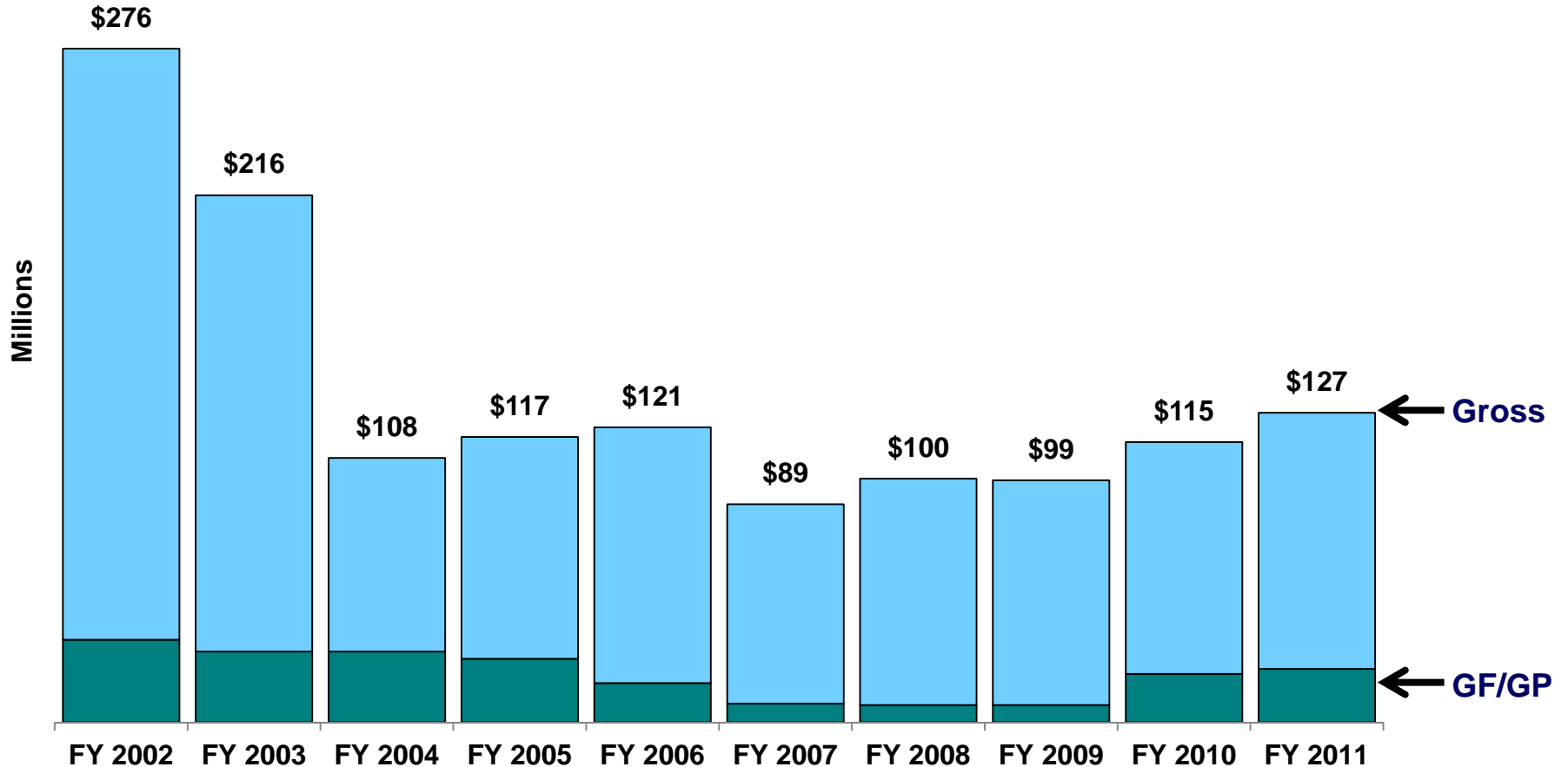
State Board of Education

- **“Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions... is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the Legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.”**

--- The Michigan Constitution

Education: Gross Appropriations

The Department of Education appropriations have undergone significant change due to program transfers both in and out of the department. Most recently the Library of Michigan was transferred in for FY 2009-10 and the Michigan College Access Grant Program was transferred in for FY 2010-11.



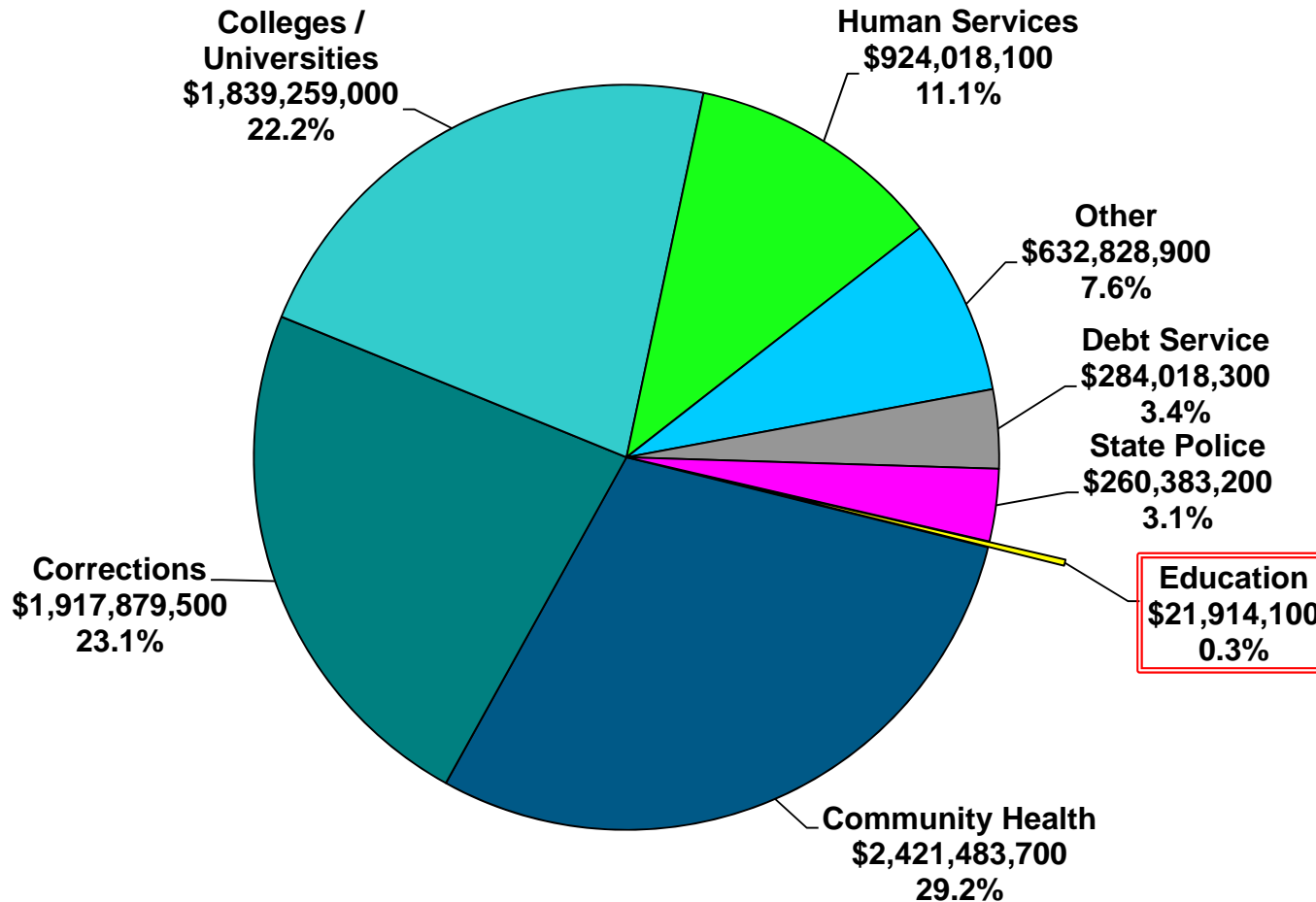
Notes:

1. FY 2002 figures do not include nearly \$750 million in federal grants that were transferred to School Aid budget beginning in FY 2003.
2. FY 2009 figures do not include \$925 million in one-time federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants that were distributed to school districts through the Department of Education budget.

Education Share of State GF/GP

The Department of Education makes up 0.26% of the total state GF/GP budget

FY 2010-11 GF/GP Total = \$8,301,784,800

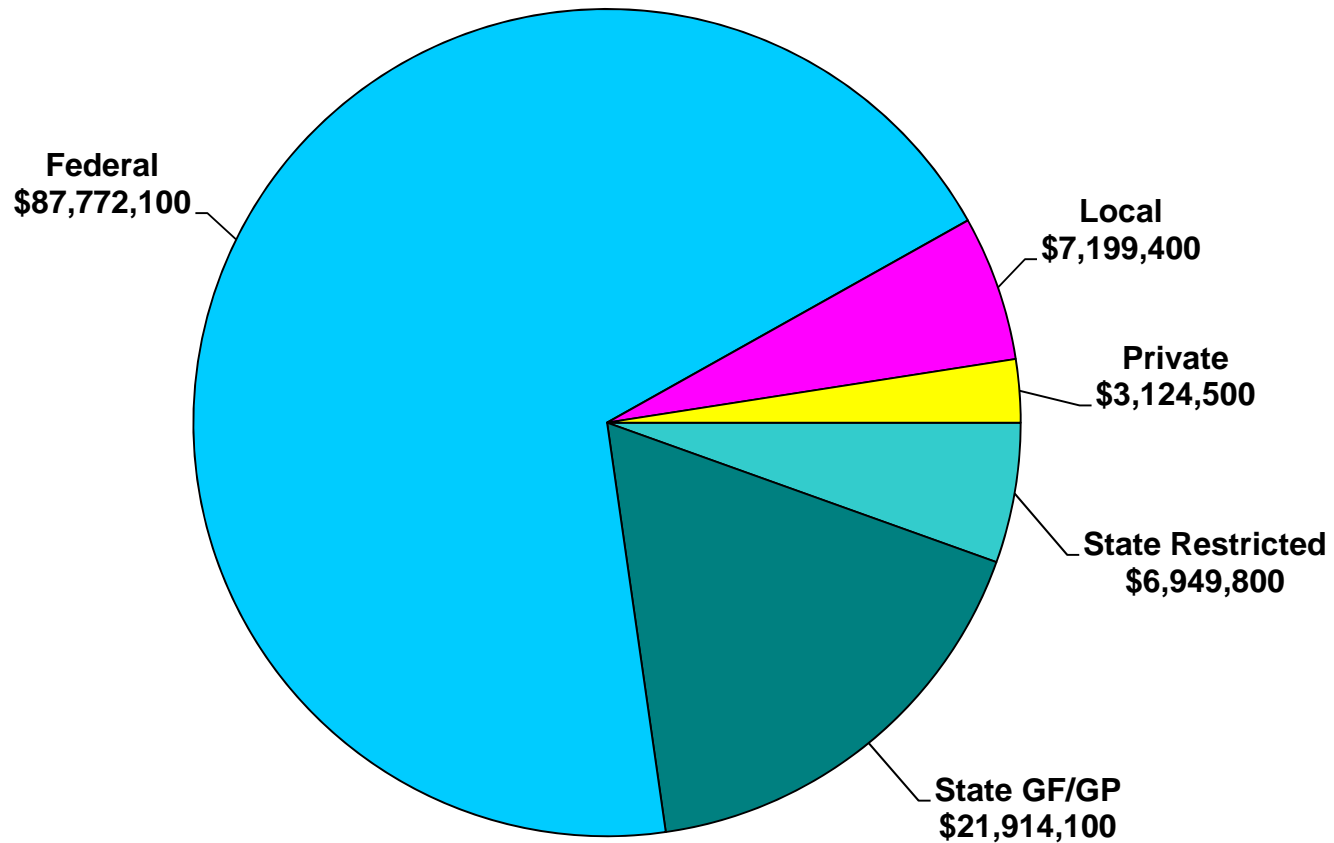


SOURCES OF FUNDING

Department of Education Funding Sources

Federal funds are the largest revenue source in the Department of Education budget.

FY 2010-11 Education Budget = \$126,959,900



DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Department of Education Appropriations

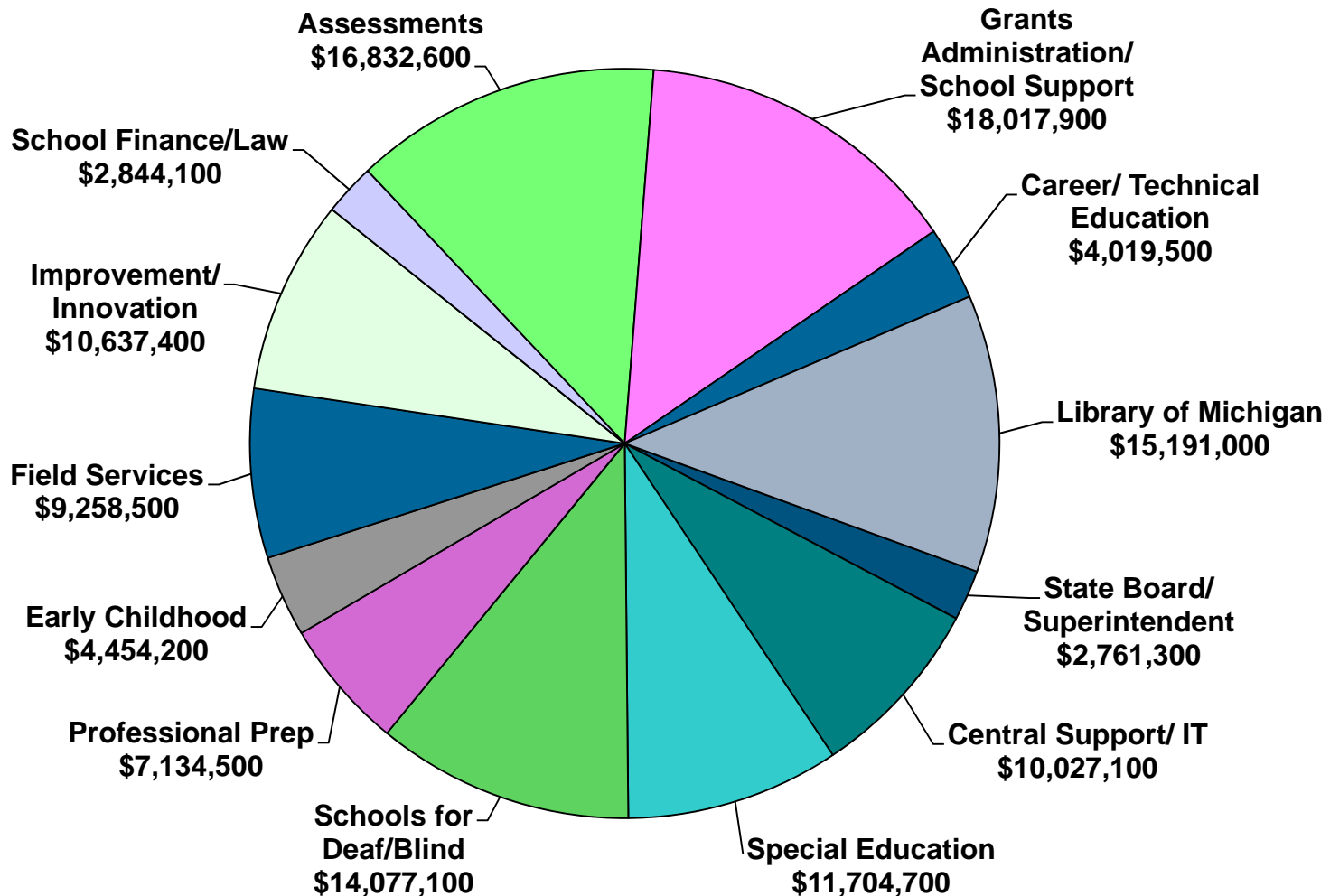
The Department of Education provides:

- Technical assistance to schools
- Curriculum and grade level content standards
- School accreditation standards
- Administration of state aid to school districts
- Education assessments development and administration
- Compliance with federal “No Child Left Behind” Act
- Teacher certification and professional development
- Grants to schools and local educational organizations
- Clearinghouse for school safety issues
- Library of Michigan services to state government and the public
- Administration of state aid to public libraries

Department of Education Appropriations

The Department of Education spends nearly \$127 million to administer the \$13.1 billion School Aid budget, which represents less than 1% for administrative expenses.

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MAJOR BUDGET ISSUES

2009 Education Reform Package

The FY 2010-11 Department of Education budget includes an increase of \$3.9 million GF/GP and \$5.1 million Federal funds to implement additional activities required by the 2009 Education Reform package embodied in Public Acts 201-205 of 2009. The new department responsibilities include:

- School reform/redesign officer
- Oversight of new schools of excellence
- Development of assessments to measure student growth in each grade
- Correlation of student achievement to individual teachers
- Creation of an alternative teacher certification process
- Administration of a school administrator certification process
- Administration of the basic materials hotline.

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