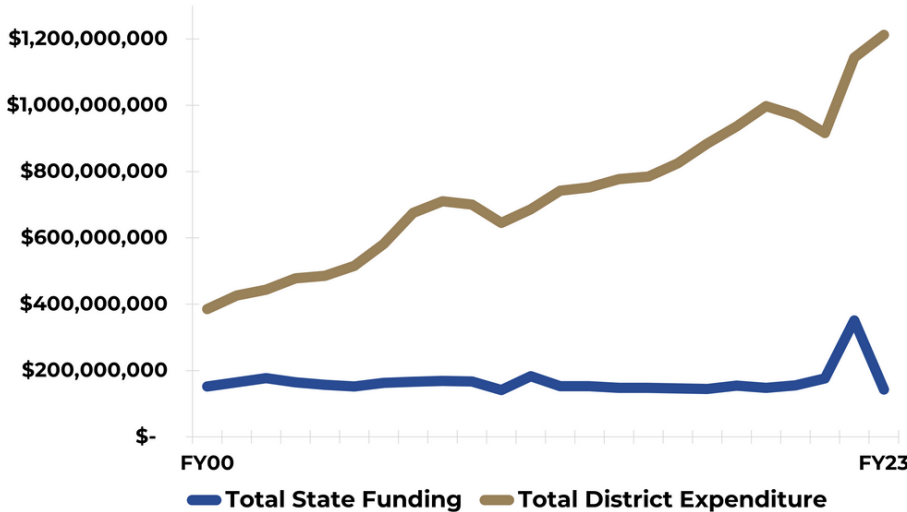


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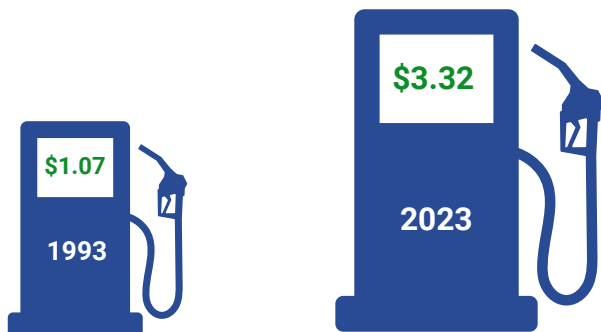
State vs. Local Pupil Transportation Expenditures



The state share of total pupil transportation funding has decreased from approximately **50%** in the 1990s to about **12%** by FY 2023.

This funding shortfall contributes to a **shortage of bus drivers** which impacts Georgia students.

Gas Prices Have Tripled Since the 90s



Source: The U.S. Energy Information Administration.
(National Averages)

Student Impact of Driver Shortage

- Lost Instruction Time Due to Late Arrivals
- Longer Bus Rides Home
- Increased Misbehavior on Buses

ADDRESSING THE ISSUE

To address negative students impacts, Georgia should increase the state share of student transportation funding.

- Enact a Multi-Year Plan to Bring State Student Transportation Funding to State and Local Parity
- Demonstrate Funding Plan Commitment with an Outsized Increase in the FY 2025 Budget