



# What They're NOT Telling You About Public Schools

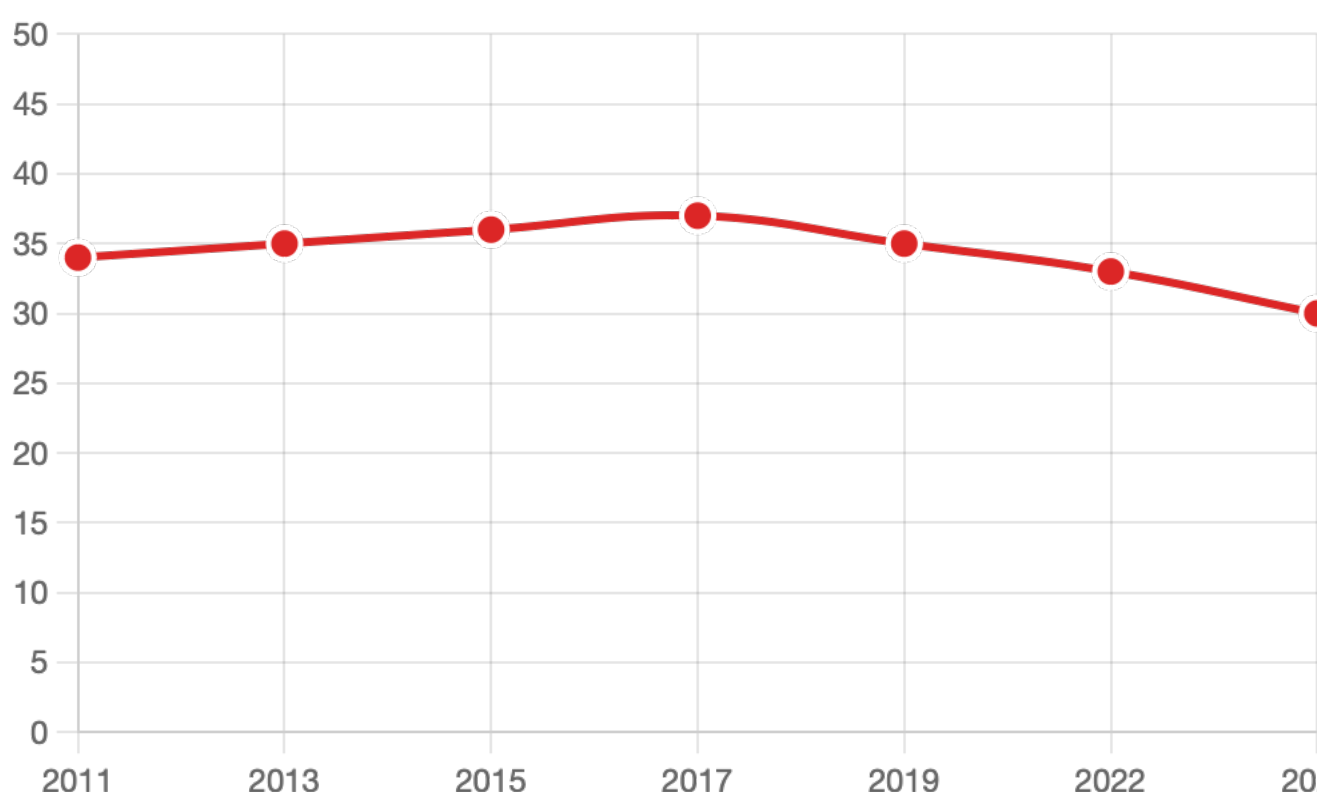
## The Hidden Crisis in American Education

While politicians claim progress, the data reveals a devastating decline in student achievement that threatens our nation's future.

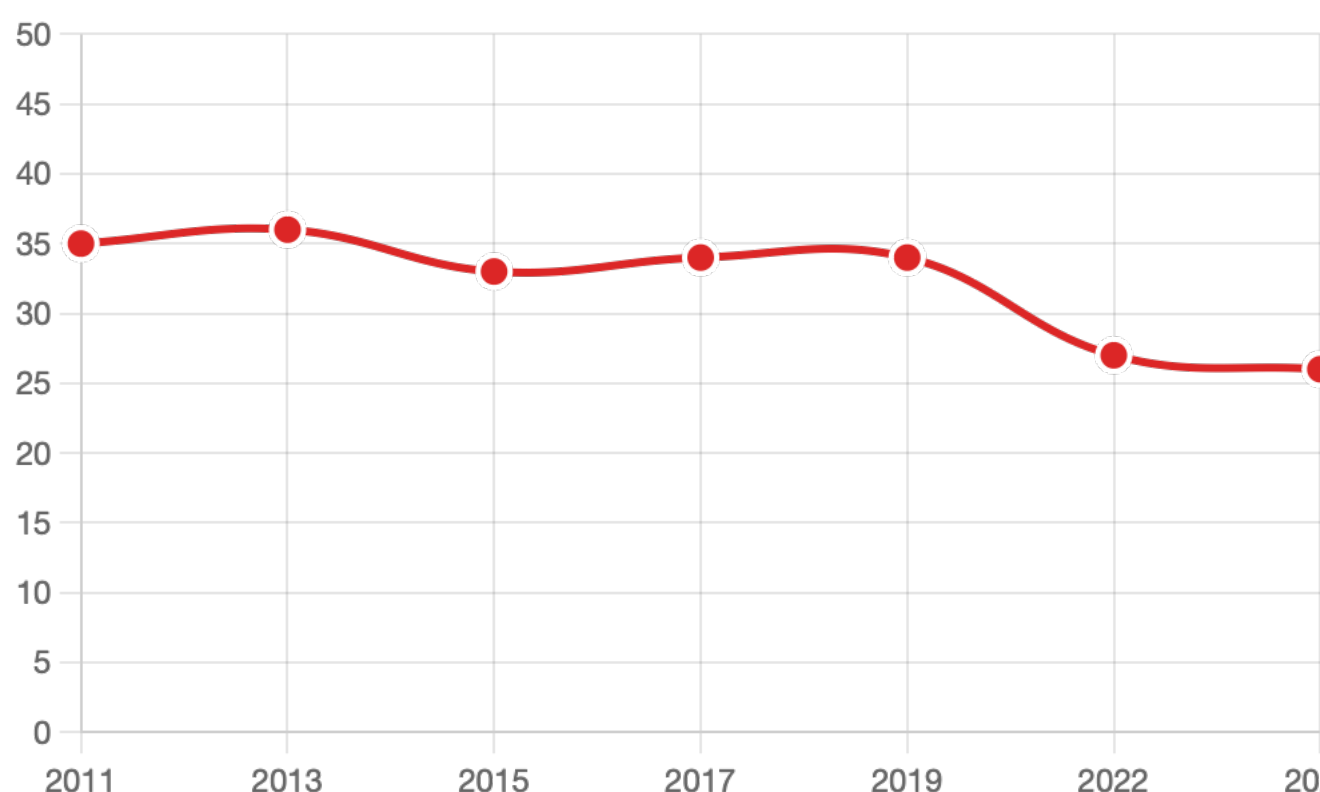
### NAEP Reading & Math Scores: A 30-Year Low

National Assessment of Educational Progress reveals alarming decline

#### 4th Grade Reading Proficiency



#### 8th Grade Math Proficiency



#### SHOCKING REALITY:

33% of 8th graders read below basic level - that's 1 in 3 students!



### U.S. Global Education Rankings: Falling Behind

How America compares to the world in education

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Overall Education Ranking

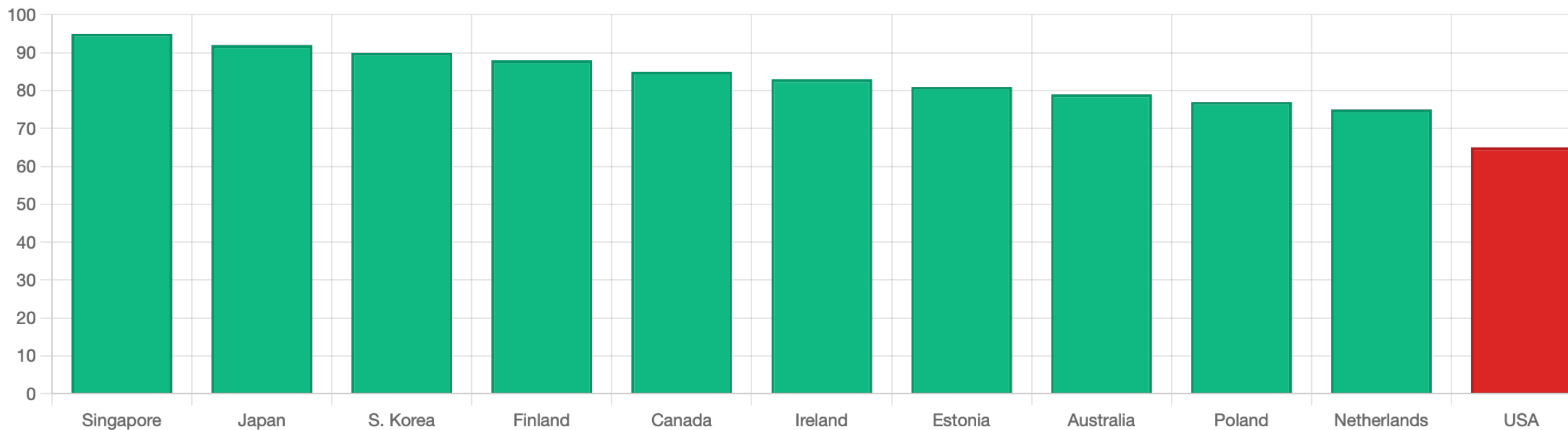
OECD Countries

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Science Performance

International Assessment

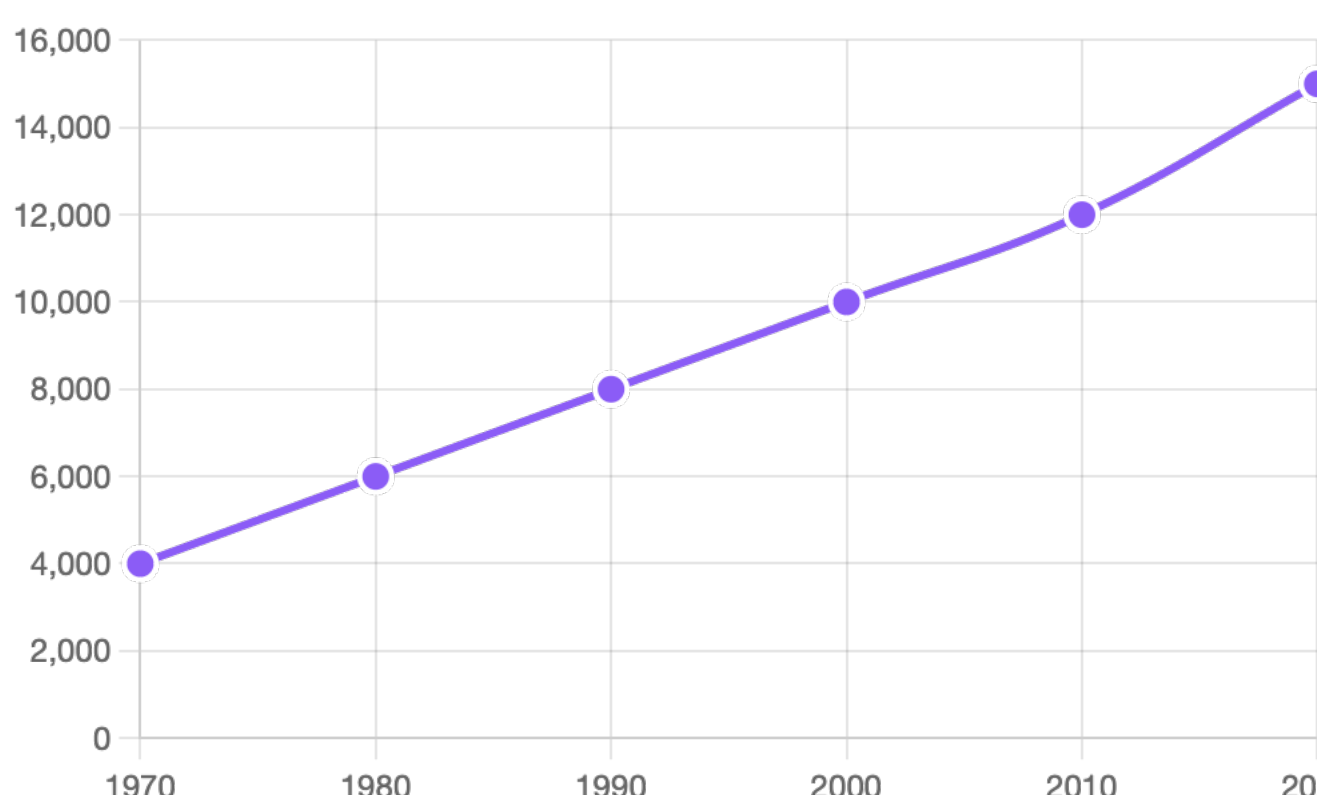
#### Top 10 Education Systems vs. United States



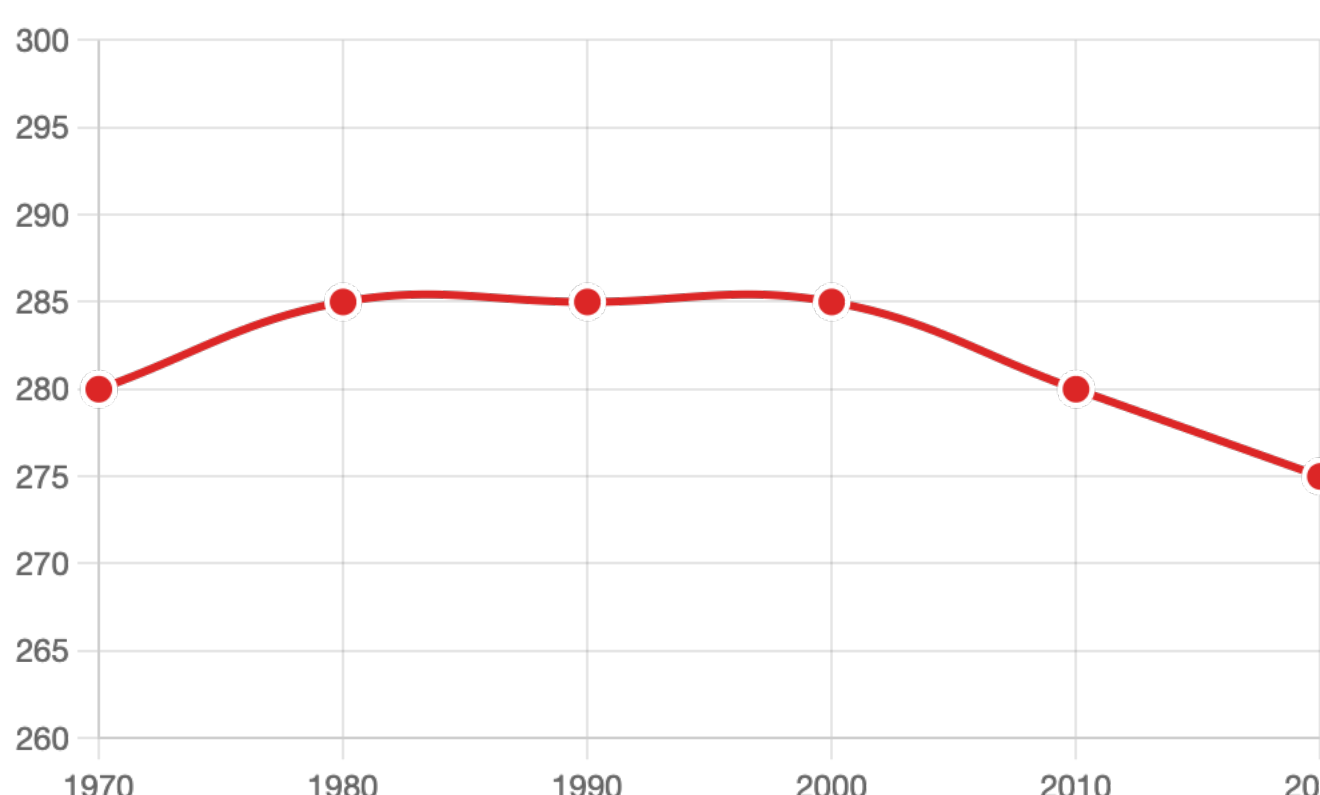
### \$ Spending More, Achieving Less

The disconnect between education funding and student outcomes

#### Per-Pupil Spending Increase



#### Academic Achievement Trend



+280%

Spending Increase Since 1970

-5%

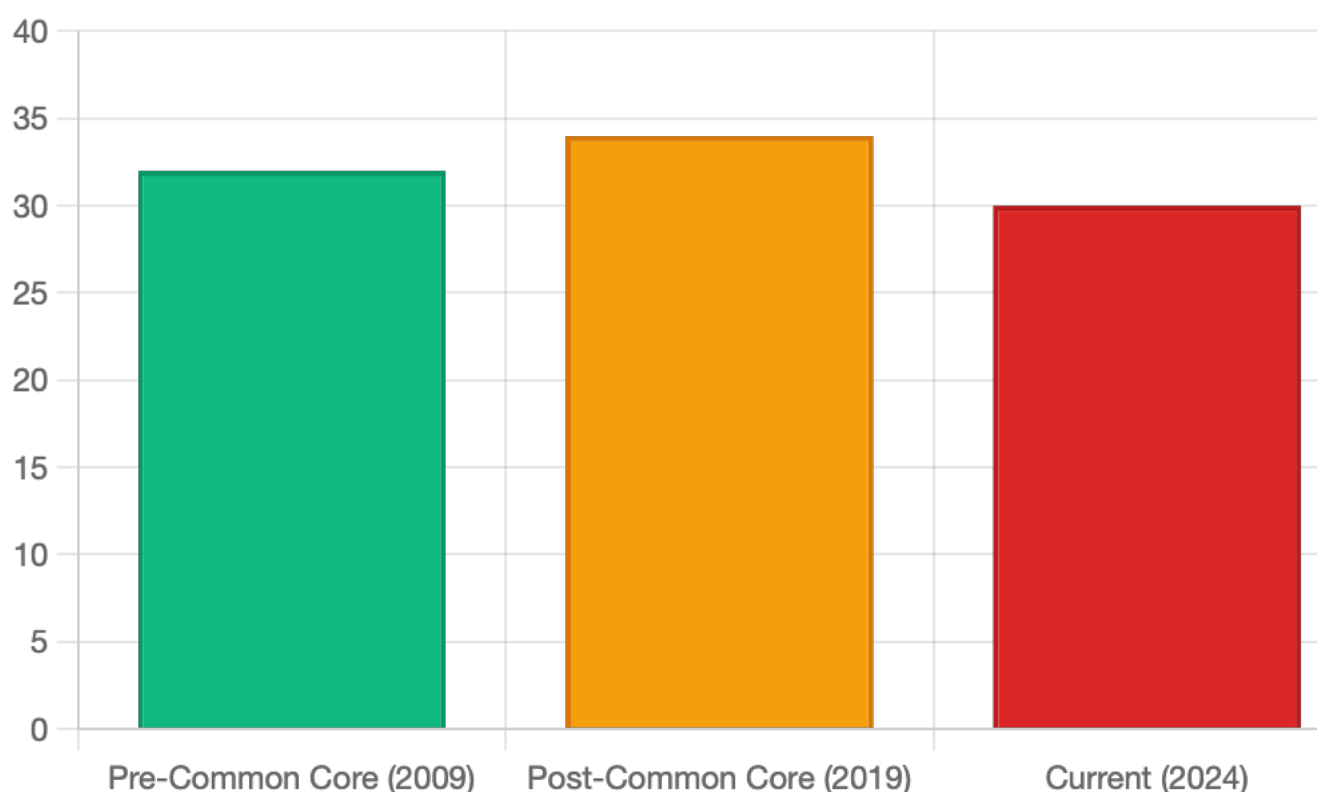
Achievement Change



### Literacy Decline Since Common Core

The unintended consequences of education reform

#### Reading Proficiency Before vs. After



#### Reading Scores Down

NAEP reading scores declined in 40 states after Common Core implementation

#### Achievement Gaps Widened

Disparities between high and low-performing students increased significantly

#### Teacher Concerns

82% of teachers report the education system is worse than 5 years ago



### The Bottom Line: What Parents Must Know

70%

of minority students below grade level

\$15K

average per-pupil spending

-18

point drop in 4th grade math

63%

of Americans dissatisfied with schools

#### What Can Parents Do?

- ✓ Demand curriculum transparency
- ✓ Attend school board meetings
- ✓ Review your child's textbooks
- ✓ Consider school choice options
- ✓ Supplement learning at home
- ✓ Stay informed about policies

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Sources: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), OECD Education Data, Department of Education Statistics