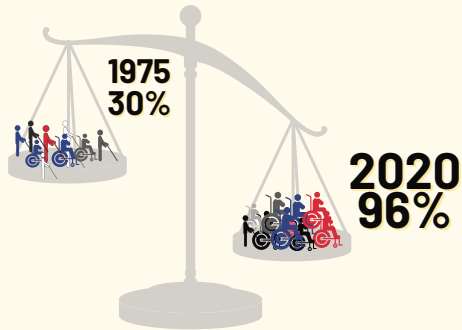


MSB STUDENTS ARE NOT JUST BLIND ...ANYMORE

There has been a gradual shift in the on-campus student population to multiple disabilities:



1975: 30%
1995: 70%
2020: 96%



CHALLENGES

- MSB has been understaffed for the past 10 years due to cuts from the previous administration
- ParaEducators paid 30% less than their counterparts
- Health benefits are not competitive
- Pension liability is \$3M/year
- The funding formula has not kept pace with wages, multiple disabilities, and residential costs

THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO CUT!

MSB AND MSD ENROLLMENT AND FUNDING

Student Population Difference

	Maryland School for the Blind (MSB)		Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD)	
	Number of Students	Percentage	Number of Students	Percentage
Total Enrollment	210	100%	464	100%
Residential	93	44%	74	16%
Day	117	56%	390	84%
# With Multiple Disabilities	202	96% ←	51	10% ←

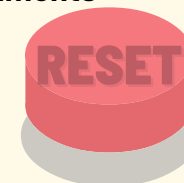
Formula Model Funding Difference

Fiscal Year 2020	MSB	MSD	Difference
Total Funding – FY 20	\$23,947,916	\$33,080,254	(\$9,132,338)
Number of Students	416	500	
Funding per Student	\$57,567	\$66,161	(\$8,593)
	416 X	\$8,593 =	\$3,574,688

ALTHOUGH MSB STUDENTS HAVE MORE COMPLICATED NEEDS, MSB RECEIVES \$3.6 MILLION LESS IN PER PUPIL FUNDING THAN MSD

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reset the funding formula by increasing the base appropriation to meet the needs of MSB students
- Add weighted funding for both disability and residential placement
- Enact legislation for annual compensation and benefits adjustments



WITHOUT MSB, STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND COSTS \$394K+ (annually, per pupil) vs MSB \$253K (fully funded in 2023)