

Linking Taxes & Budgets to Child Well-Being in New Mexico

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Our state is at
a crossroads



A new path forward



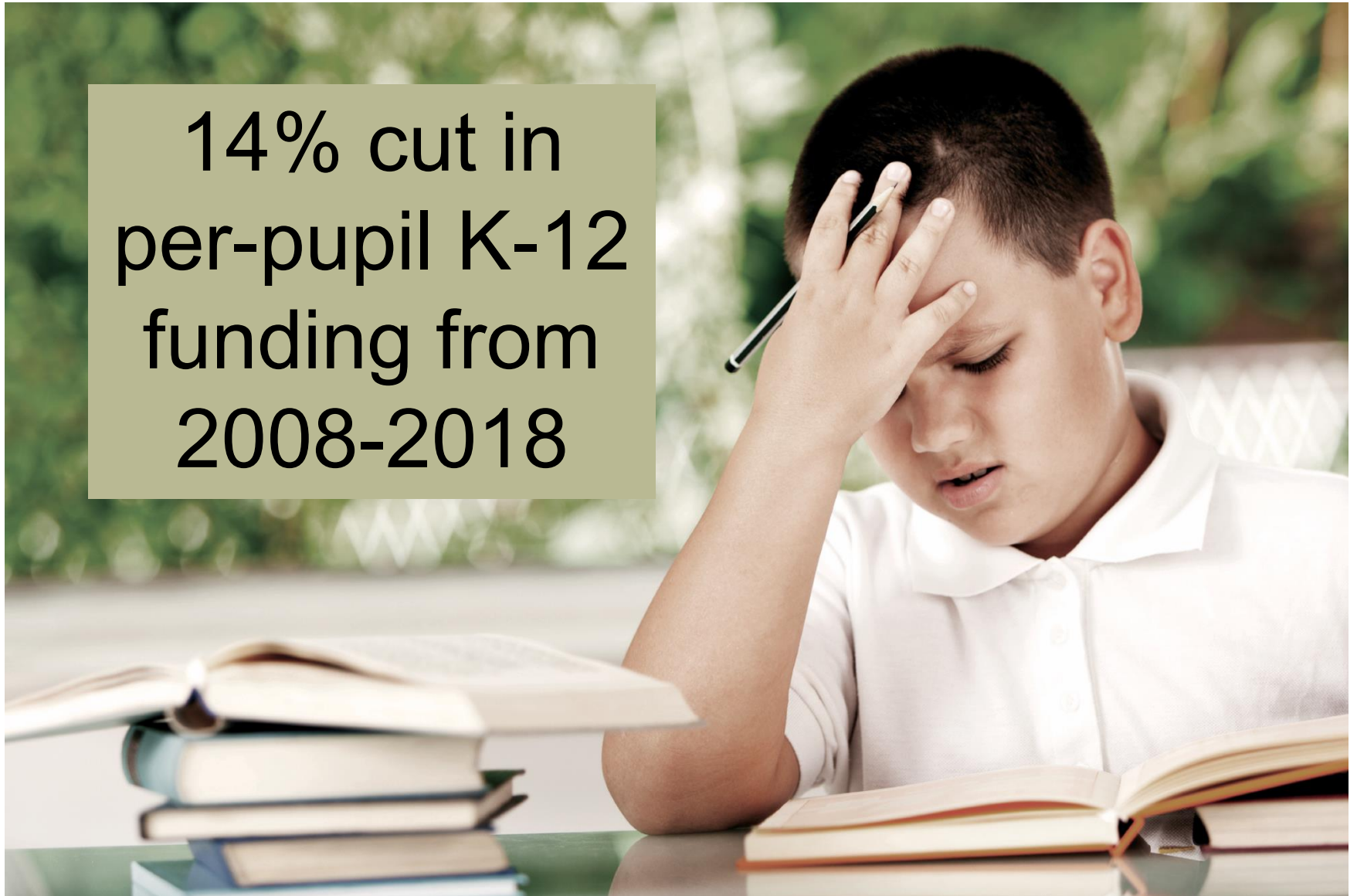



What do
we hold
most
dear?

Behind on full phase-in of NM Pre-K



14% cut in
per-pupil K-12
funding from
2008-2018



A man with dark hair and a goatee, wearing a white shirt with thin blue horizontal stripes, is sitting in a field of tall, dry grass. He is looking off to the right with a thoughtful expression. His hands are clasped together in his lap. The background shows a clear blue sky and a distant line of trees.

Cuts to higher
education funding
have led to tuition
increases of 27%-36%

We can't cut
our way to
prosperity!



We can do better

Adequacy: Revenue should be adequate to fund needed government services.

Balance: Tax base should be as broad as possible and avoid excess reliance on one tax.

Fairness: Tax rates should be based on ability to pay.

The path forward: Aligning our budget with our stated values





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