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# A Performance Audit of the Teacher and Student Success Program

A Policy Question of Oversight vs. Local Control

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# The Teacher and Student Program (TSSP) Emphasizes Local Spending

- Created during the 2019 General Legislative Session
- Intended to get money to the local level
- Participating schools must develop a plan to use TSSP funding to improve both **school performance** and **student academic achievement**.





## Chapter 1

# Reporting and Accountability of the Program Could Be More Effective

# Oversight and Local Control Are Not Mutually Exclusive

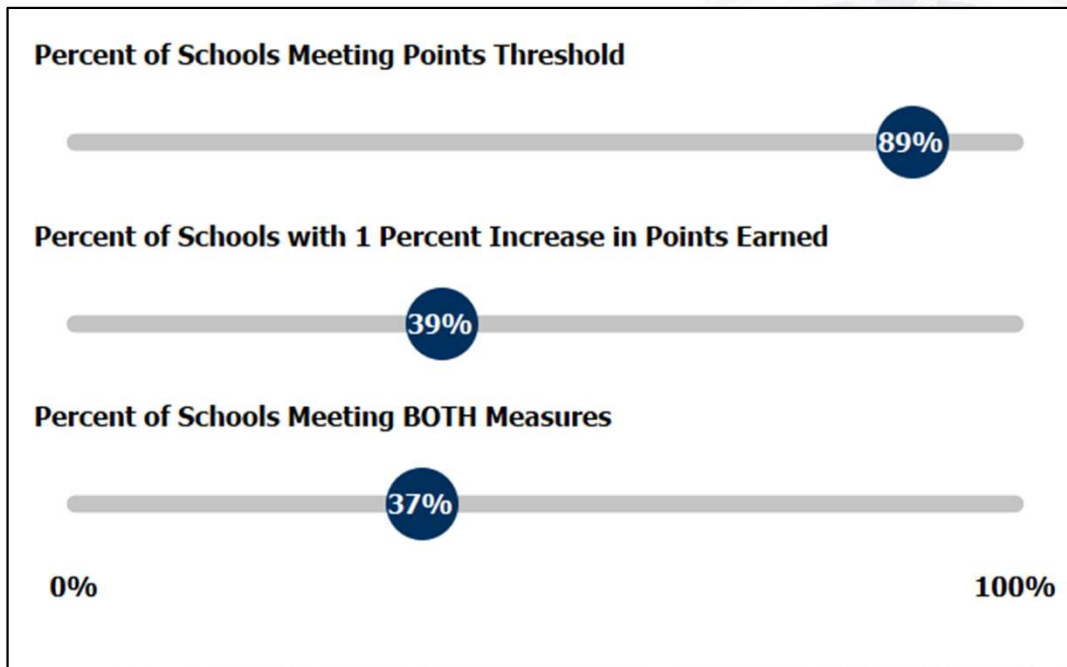


- The report poses a policy question of oversight versus local control
- The decision does not have to be one or the other
- The Legislature could choose how to balance the two





# Current Program Accountability Is Not Effective



Only 39% of our sample schools increased their percentage of points earned by the required 1%.



## Specific School Goals Can Better Highlight School Performance

- School B from our report set an academic goal of 58 percent of their students being proficient in Accuracy on the Acadience Literacy assessment.
- The school exceeded the goal, having 65 percent of their students reaching that level.



## Chapter 2

# Most Reported Spending from the Teacher and Student Success Program Meets Limited Requirements



# Program Spending Flexibility Is Appreciated



**This is super helpful funding. I appreciate the flexibility allowed by it. It is making a tremendous impact.**

**We like that it gives our school some flexibility on where to spend funds.**

**I appreciate the support and flexibility given to schools to meet individual needs.**

**The flexibility TSS[P] funding provides is a game-changer.**

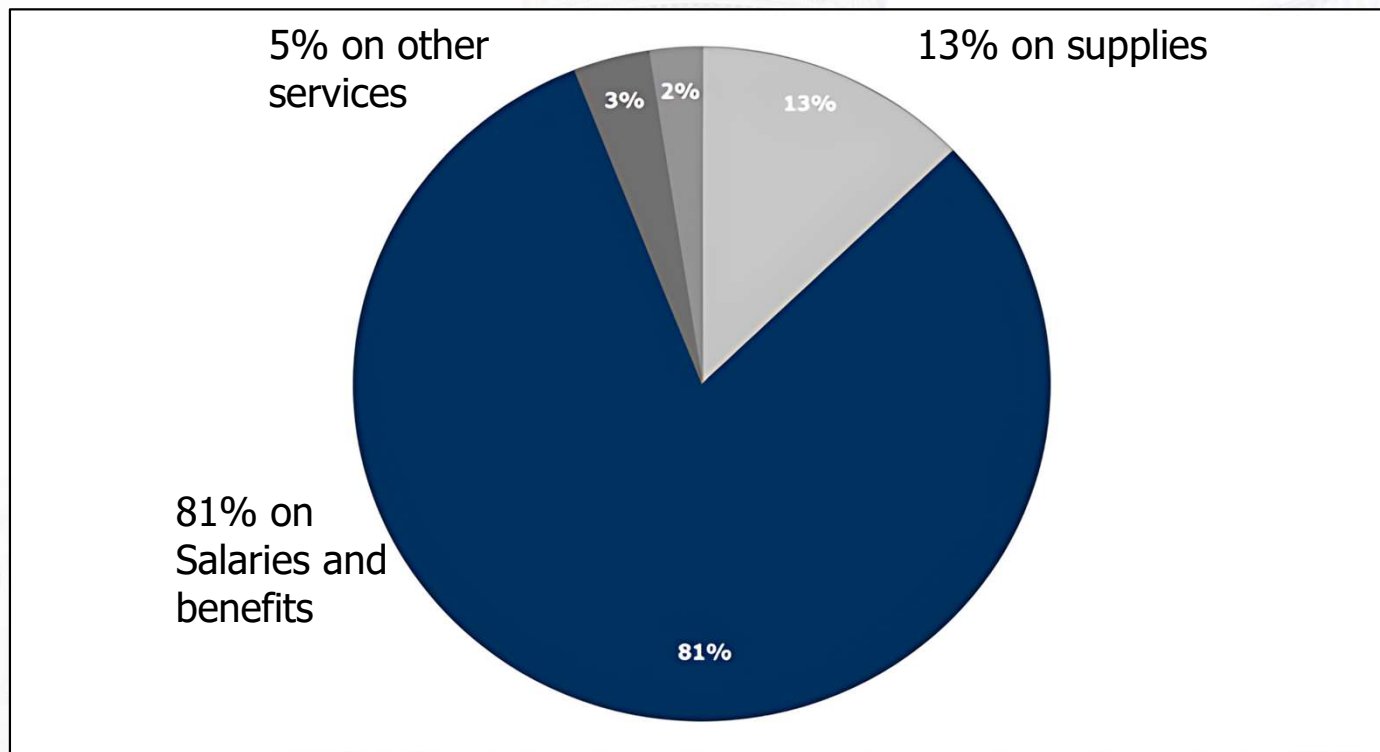


**I like that there is some flexibility in spending. As needs arise, it allows me to use this money to meet those needs.**

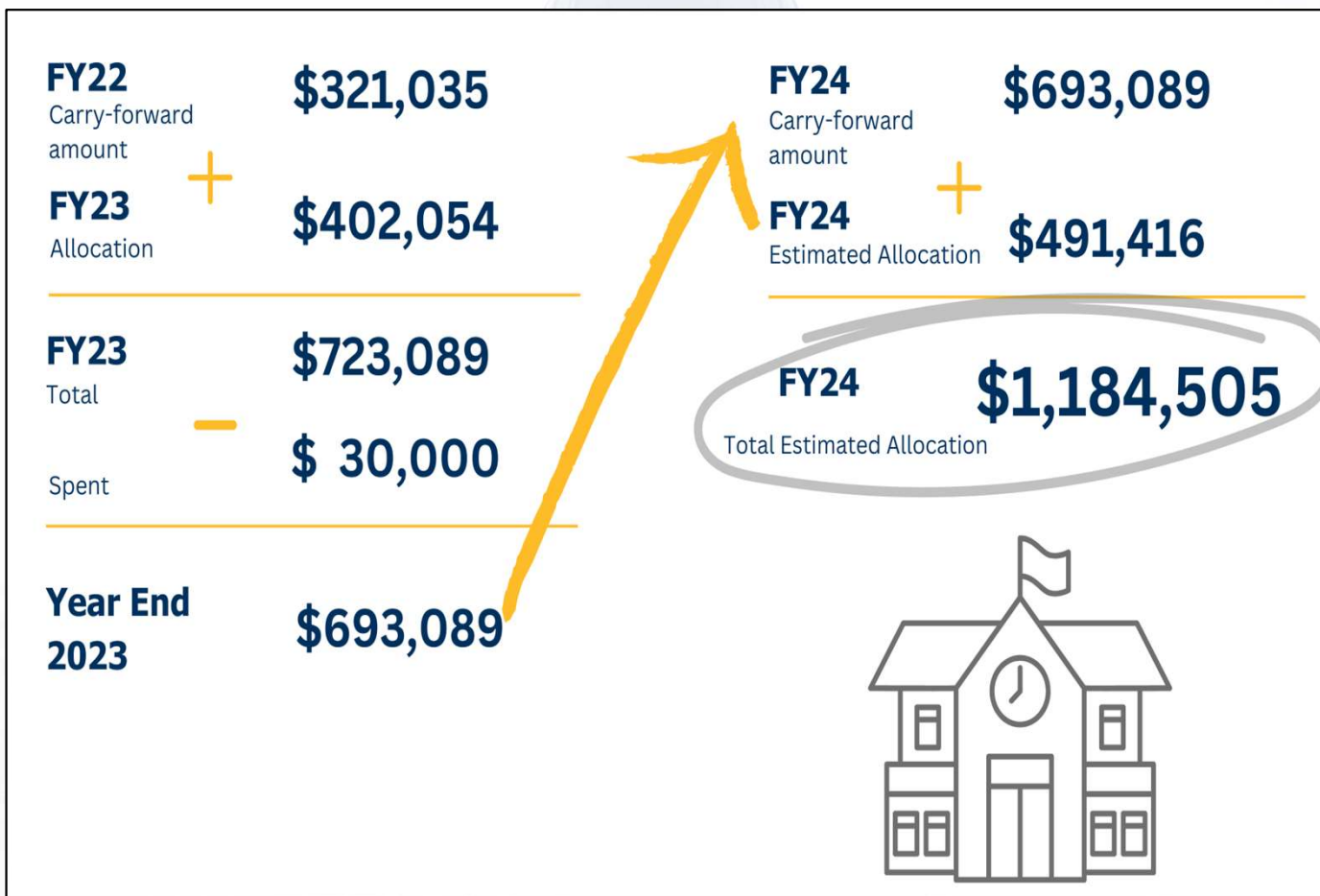




# 81% of Reported Spending from the Teacher and Student Success Program Is for Salaries and Benefits



# Unspent Program Funds Can Be Excessive





# Summary

Reporting and accountability of the program could be more effective

Oversight and local control are not mutually exclusive

Most reported spending from the Teacher and Student Success Program meets limited requirements



# Questions?



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