



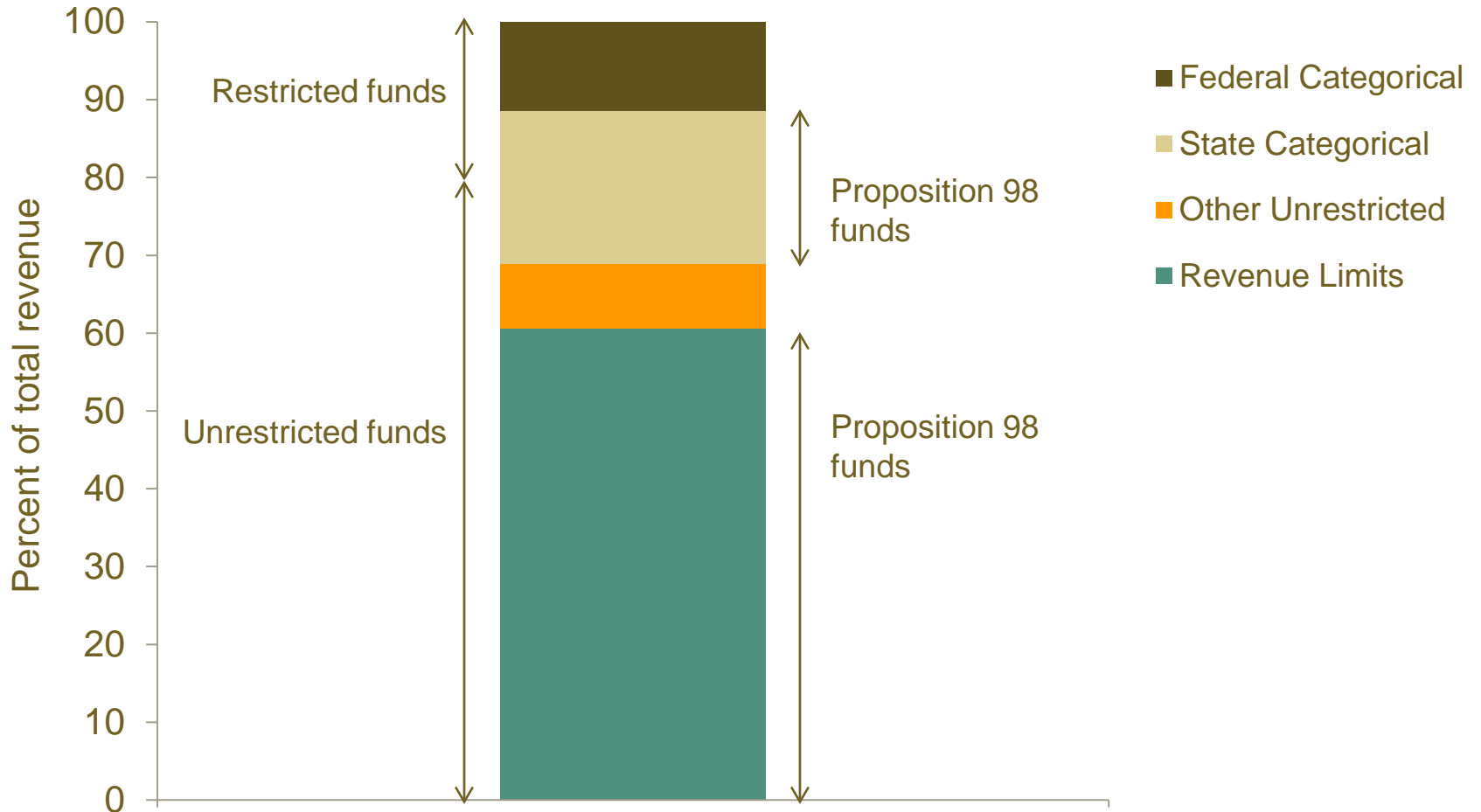
Weighted Pupil Funding for California Schools

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California's school finance system is complex

Average district revenue of \$8,832 per pupil, 2011–12



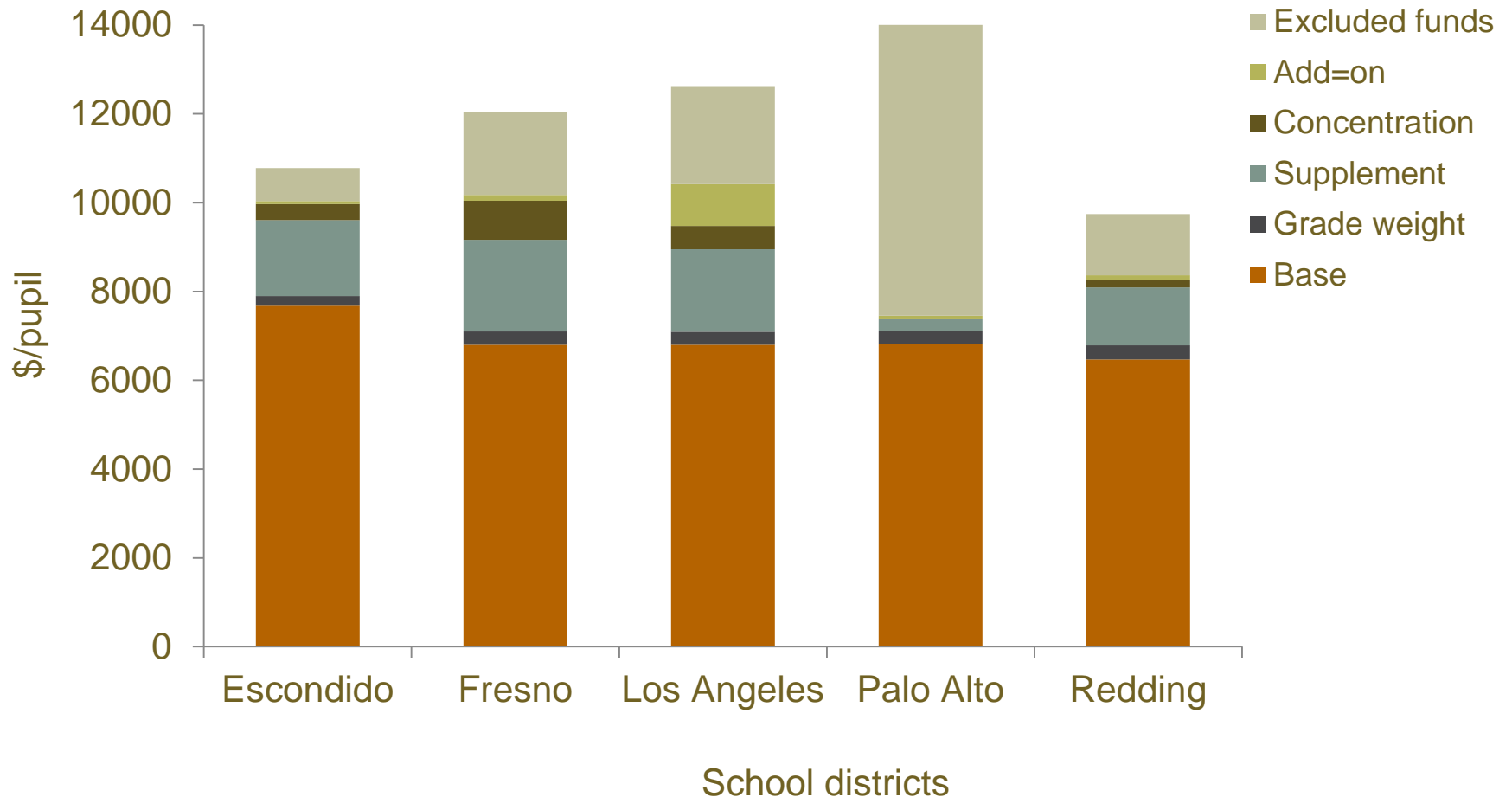
The governor has proposed a weighted pupil formula

- Consolidates most state aid into weighted pupil formula
- Differentiates base by grade level
- Provides supplemental weights
 - For grades K–3 and 9–12
 - For disadvantaged students
- Creates a “concentration factor” for districts with more than 50% disadvantaged students

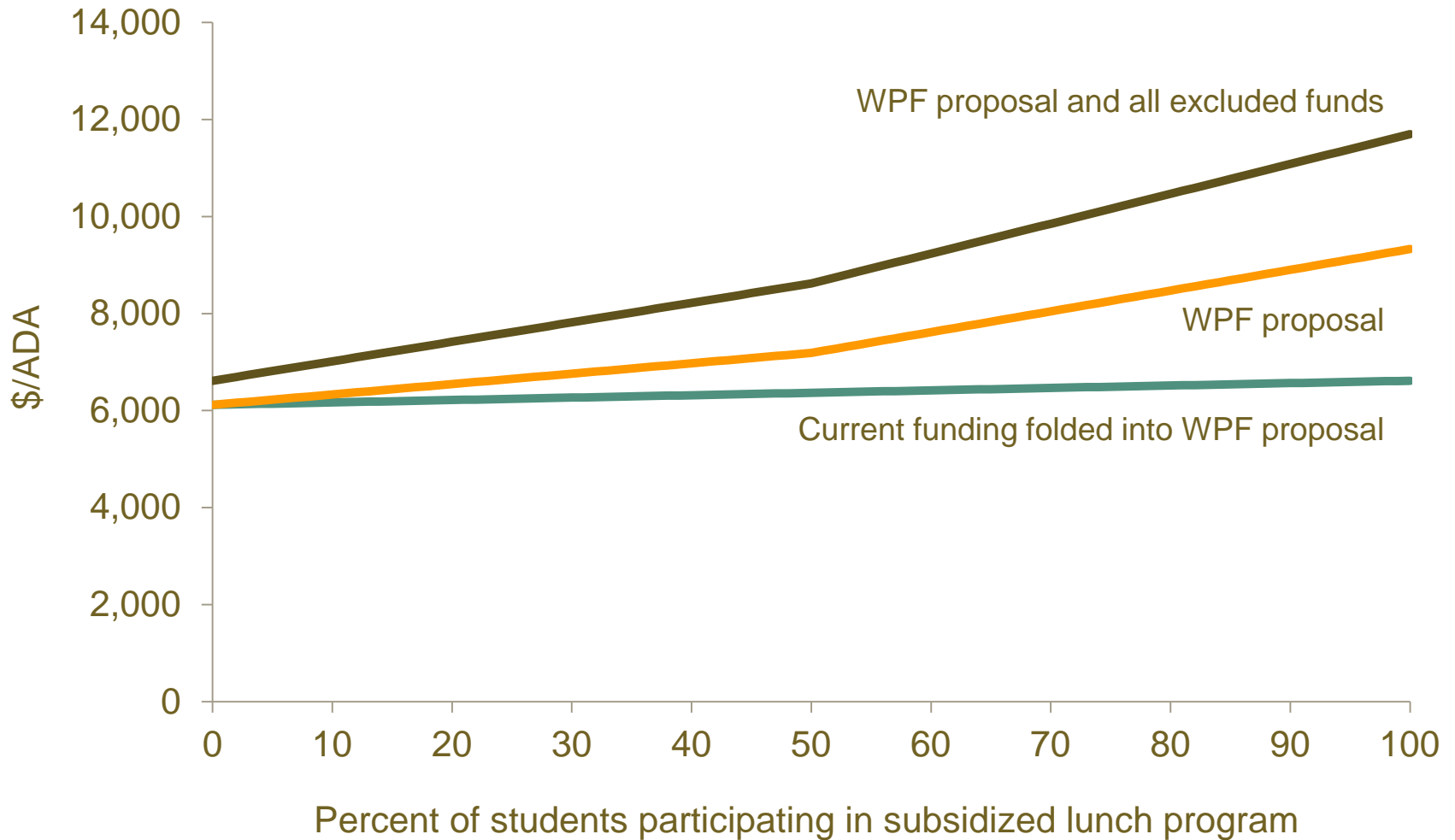


The proposal provides a transparent allocation of state aid...

Estimated funding per pupil upon full implementation



...and directs future state aid to disadvantaged students



It also meets many school finance reform principles

- Simpler, more transparent
- Recognizes important cost differences
- Provides more equitable distribution
 - Reduces variation among similar districts with similar students



But many questions lie ahead

- What is the “right” weight?
- What are other potential adjustments?
- What is the trade-off between base and weight?
- Is school spending adequate overall?





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