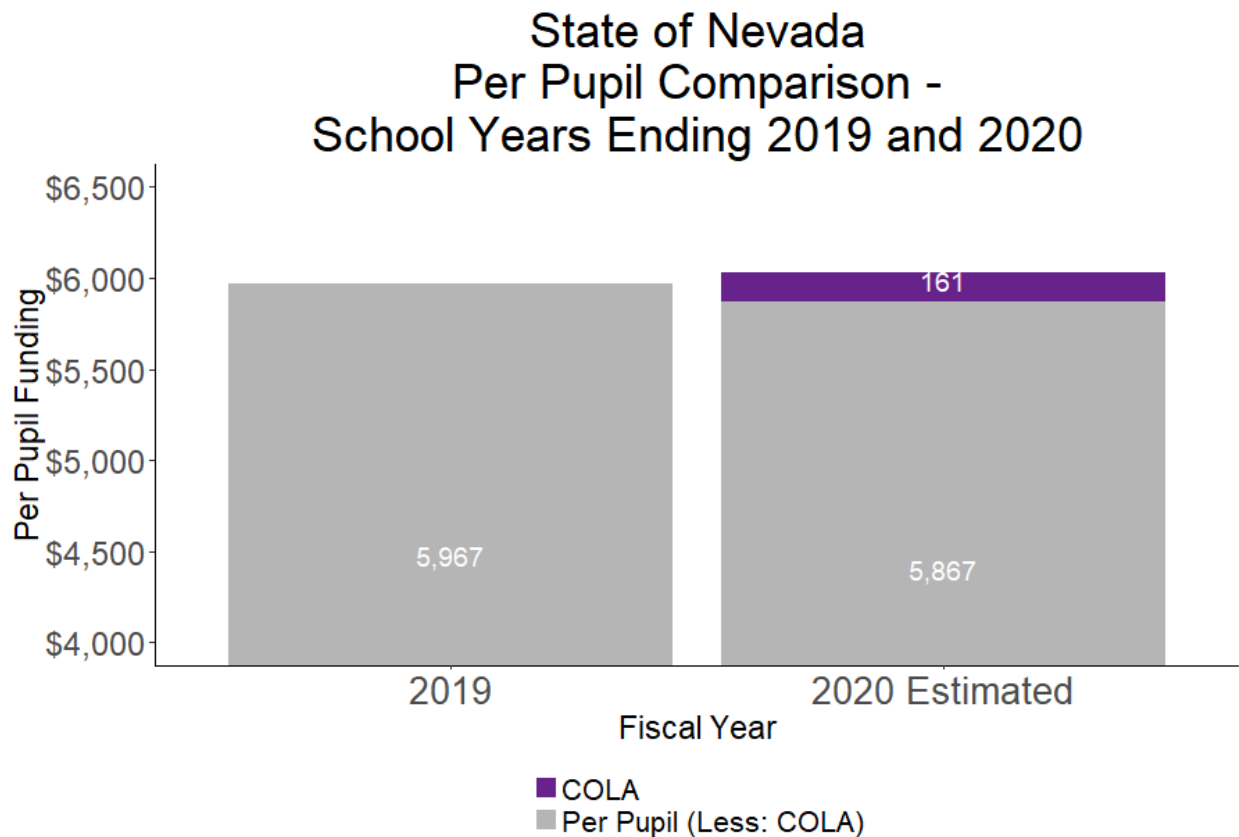


## Budgeted 2019-20 K-12 Education Funding: An Impossible Choice for School Districts



### 2019-20 K-12 Education Budget Highlights

- The estimated total basic support guarantee to all school districts for the 2019-20 school year is \$2,962,485,269 (with \$1.2 billion and \$1.7 billion from State and local sources, respectively).
- This \$2.9 billion for the 2019-20 school year reflects additional funds amounting to \$84,629,135 from the 2018-19 school year - an increase of 2.9 percent.
  - Of the \$84.6 million increase, \$78.9 million is earmarked, but not mandated, for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the Governor’s budget, meaning that 93.2 percent of the increase is attributable to the COLA.
- Student enrollment is projected to increase from 482,292 to 491,444 between the 2018-19 to the 2019-20 school years - an increase of 1.9 percent.

**Based on the increasing student population, the Guinn Center estimates that without the budgeted COLA in the Governor’s budget, each Nevada school district actually would receive, on average, \$100 less in per pupil funding than in the prior year (2018-2019 school year).** This creates a difficult choice for school districts: provide employees with COLA increases (and potentially reduce their budget) or use the budgeted COLA to fund regular operations.