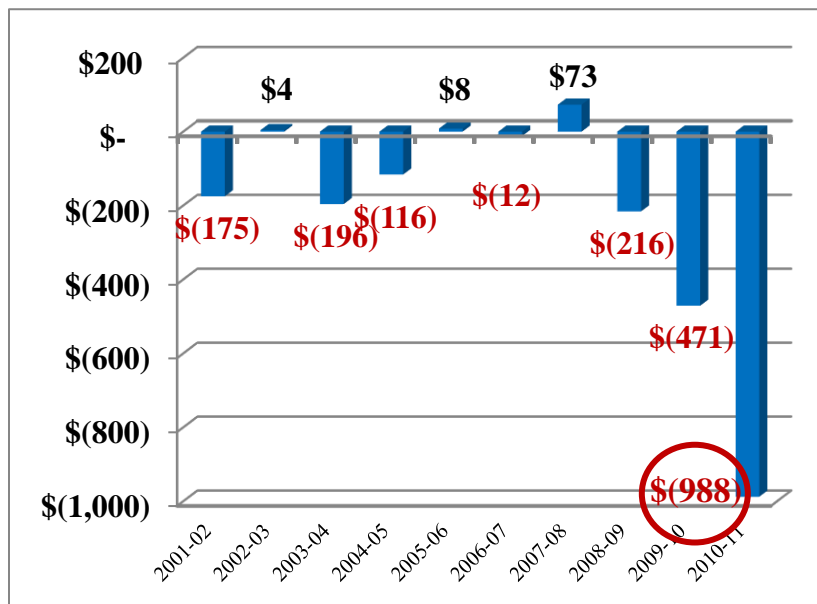


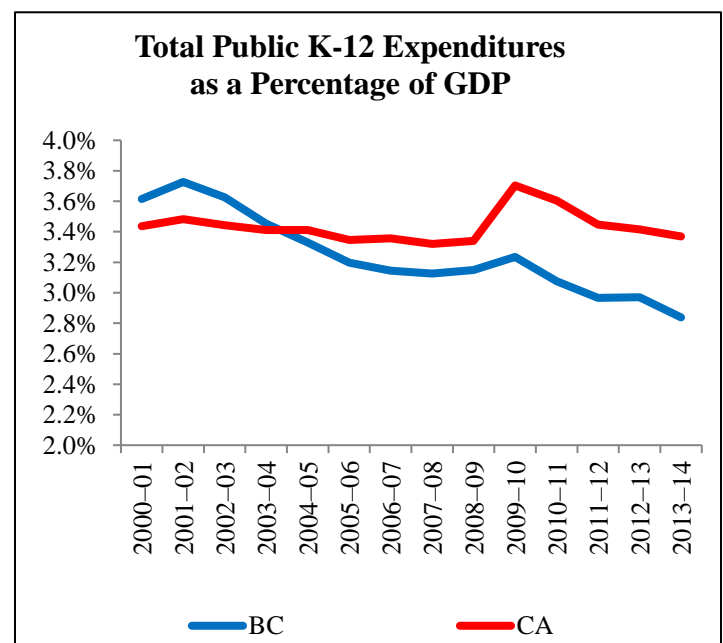
How does education in BC compare to the rest of Canada?

British Columbia spends \$1000 less per student than the Canadian national average¹

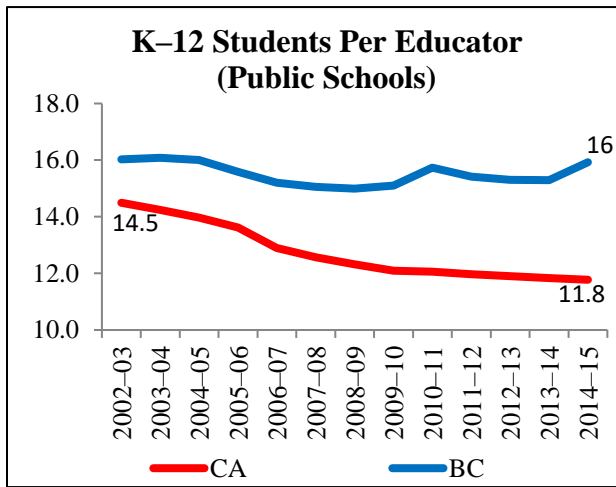


In 2000–01, BC spent significantly more than the national average on K–12 education funding per student. Since 2001–02, cuts to public education funding have reversed that trend. As of 2010–11, BC’s K–12 per-student spending was almost **\$1000 less** than the national average.

BC also spends a significantly smaller percentage of its Gross Domestic Product on total K–12 funding than the rest of Canada.² Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reflects the health of an economy. Shrinking proportions of education spending relative to GDP reveal two important facts: 1. it is possible (affordable) to provide stable and adequate funding for education, and 2. the Government, over the past 15 years, has opted not to do so.



One of the outcomes of this disparity is a heavier workload for BC’s public school teachers with larger ratios of students: educators³



Educators in BC are responsible for more children on average, than educators in the rest of Canada, and the gap is widening.

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