



**Plumbing the Numbers #12 – addendum: Regional Impacts**  
**More and Less: How the House’s Education Equity Index Redistributes State Aid<sup>1</sup>**

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Because the House-passed education aid bill (HB 616) shifts state grants from wealthier towns to poorer towns, it also shifts aid from the prosperous southeast quadrant of the state to the less prosperous north and west.

Table 1 aggregates state aid at the county level and shows the significant shift in state resources from Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties to Coos, Sullivan, and Cheshire Counties. The table considers Nashua and Manchester separately from the rest of Hillsborough County’s towns because the two large cities are uniquely diverse. Figure 1 arrays towns by county and shows how much each town’s cash grant would change under the House bill.

**Table 1: The House bill shifts aid from the southeast to the north and west**

<b>County</b>	<b>cash grants FY 05</b>	<b>cash grants FY 06</b>	<b>% change</b>	<b>avg grant per pupil FY 05</b>	<b>avg grant per pupil FY 06</b>
Coos	\$ 19,711,205	\$ 26,413,754	34%	\$ 3,877	\$ 5,196
Sullivan	\$ 21,158,583	\$ 26,379,635	25%	\$ 3,264	\$ 4,069
Cheshire	\$ 33,464,429	\$ 37,766,665	13%	\$ 3,007	\$ 3,393
Grafton	\$ 25,018,591	\$ 27,569,095	10%	\$ 2,116	\$ 2,332
Belknap	\$ 14,352,993	\$ 15,519,444	8%	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,709
Strafford	\$ 44,806,103	\$ 47,424,606	6%	\$ 2,748	\$ 2,909
Carroll	\$ 6,860,452	\$ 7,139,214	4%	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,048
Manchester & Nashua	\$ 68,057,460	\$ 70,549,321	4%	\$ 2,443	\$ 2,532
Merrimack	\$ 57,237,109	\$ 58,612,284	2%	\$ 2,576	\$ 2,638
Hillsborough except Manchester & Nashua	\$ 72,880,099	\$ 63,822,092	-12%	\$ 2,086	\$ 1,827
Rockingham	\$ 90,885,409	\$ 78,808,220	-13%	\$ 1,877	\$ 1,628

<sup>1</sup> The original text of this report was published on May 23, 2005, and is available at [www.nhpolicy.org](http://www.nhpolicy.org).

Figure 1: Within counties, more towns gain in north and west, more towns lose in southeast

