

Painting the BIG Picture
Summit School District
2008/2009

Developing Caring Learners

Summit County Rotary Club
September 16, 2008



We Appreciate Rotary!

**Literacy
Support**



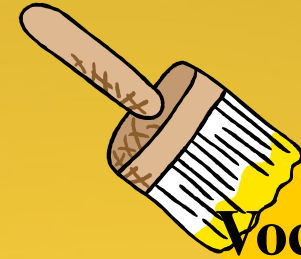
**Four Way
Test**



**Exchange
Students**



**Vocational
Awards**



Scholarships



**Student
Recognition**



Dictionaries



Celebrations

- 2007 election
 - Full-day kindergarten
 - Inflation
 - Safety and security
- Budget sustainability
- Community support: election, scholarships, programs



Celebrations

- Comprehensive Appraisal of District Improvement Strengths and Assets:
 - **Likelihood of success in CTAG**
 - **Community/district pride**
 - **Financial responsibility, transparent budget**
 - **Cohesion/open door policy**
 - **Community partners and resources**

Celebrations

- Resources, small class sizes in elementary schools
- More resources to high impact schools
- SHS' variety of options for students
- Facilities – modern, artistic, attractive
- Communications
- Health clinics in schools
- District and school websites



Celebrations



- Data management systems
- Instructional innovations:
Newcomers Center,
Dual Language Program, Advisory Program, SMS “two-house” configuration
- Professional evaluation systems
- Research-based instructional initiatives
- IB framework

Celebrations

“Students in the buildings were very well behaved and respectful to visitors coming into the schools.”

CADI Report, 2008



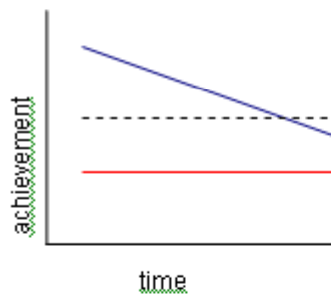
Painting the Big Picture

- Our Overarching Goal - Developing Caring Learners
 - For the 21st century
 - Growth in ELL population
 - Achievement Gap
- Three SMART Goals Set for CTAG
 - Reading
 - Math
 - Inclusion

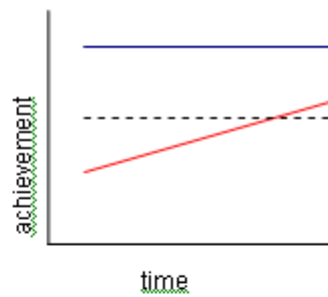
Closing the Achievement Gap

Closing the Gap Summit's Approach

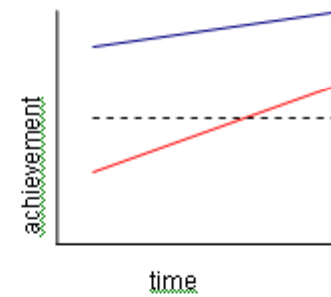
Definitely not this!



Nor even this...



But this!



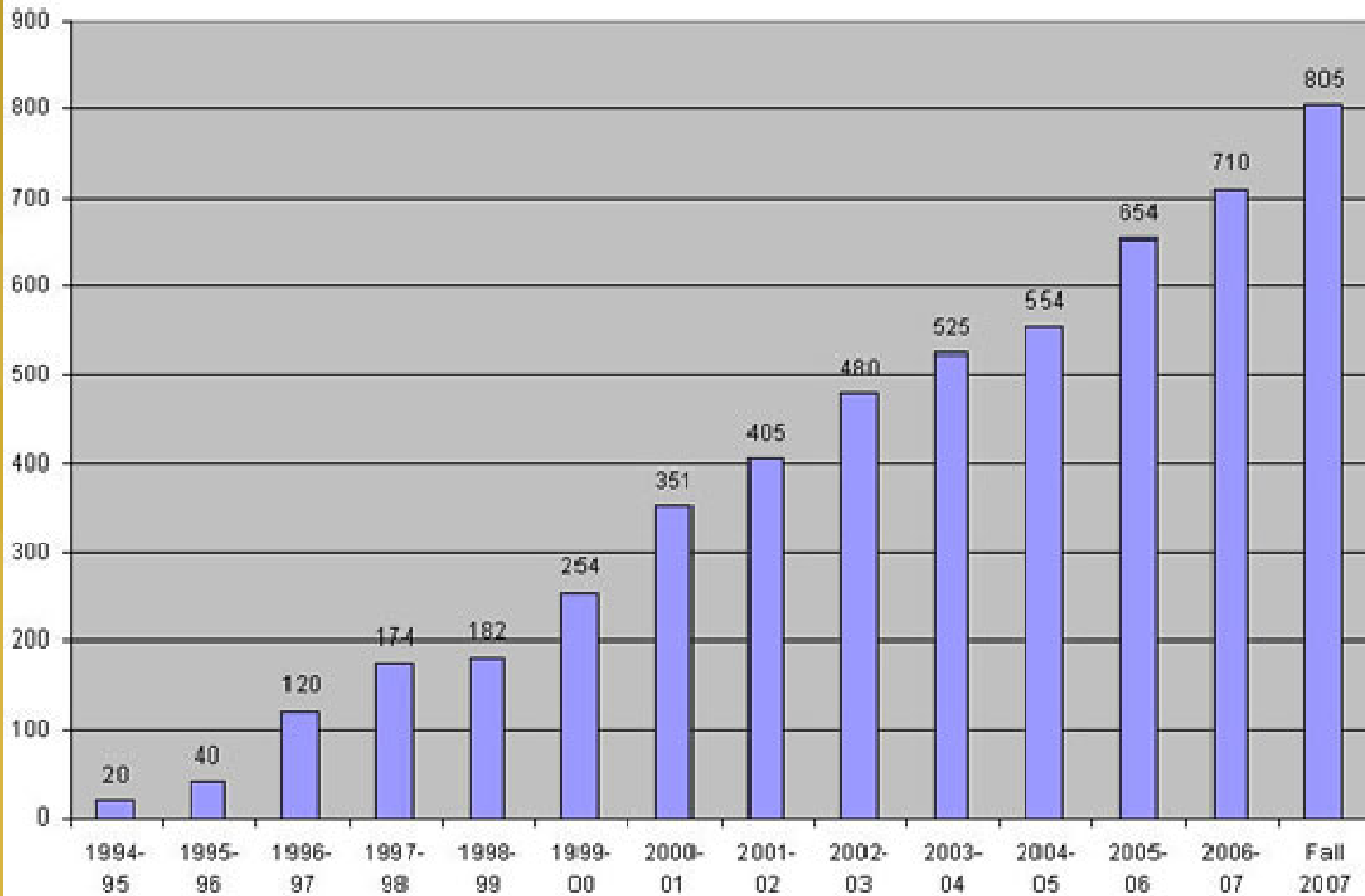
Key

Non-ELL achievement

proficiency

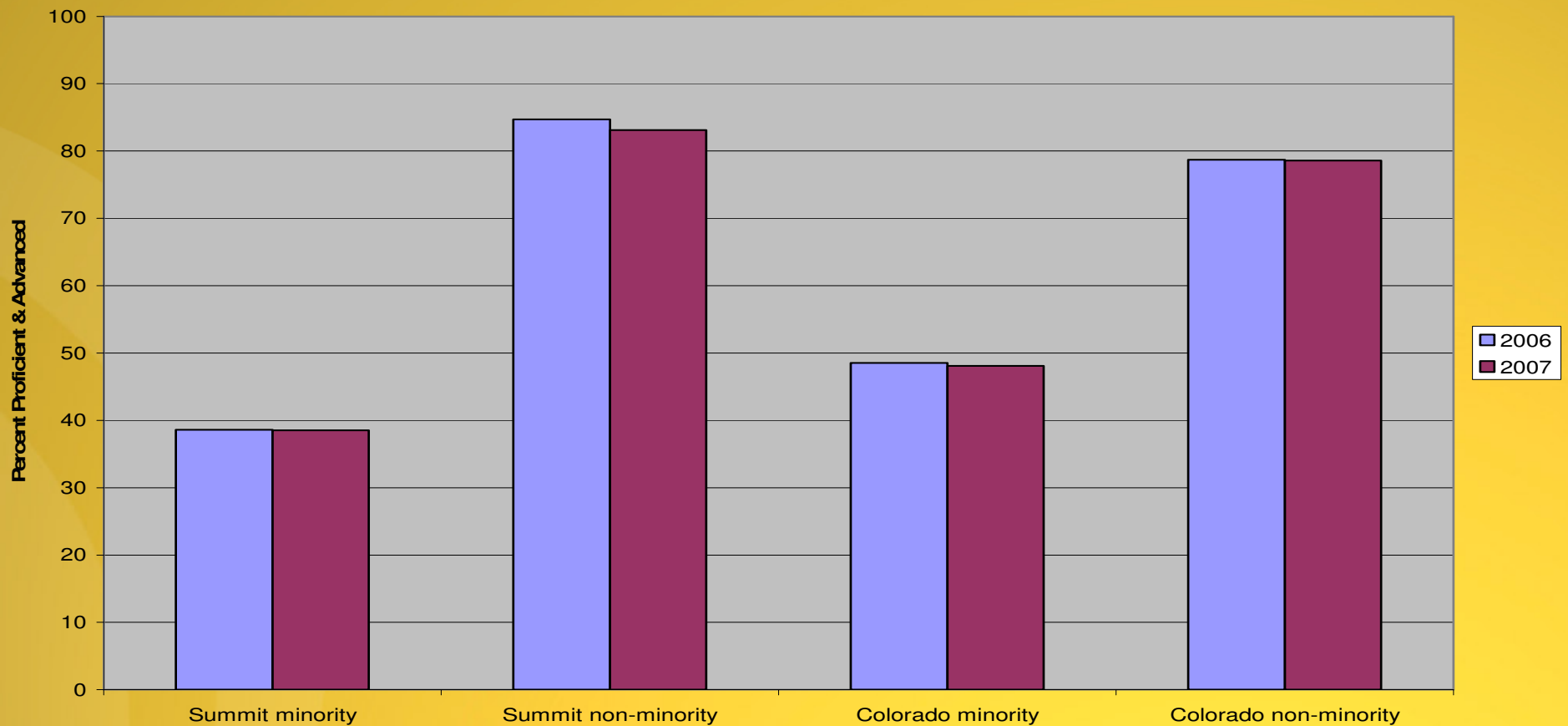
ELL achievement

Growth in ESL Population



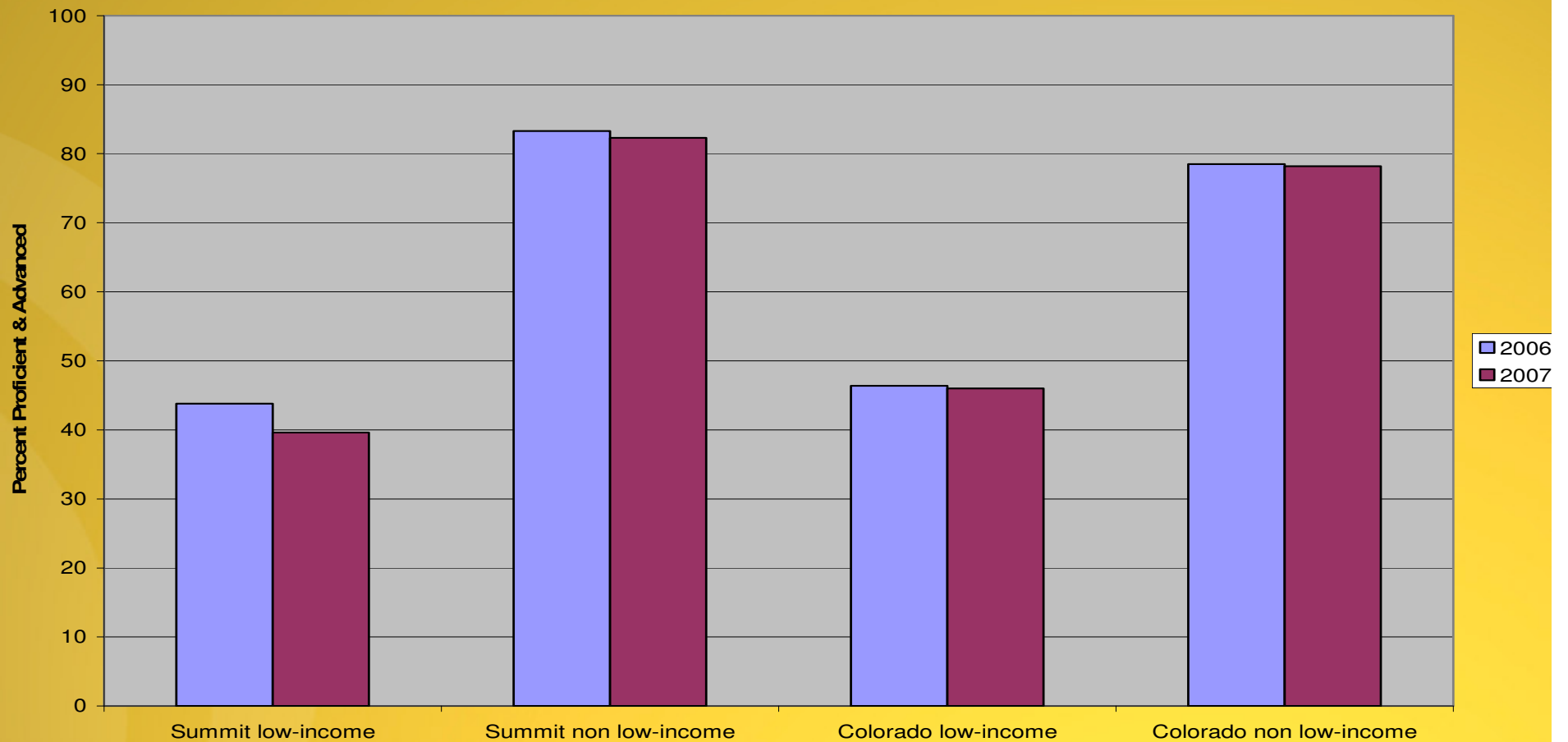
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Reading Minority Gap 2006 & 2007



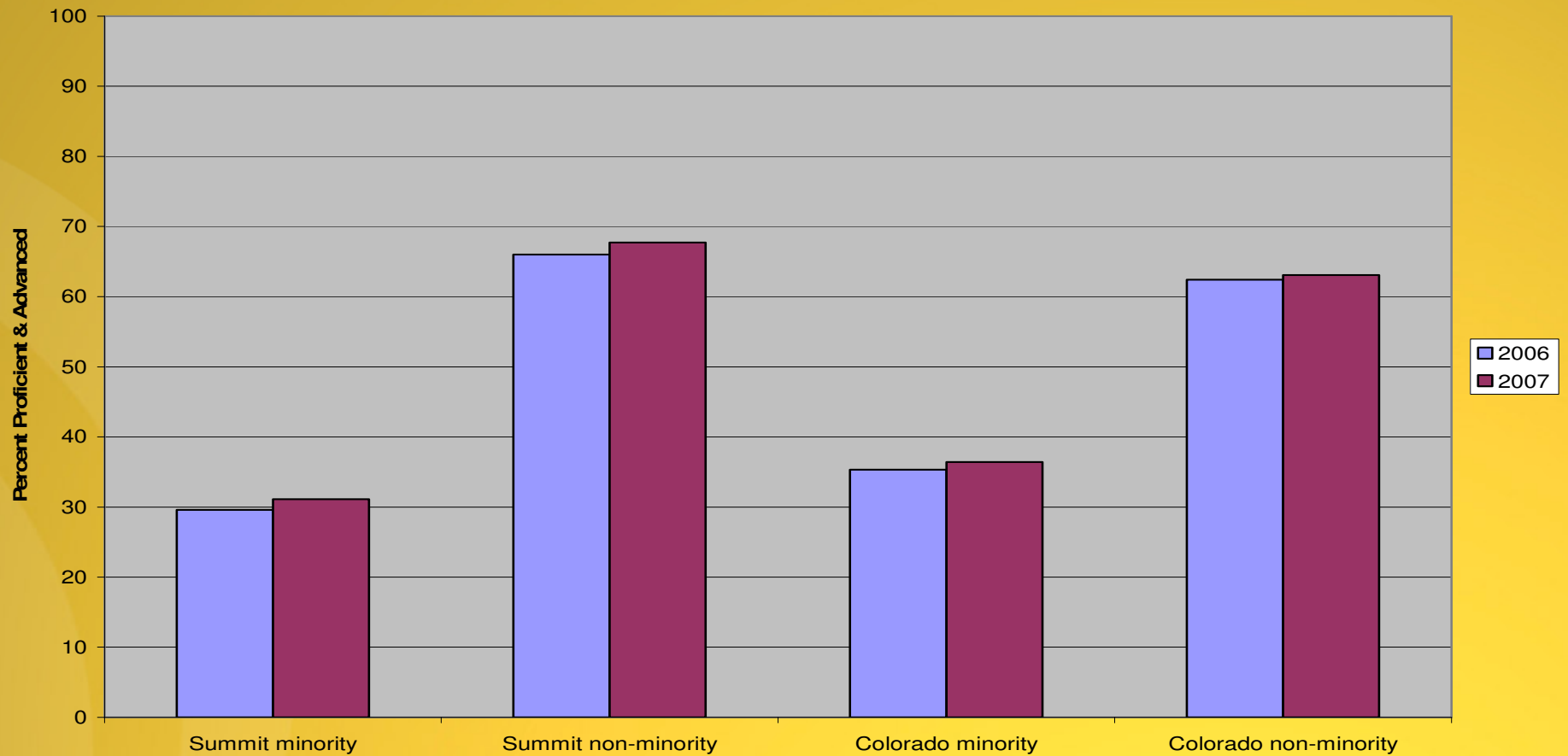
Reading Low Income Gap

Reading Low-Income Gap 2006 & 2007



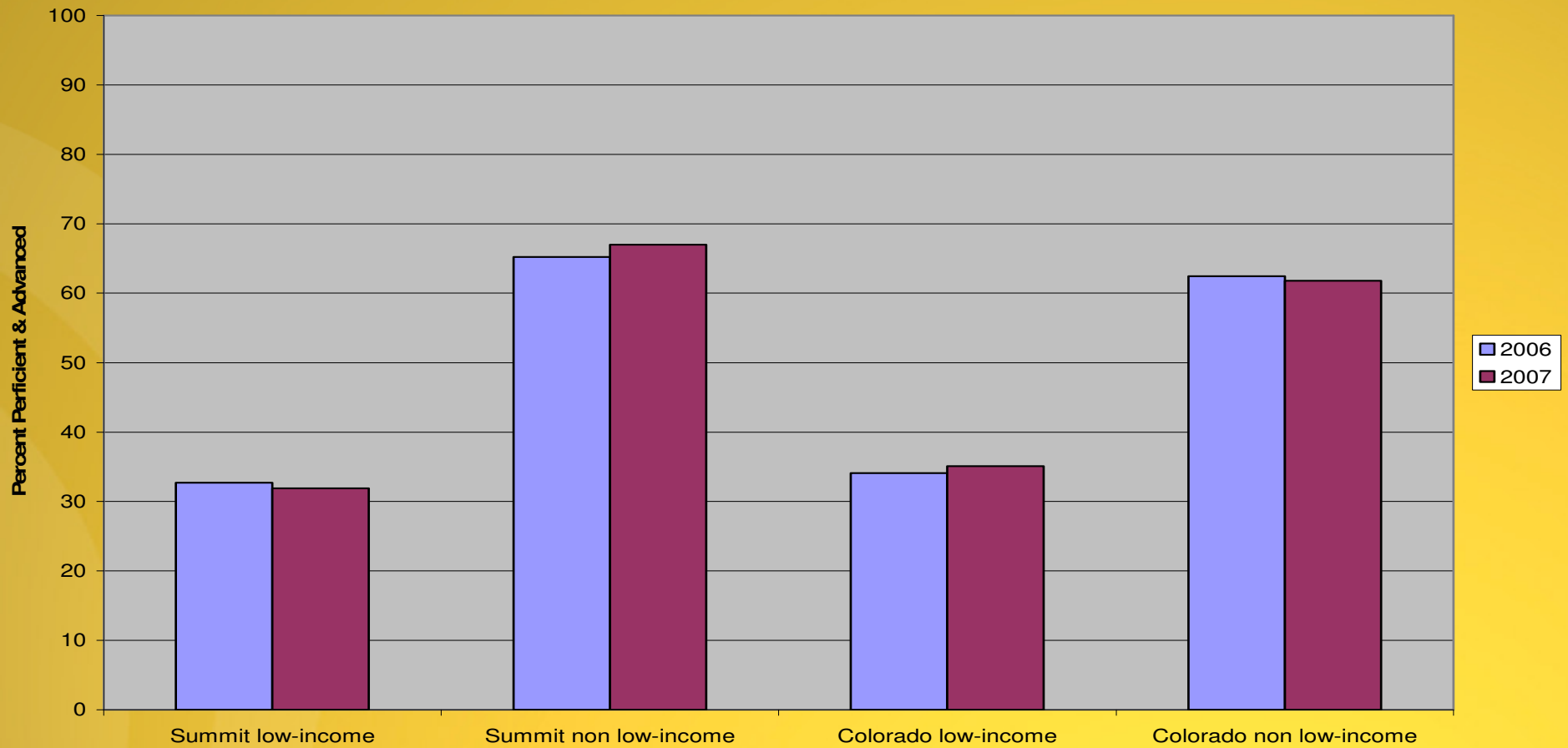
Math Minority Gap

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Math Low Income Gap

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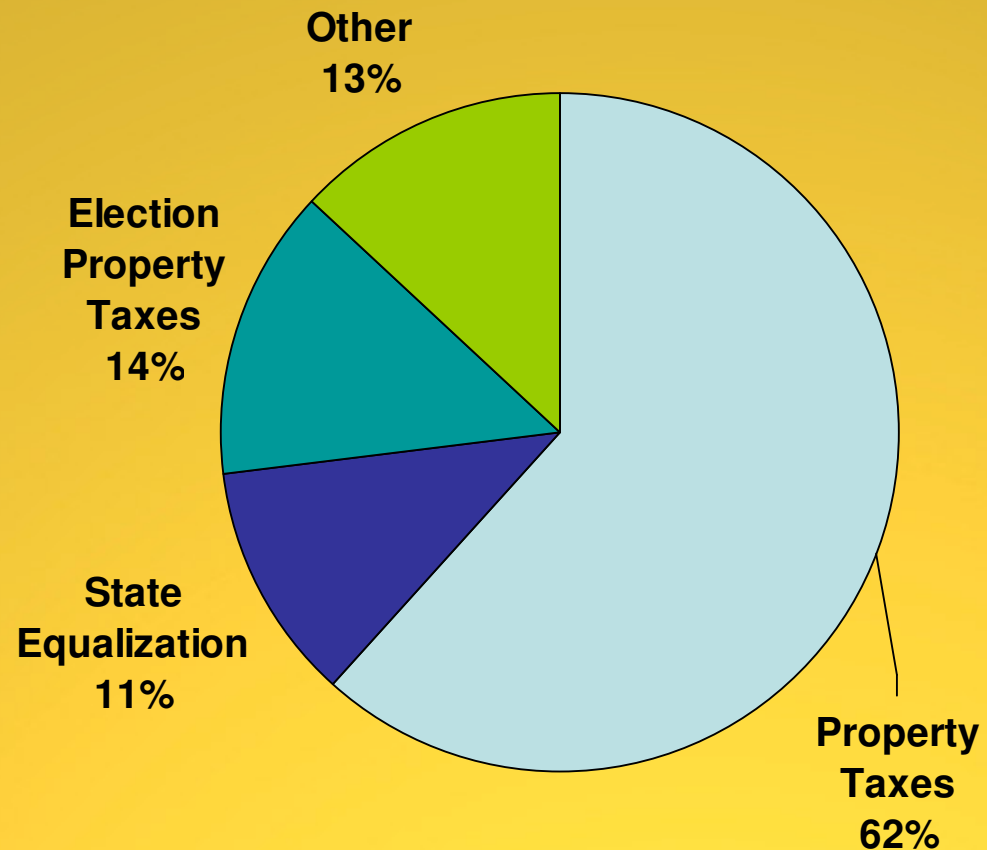
Sound Financial Policies

- On-going revenue will support on-going expenditures
 - All Funds of the District have a Balanced Budget totaling over \$52 million for 2008-09
 - Reduced a total of \$3.6 million since spring 2007
- Fund balance
 - To smooth enrollment changes or unanticipated expenditures
 - Goal of 10% established by Board in spring 2008
- Special Building and Technology fund to be used for capital projects only
 - Sunsets every three years
 - Current levy for 2008, 2009 and 2010

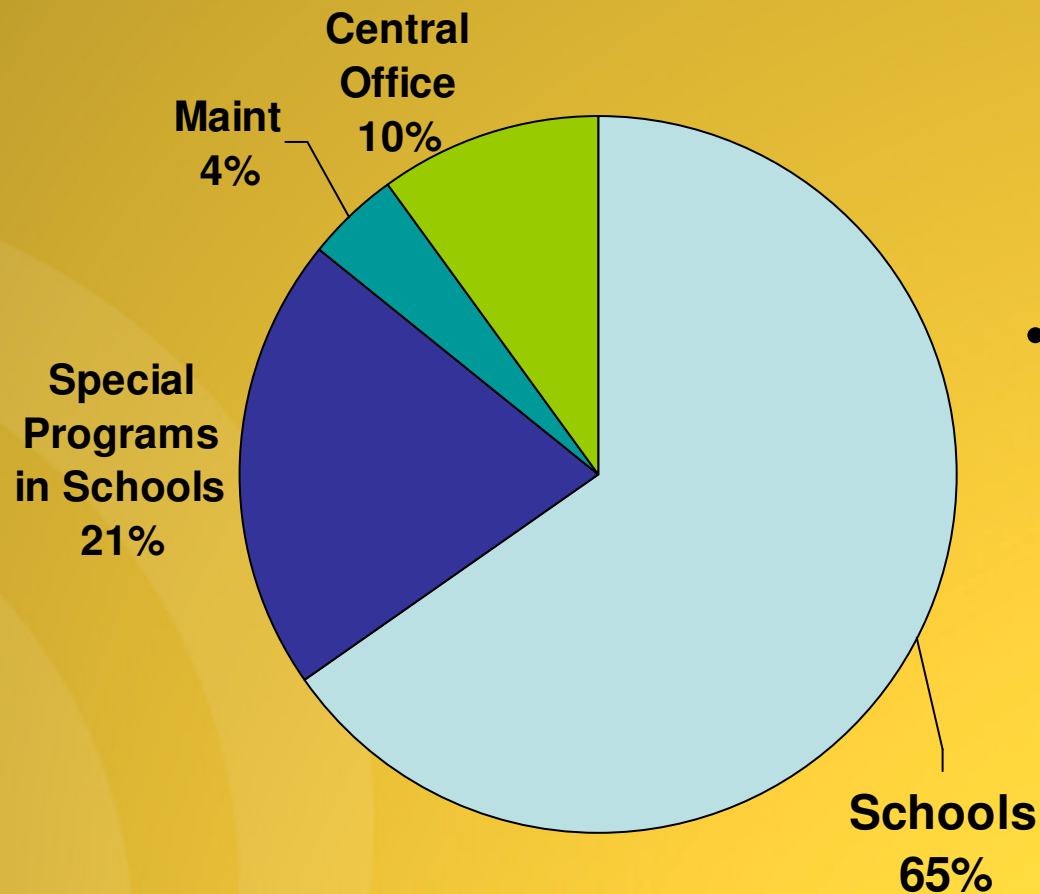


District General Fund Revenue

- **School Finance Act**
 - 87% of District Revenue
 - State Controlled
 - Denver Boulder CPI
 - October 1 student count times \$7,200
 - Two funding sources
 - Property taxes
 - State equalization
 - Maximum 20% Override
- **Overall**
 - 76% Property taxes
 - 11% State equalization
 - 13% Federal, other state and local income



District General Fund Expenses



- 2008-09 General Fund Budget \$28,930,4445
 - 86% to schools and special programs
 - 14% overhead
- Labor Intense System
 - 82% in salary and benefits
 - 450 employees
 - 8% in supplies
 - 8% in purchased services like utilities and professional development
 - 2% in transfers to other funds
- Budget by Student Need

Financial Myths of School Funding

- **Myth #1.** Because we live in a property tax wealthy District this results in a lucrative school budget
 - Colorado School Finance Act restricts
 - Total mill levy for Summit School District
 - 2007-08 was 22.090 mills, 132nd of 178 Districts
 - State average mill levy was 35.932 mills
- **Myth #2.** If the assessed valuation in the County goes up, school revenue goes up accordingly
 - Colorado School Finance Act restricts
 - If property taxes increase for the District, state equalization is reduced by an equal amount
- **Myth #3.** Our school taxes support other school districts
 - Property taxes for Summit School District support only Summit School District



It Takes a Village

- **Volunteer in our Schools!**
 - Reading Programs, Library Help, Office Support
- **Connect with Kids!**
- **Provide expertise in an Advisory Committee!**
 - Building Accountability (BAAC's), Citizen's Budget Planning (CBAC), Parent-Teacher-Student Associations (PTSA's)



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