

The District has been touting "VUSD ranks 26th in personnel expenditures and spend 87% of the budget on personnel." That's based on 05-06 school year.



Using the same data source (Ed Data, CA Dept. of Education), VTA has dug up some other telling statistics.

There are 298 Unified Districts in CA with over 500 ADA (average daily attendance).

Here's how VACAVILLE USD ranks for Average Teacher Salary:

	Teacher Average Salary	State Unified District Rank
2004-05	\$52,719	211 th
2005-06	\$52,454	238 th
2006-07	\$55,204	244 th

Even with those "big raises" the District has been bragging about, VACAVILLE teachers have been losing ground.

Think of STAR and Benchmark scoring: VUSD average teacher salary rank has dropped from 211th, **BELOW BASIC**, to 244th, **FAR BELOW BASIC**.



Here's how VUSD compares with surrounding districts
for the last 3 years:

	<u>County</u>	<u>04-05 School Year District</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>
1	Solano	Travis Unified	\$58,009
2	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	\$57,349
3	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	\$56,817
4	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	\$55,136
5	Solano	Dixon Unified	\$54,762
6	Solano	Benicia Unified	\$54,623
7	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	\$53,497
8	Solano	Vacaville Unified	\$52,719

	<u>County</u>	<u>05-06 School Year District</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>
1	Solano	Travis Unified	\$61,281
2	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	\$59,775
3	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	\$57,629
4	Solano	Benicia Unified	\$57,408
5	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	\$56,125
6	Solano	Dixon Unified	\$56,081
7	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	\$54,296
8	Solano	Vacaville Unified	\$52,454

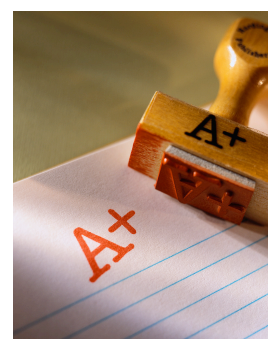
	<u>County</u>	<u>06-07 School Year District</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>
1	Solano	Travis Unified	\$66,773
2	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	\$63,378
3	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	\$62,485
4	Solano	Benicia Unified	\$60,719
5	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	\$58,480
6	Solano	Dixon Unified	\$58,324
7	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	\$56,307
8	Solano	Vacaville Unified	\$55,204

ABSOLUTELY DEAD LAST EVERY YEAR.

You might think that the lower average salary must mean that we have a lot of newer teachers whose salaries decrease the average. Think again:

In 05-06, Vacaville USD ranked 30th out of 298 in teacher experience (16.3 years).

30th?



That's **ADVANCED** on the STAR test scale.

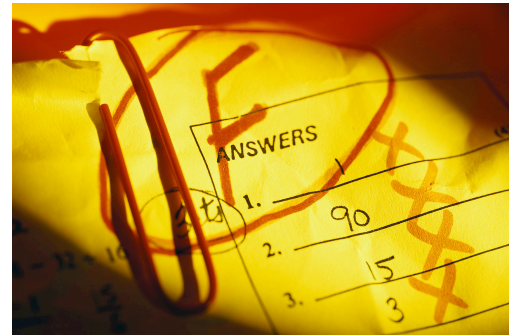
Locally, here's how we compare:

	<u>County</u>	<u>05-06 School Year District</u>	<u>Average Years of Experience</u>
1	Solano	Vacaville Unified	16.3
2	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	15.9
3	Solano	Benicia Unified	15.6
4	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	14.9
5	Solano	Dixon Unified	13.8
6	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	13.0
7	Solano	Travis Unified	12.8
8	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	12.8

You get the picture:
VACAVILLE teachers are the most experienced and the worst paid.

The District typically claims that we have great medical benefits.
It sure doesn't feel like it:

In 05-06, average teacher salary plus benefits spending per student:
Vacaville USD ranked 244th out of 286



(FAR BELOW BASIC).

And locally the picture is the same:

Teacher Average Salary with Benefits expenditure per student

Unified School Districts of California (over 500 ADA)
2005-06

	<u>County</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Average Salary and Benefits</u>
1	Solano	Travis Unified	\$62,562
2	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	\$60,830
3	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	\$58,701
4	Solano	Benicia Unified	\$58,515
5	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	\$57,696
6	Solano	Dixon Unified	\$57,235
7	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	\$55,519
8	Solano	Vacaville Unified	\$53,834

Well, Vacaville USD must be spending the money some place else than teacher salary and benefits as compared to the other districts.

Could it be class size?



05-06: VUSD ranked 142nd in average class size (27.1 students) (**BASIC**)

06-07: VUSD ranked 137th in average class size (26.2 students) (**BASIC**)

For those same two years, locally, we ranked somewhere in the middle in average class size.

05-06 School Year			Average Class Size
	<u>County</u>	<u>District</u>	
1	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	28.9
2	Solano	Benicia Unified	28.1
3	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	27.9
4	Solano	Vacaville Unified	27.1
5	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	27.1
6	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	26.2
7	Solano	Travis Unified	26.2
8	Solano	Dixon Unified	25.7

06-07 School Year			Average Class Size
	<u>County</u>	<u>District</u>	
1	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	28.6
2	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	28.2
3	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	26.8
4	Solano	Benicia Unified	26.6
5	Solano	Travis Unified	26.4
6	Solano	VACAVILLE UNIFIED	26.2
7	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	25.2
8	Solano	Dixon Unified	24.9

Remember, **NOTHING** in the contract changed relating to class size or hiring ratios.

What about Administration?



In 06-07, VUSD ranked 128th in students per administrator average (262.2 students per admin). That's still **BASIC**, but on the high end of **BASIC**.

Let's look at that for the surrounding districts:

Students per Administrator Average

2006-07

	<u>County</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Average</u>
1	Solano	Fairfield-Suisun Unified	241.6
2	Solano	Vallejo City Unified	245.2
3	Solano	Vacaville Unified	262.2
4	Solano	Dixon Unified	272.5
5	Yolo	Davis Joint Unified	288.4
6	Napa	Napa Valley Unified	304.3
7	Solano	Travis Unified	309.9
8	Solano	Benicia Unified	358.6

Less students per administrator means **more** administration. Hmm.... Makes you think, doesn't it?

Where are the District's PRIORITIES?