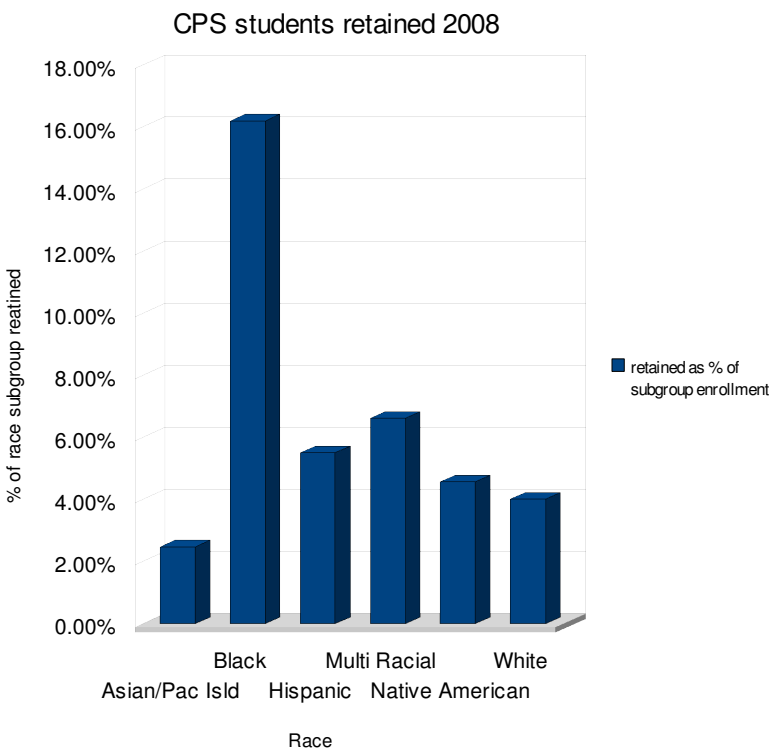


In these tight economic times, CPS continues to waste more than **\$100,000,000 a year on a program that doesn't work, and harms children.**

The current CPS promotion policy means an extra \$10,000 per student x 10,000 students per year to repeat a grade. “Did retaining these low-achieving students help? *The answer to this question is decidedly no....If an expensive policy is simply not working, as concluded in this report, it would make little sense to invest more money in it rather than to redirect that money toward alternatives.*”

— *Ending Social Promotion*, Consortium on Chicago School Research, 2004



African-American children are the most likely to be harmed by CPS's policy.

10 years after CPS agreed to change its promotion policy to resolve PURE's complaint to the U. S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, the district continues to flunk a disproportionate percentage of African-American and Latino students.

So, what should CPS do instead? See PURE's proposal inside.