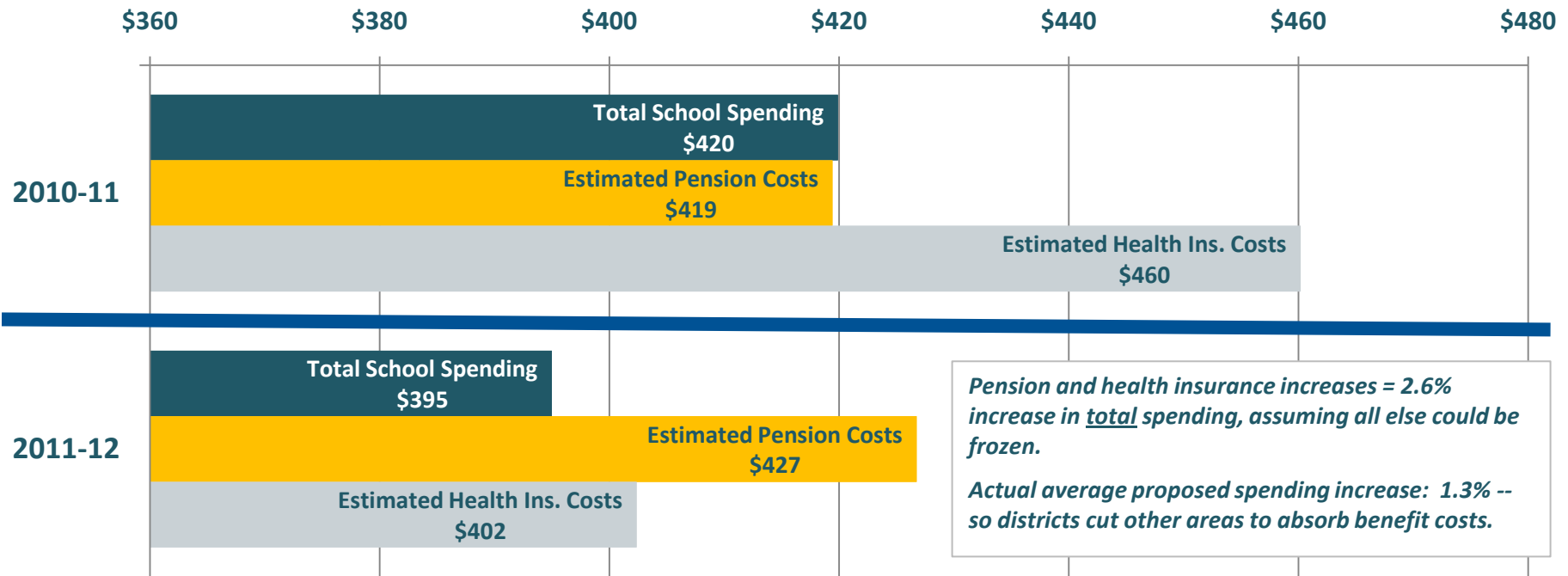


Similar pressures on schools in 2010 and 2011: Declining state aid, surging pension and benefit costs

Pension & health insurance increases > than overall increases
Implication: *Districts cut other spending to absorb benefit costs*

Year to-year change in millions of dollars



SOURCE: Council analysis of NYSED School Aid and Property Tax Report Card data, Office of the State Comptroller local government data; and benefit cost factors reported by the NYS Division of the Budget and NYS Teachers Retirement System.
Assumptions: Pension costs increase by increases in employer contribution rates, and health insurance costs increase for schools at same rate as projected for state government.