

5 Lessons about Today's Schools

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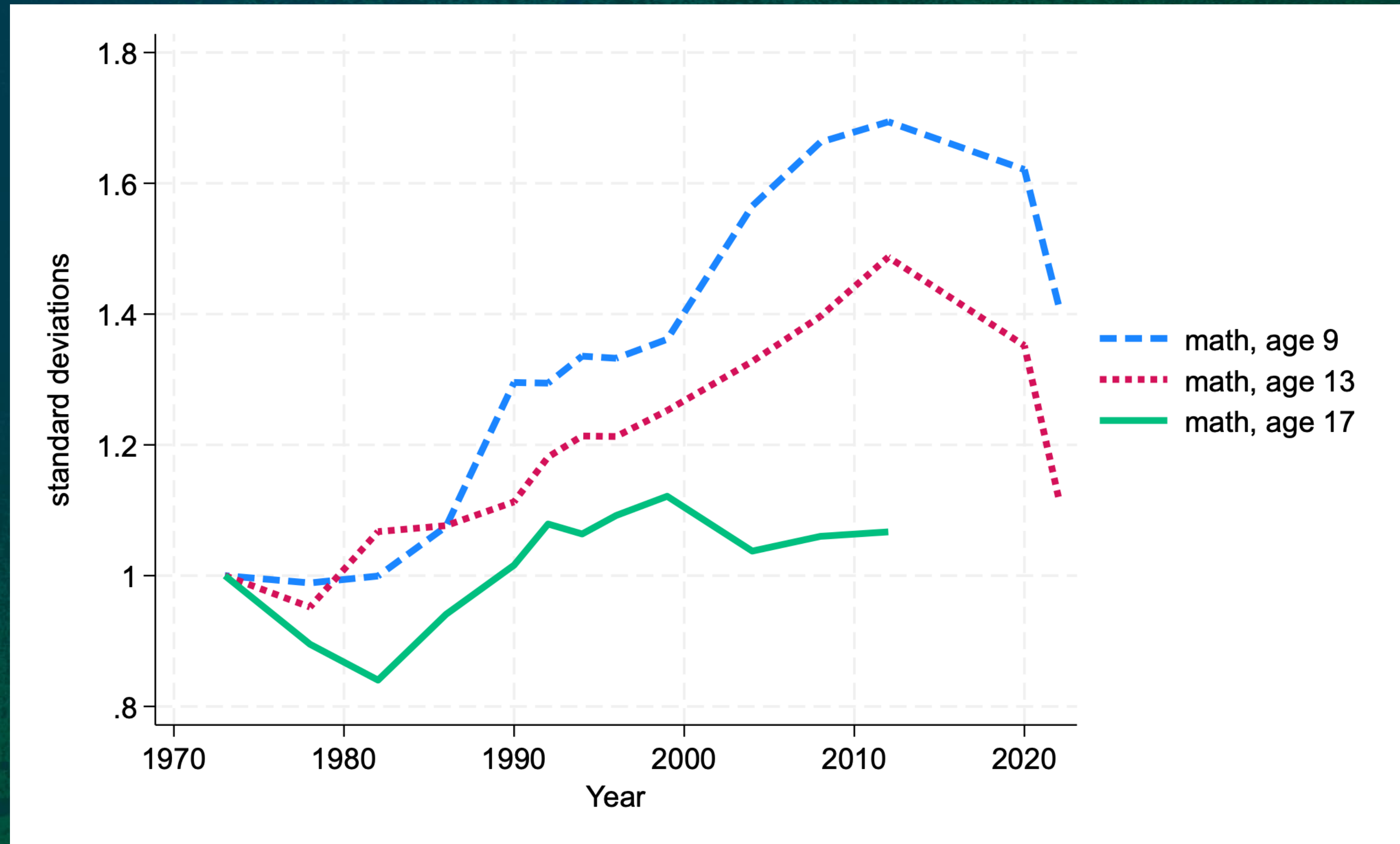
There is a remarkable complacency about the fate of the COVID-cohort.

- No sense of urgency
- Parents are told “all is OK”
 - Grades have not fallen
 - High school graduation unaffected
- School is becoming optional
 - Chronic absenteeism has soared
- 19 million have left K-12 schools
 - Little hope of recovery from any losses

The objective data are very consistent.

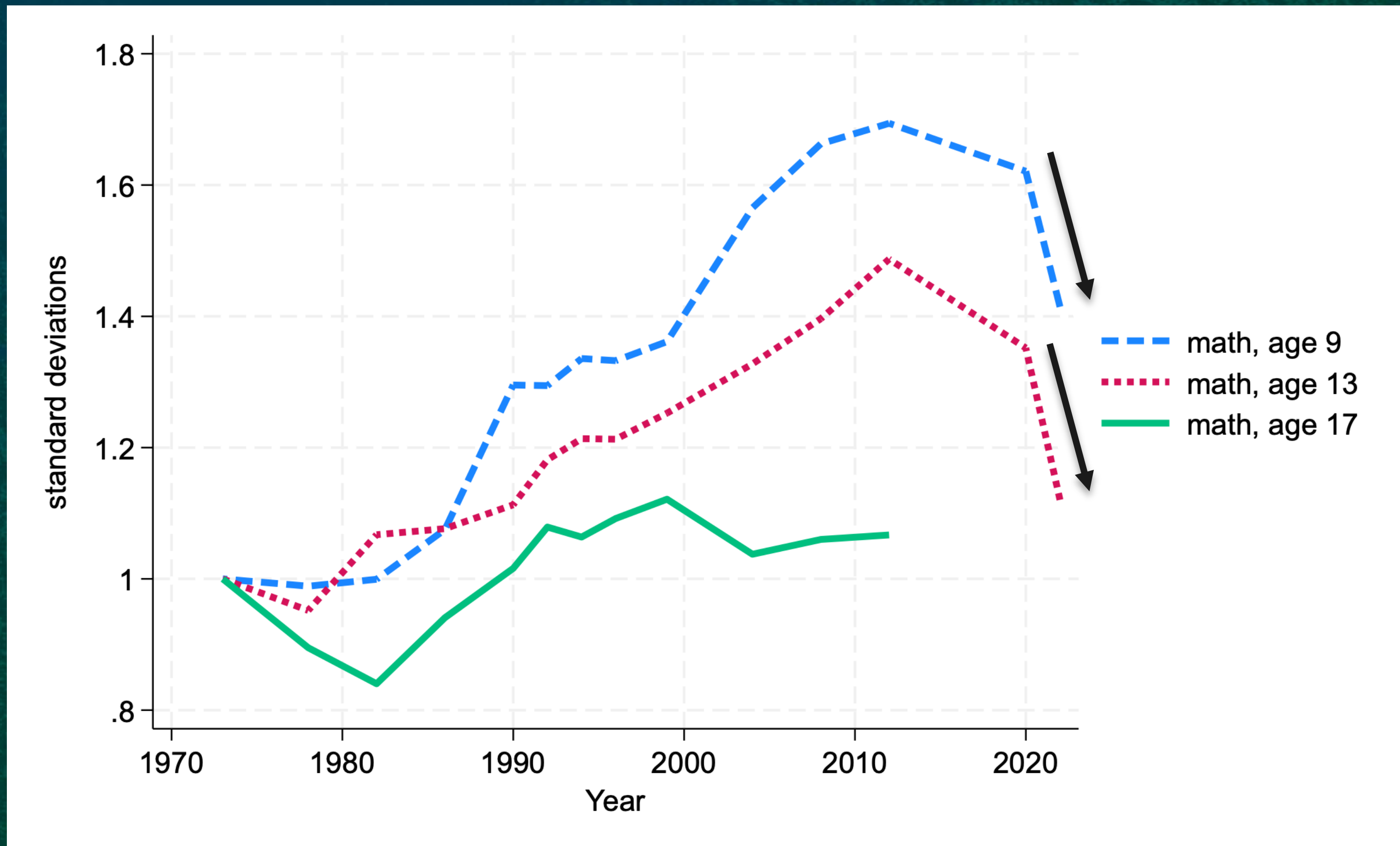
- TIMSS 2023 – disaster
 - Math back to 1995
 - Decline in U.S. ranking
- PISA 2022
- NAEP
- NWEA

What does NAEP tell us?



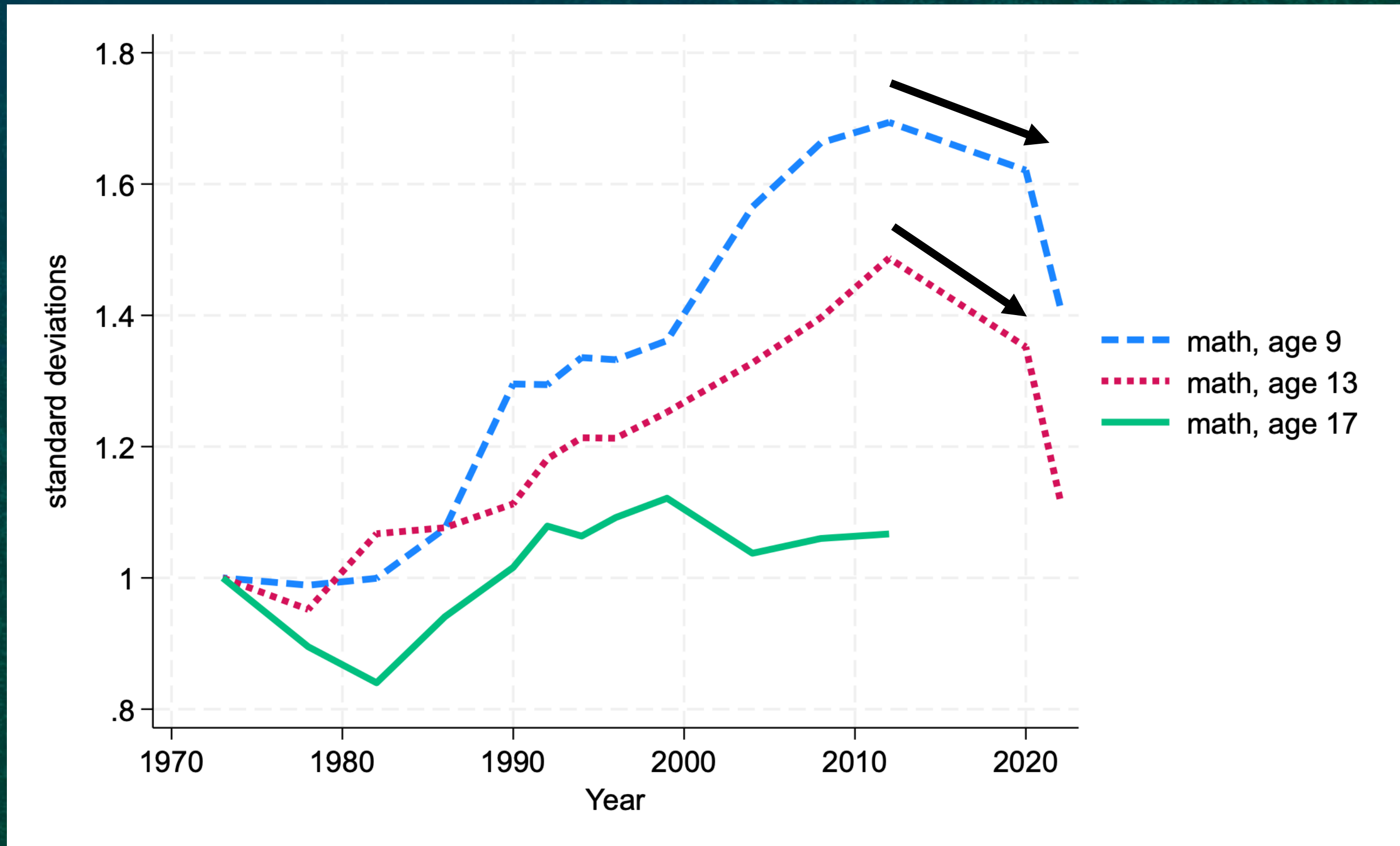
5 Lessons

1. The pandemic was very serious.



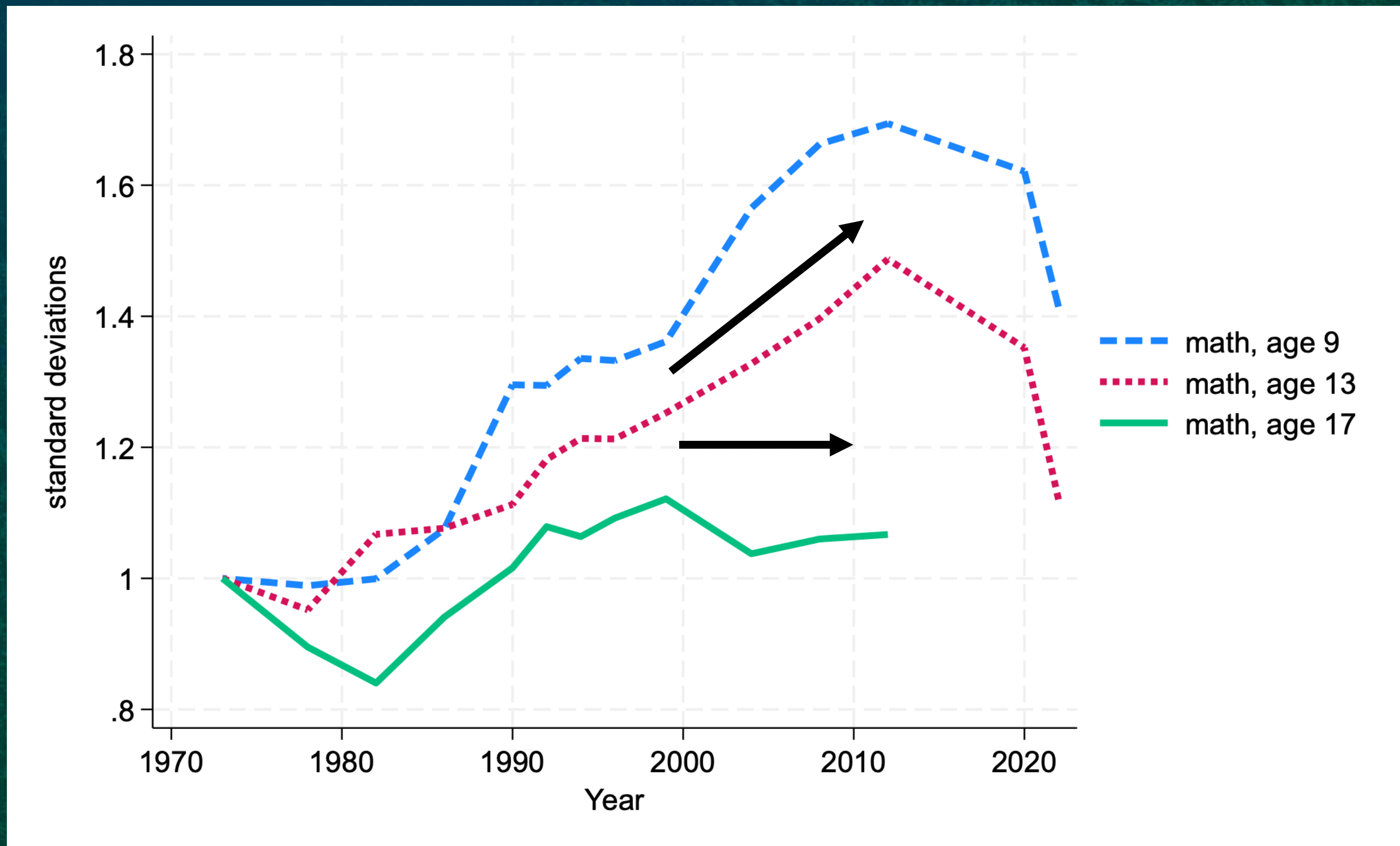
- Scores fell precipitously over pandemic
- Huge economic costs
 - Average person in cohort => **6 percent loss**
 - Disadvantaged lose more => **9 percent loss**
- Nation will have slower growth
 - Loss = **\$31 trillion**
 - **6X** recession of 2008

2. The problems started before the pandemic.



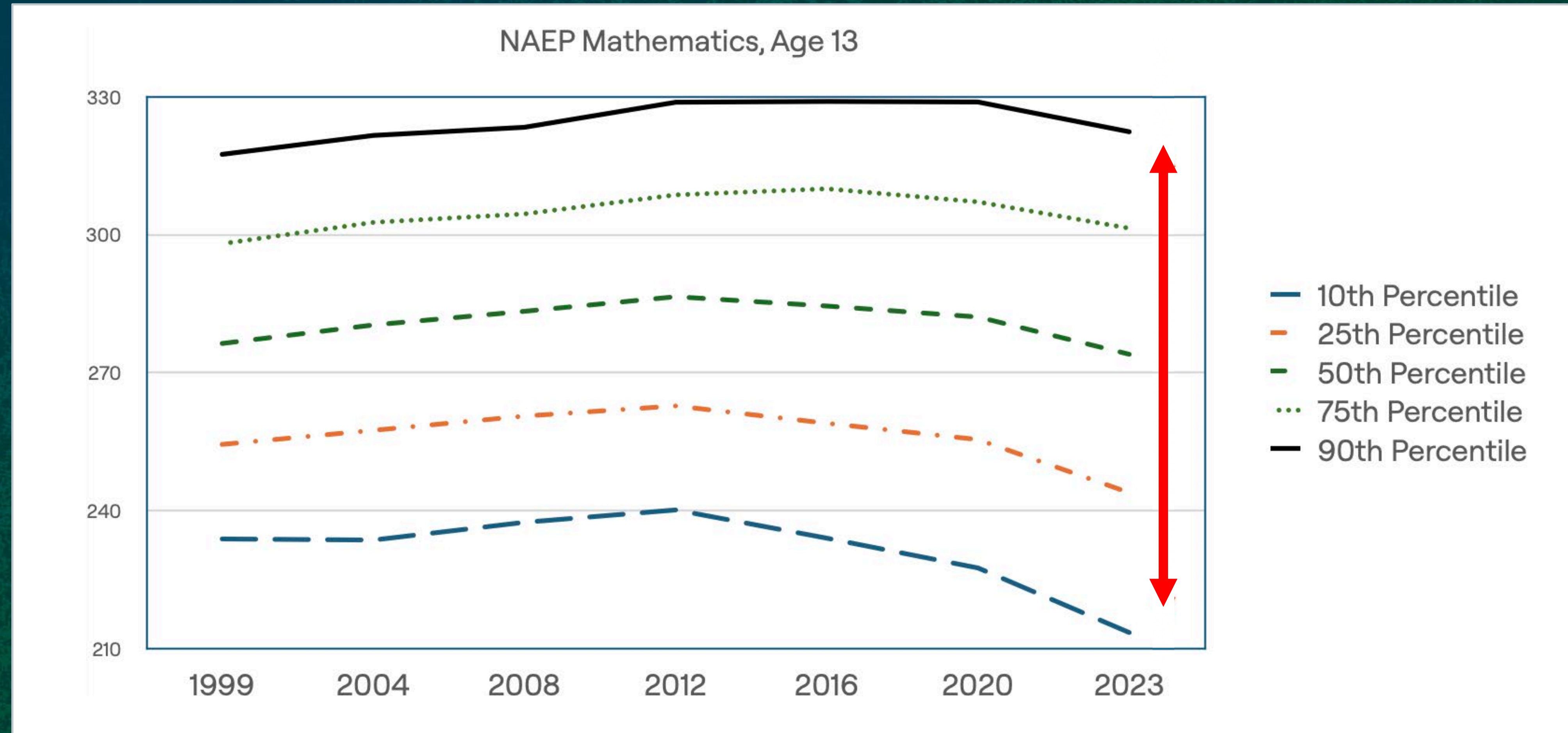
- Scores peaked in 2012
 - Same across reading, other ages
- Eerily consistent with change in accountability
 - NCLB => ESSA

3. High schools have been a longer-term problem.



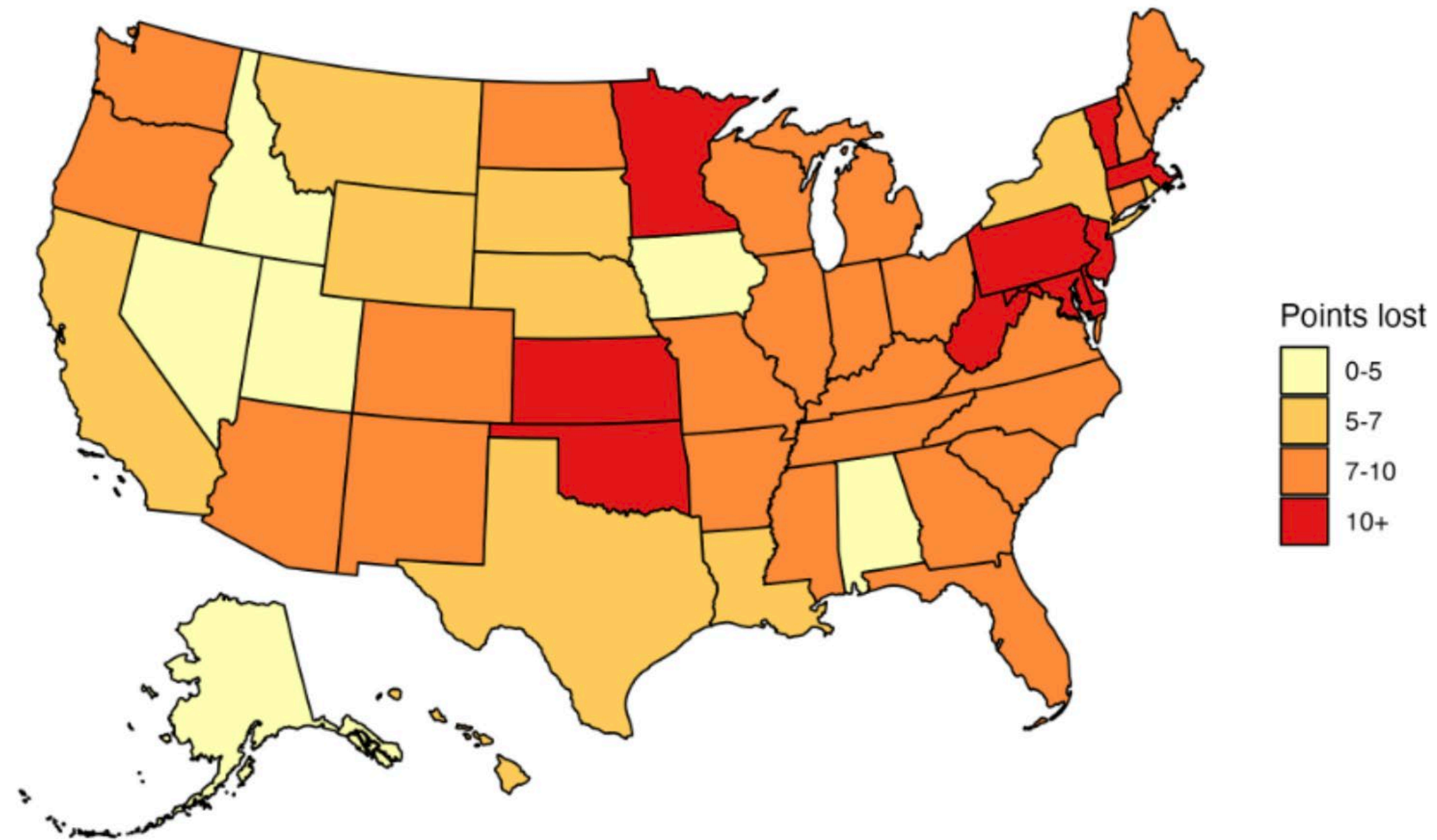
- Gains in 2000's not seen at high school

4. Learning declines are worse for low performers.



5. It matters where you live.

NAEP score losses 2019-2022: Grade 8 Math



Will we accept the results of our schools?

- Losses not all due to schools, but schools are where recovery is most possible
- Struggling to return to level of March 2020
- If schools do not get better, the losses are permanent.
- “It’s too hard” means accepting 6-9 percent earnings losses and \$31trillion lower GDP