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"Private Schools Lose Ground in Hiring, Keeping Teachers" Intense demand for teachers nationwide is challenging private schools to sweeten the pot or risk a decline in quality as more instructors pick public schools, teachers and administrators in private education say.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

"Report Estimates Minimum Cost Per Student" Illinois educators and politicians have haggled annually over the bare-bones base cost of educating a student well, and a recently released report added another dimension to the debate. The state's Education Funding Advisory Board hired a consulting company to help determine how much successful school districts spend per student, not including extra costs such as special education, transportation and capital expenses.