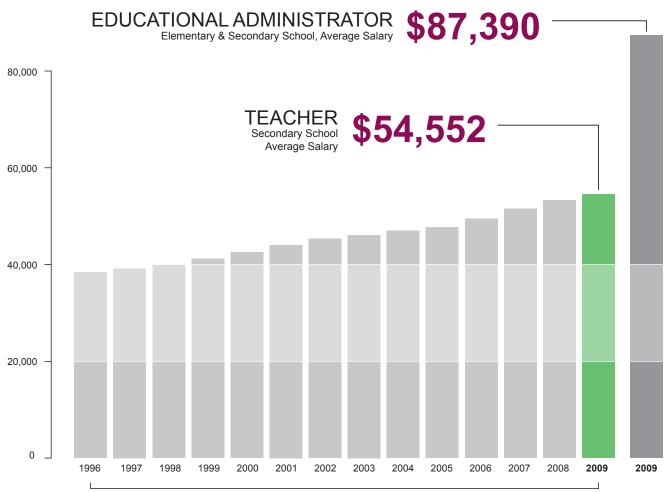
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Salary increases for public high school teachers have been very minimal in the past decade, and wages are still far below that of educational administrators in the same schools, though teachers have a direct impact on the daily lives of the students in their classrooms. With lessened motivation due to low pay, it is easy to see the poorer quality education that could result from this type of environment. It is possible that low teacher pay may be a factor contributing to the unhealthy levels of high school dropouts in the United States.

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