

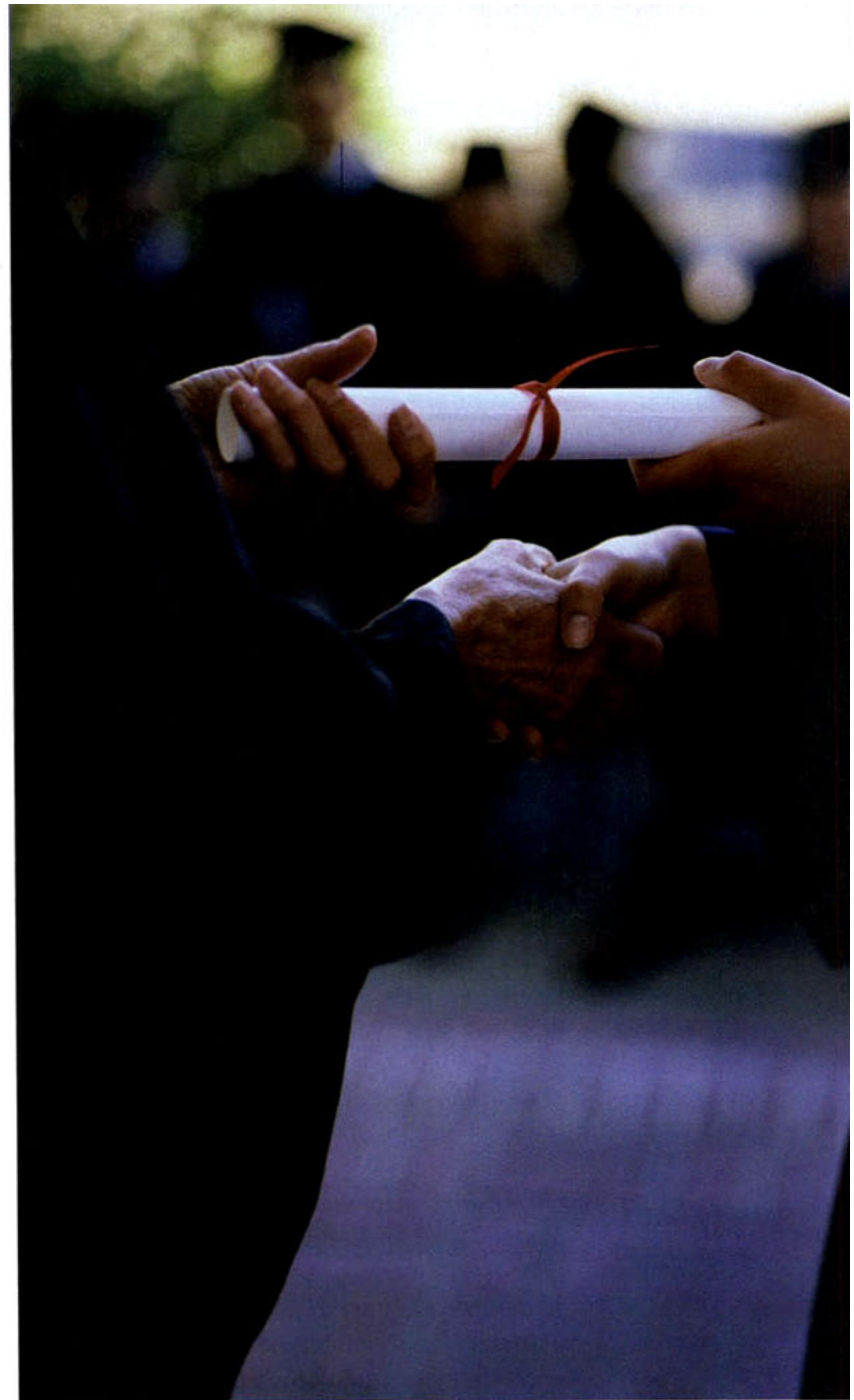
HOW WELL ARE WE EDUCATING OUR FUTURE WORKERS?

FOR EDMUND SCHWEITZER, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL), improving the quality of the math and science education our children receive is absolutely critical to the success of technology-based companies.

Schweitzer is concerned about the ability of our schools to provide enough highly trained engineers in the future to sustain companies like his. Pullman, Wash.-based SEL, which introduced the world's first digital relay back in 1984, is a global engineering company with technical service centers in more than 40 countries. The company's products are sold in more than 100 countries.

However, what distinguishes Schweitzer from many other CEOs is that he is willing to put his money where his mouth is. During the past five years, SEL has donated equipment and materials to 67 academic institutions totaling \$636,000.

Schweitzer's interest in education runs deep. Earlier in his career, he served as a professor at Ohio University and at Washington State University, and continues to teach short courses in power engineering around the world while leading a global company. Course locations include the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico, the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and at the Southern African Power System Protection Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.



OUR 15TH ANNUAL EDUCATION QUOTIENT™
RATINGS OF 2,800 SECONDARY SCHOOL
DISTRICTS NATIONWIDE CAN PROVIDE GROWING
BUSINESSES WITH A WAY TO COMPARE THE POTENTIAL
WORK FORCE IN COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

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2005 EDUCATION QUOTIENT™

Schweitzer believes in the importance of practical experience for students.

He has donated more than \$185,000 in equipment required to upgrade protective relays, metering and communications for the electrical distribution system at the Washington State University Power Plant and East Campus Substation in Pullman. This, in turn, has provided opportunities in "real world" application for electrical engineering students attending the university.

Still, Schweitzer is concerned about the depth of the engineering talent pool in the United States. Despite his focus on helping university students gain practical experience, he firmly believes that waiting until a person is 18 to interest him or her in science and engineering is too late. By that age, the pool of likely candidates has shrunk dramatically. For him, the best time to pique a person's interest in science and engineering is when they are much younger, say in high school or even middle school.

It was for that reason that he established, in co-operation with the Pullman School District, a basic electronics course for local high school students. For its part, SEL hired an instructor who developed the curriculum, established a classroom and equipped the laboratory.

Classes began in August 2000 and now include not only basic electronics, but also a robotics course and a pre-engineering course. The Pullman School District offers physics credits for the pre-engineering course.

Until this year, the district bused the students to the SEL classroom each day. Now, the courses

are taught at Pullman High School and will continue to be funded by SEL.

This is just one of many learning opportunities Schweitzer has created for students of all ages to learn more in the field of science. Several years ago, his dream of a science center became a reality when SEL donated 11,000 square feet of space for displays, activities and programs.

The Palouse Discovery Science Center (PDSC) offers programs to children from toddler-age through high school, as well as for adults. An executive director, an active board and many volunteers direct the activities of PDSC, the only science center in Washington east of the Cascade Mountains. School children from Washington and Idaho enjoy the benefits of this operation.

This is just an example of what can be accomplished when businesses take an active interest in promoting educational opportunities for young students.

In today's technology-driven economy, growing companies that are expanding and opening new facilities around the country are using a prospective community's public education system as an indicator of the type of work force they would likely encounter should they choose to open a manufacturing or distribution facility there.

That's why *Expansion Management* has evaluated secondary school districts around the country for the past 15 years. After all, today's students are tomorrow's work force.

This year's *Education Quotient*™ (EQ) includes all high school degree-granting secondary school

WHAT THE RATINGS MEAN

	SCORE	NATIONAL RANKING
Gold	83-99	Top 17%
Blue	67-82	Top 33%
Green	26-66	The Great Middle
Yellow	11-25	Bottom 25%
Red	1-10	Bottom 10%

districts in the United States with an enrollment of at least 3,300 students.

In all, we evaluated more than 2,800 districts nationwide, with a combined enrollment of more than 35 million students.

HOW WE RATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EQ SCORE IS COMPOSED OF THREE MAJOR INDICES: THE **Graduate Outcome**, the **Resource Index** and the **Community Index**.

The **Graduate Outcome** measures the final output of a district's schools and includes the college board scores and graduation rates. It is by far the most heavily weighted factor in our final calculations because, for employers and parents alike, that's what school is all about.

The **Resource Index** measures a community's financial commitment to public education and includes such things as teachers' salaries, student-teacher ratio and per-pupil expenditures. While important, it has a lesser weight in the final calculations because we feel that school districts should be measured by their results, not by how much money they spend.

The **Community Index**, which measures the economic and education background of the adult population, has almost no weight in the final calculations. Rather, it is used as a benchmark for site selectors and other people engaged in evaluating a work force.

These three indices are each calcu-

lated on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 99 (highest), in order to come up with an overall score, which we call the *Education Quotient*.

PARENTAL INFLUENCE ON HOW SCHOOLS PERFORM

IT SEEMS THAT ANY TIME THERE IS A DISCUSSION about schools, the focus seems to always turn to teachers and money, as if that were the only solution to the problem of low achievement.

Year after year, though, we collect data on more than 2,800 secondary school districts, and that data consistently shows the same thing: Increased spending on education seems to make good schools even better, but it doesn't appear to make bad schools good.

That's not to say that smaller class sizes and better paid teachers are a bad thing. Of course not. What it does mean is that, if we want to improve an "underachieving school," there is no reason to believe that we can simply buy our way out of that problem. After all, some of the most generous school districts, in terms of spending, are also some of the worst when it comes to academic results.

Instead, let's look at the parents. In our study, we gather data on the income and education levels of the adult population within each school district. We call this the **Community Index** (CI) and we use it mainly as a reference. In other words, it doesn't count for much in the final overall ranking of a school district, but it makes for a useful crosscheck on our results.

Of the 100 school districts with the highest **Community Index**, 96 of them were awarded Gold Medals (our highest award), a distinction only 17 percent of the school districts we evaluated received. Of the top 200 districts in terms of CI, 182 received Gold Medals. And remember, the CI is almost entirely a reference tool. At most, it might add one or two points to the final EQ score.

Clearly, parents' income and education are strong indicators of academic success for their children. But

yet we have Farm Belt schools in the Midwest where the children of parents with modest resources are achieving similarly high academic success.

Here we have two seemingly disparate groups, one with high adult education and income levels, the other with relatively low adult education and income levels. What do these two groups have in common?

Here's my theory. I think it has to do with the parents, the work ethic they



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instill in their children and the countless hours they spend each day being involved in their kids' schools and in their homework. Parental involvement is something money can't buy.

You can say that having parents with above average income and above average education is the reason their children do well in school, but I believe that's more a symptom than a reason.

After all, it's the kids, not the parents, who take the college board tests and who stay in school long enough to graduate. Parents provide the environment in which the kids develop and learn.

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CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING						
ALABAMA																			
Auburn	Auburn City School District	.71	.71	.44	.73	.BLUE	Golden	Jefferson County R-1	.20	.15	.53	.83	.YELLOW						
Birmingham	Birmingham City School District	.4	.5	.31	.40	.RED	Littleton	Littleton 6	.85	.82	.71	.86	.GOLD						
Birmingham	Vestavia Hills City School District	.93	.98	.41	.94	.GOLD	Pueblo	Pueblo City 60	.18	.14	.67	.17	.YELLOW						
Columbiana	Shelby County School District	.63	.65	.33	.66	.GREEN	CONNECTICUT												
Cullman	Cullman County School District	.23	.30	.9	.18	.YELLOW	Danbury	Danbury School District	.38	.28	.89	.65	.GREEN						
Decatur	Morgan County School District	.33	.33	.47	.24	.GREEN	Fairfield	Fairfield School District	.96	.92	.96	.97	.GOLD						
Hoover	Hoover City School District	.87	.87	.59	.95	.GOLD	Greenwich	Greenwich School District	.97	.95	.99	.96	.GOLD						
Huntsville	Huntsville City School District	.64	.64	.48	.63	.GREEN	Hartford	Hartford School District	.11	.1	.97	.25	.YELLOW						
Madison	Madison City School District	.80	.87	.9	.84	.BLUE	Meriden	Meriden School District	.47	.39	.94	.40	.GREEN						
Mobile	Mobile County School District	.6	.11	.13	.25	.RED	Milford	Milford School District	.69	.60	.89	.84	.BLUE						
Montgomery	Montgomery County School District	.5	.9	.16	.31	.RED	Norwalk	Norwalk School District	.43	.31	.97	.80	.GREEN						
Mountain Brook	Mountain Brook City School District	.98	.99	.78	.98	.GOLD	Norwich	Norwich School District	.88	.85	.88	.45	.GOLD						
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County School District	.11	.16	.11	.41	.YELLOW	Wallingford	Wallingford School District	.64	.55	.87	.80	.GREEN						
ALASKA																			
Anchorage	Anchorage School District	.40	.36	.55	.73	.GREEN	Waterbury	Waterbury School District	.27	.18	.94	.35	.GREEN						
Fairbanks	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	.67	.63	.70	.56	.BLUE	West Hartford	West Hartford School District	.96	.94	.92	.95	.GOLD						
ARIZONA																			
Flagstaff	Flagstaff Unified District	.81	.90	.9	.59	.BLUE	West Haven	West Haven School District	.39	.33	.77	.52	.GREEN						
Gilbert	Gilbert Unified District	.66	.73	.4	.80	.GREEN	DELAWARE												
Mesa	Mesa Unified District	.83	.95	.9	.35	.GOLD	Dover	Capital School District	.44	.37	.80	.45	.GREEN						
Phoenix	Paradise Valley Unified District	.69	.77	.7	.69	.BLUE	Claymont	Brandywine School District	.82	.78	.76	.71	.BLUE						
Phoenix	Phoenix Union High School District	.26	.25	.56	.20	.GREEN	Wilmington	Red Clay Consolidated School District	.65	.59	.74	.76	.GREEN						
Tempe	Tempe Union High School District	.83	.91	.12	.76	.GOLD	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA												
Tucson	Tucson Unified District	.64	.70	.20	.40	.GREEN	Washington	District of Columbia Public Schools	.13	.1	.94	.64	.YELLOW						
Yuma	Yuma Union High School District	.12	.21	.1	.7	.YELLOW	FLORIDA												
ARKANSAS																			
Bentonville	Bentonville School District	.55	.62	.10	.59	.GREEN	Bartow	Polk County School District	.33	.41	.5	.25	.GREEN						
Conway	Conway School District	.56	.63	.7	.57	.GREEN	Bradenton	Manatee County School District	.62	.70	.4	.56	.GREEN						
Fayetteville	Fayetteville School District	.86	.90	.43	.57	.GOLD	Fort Lauderdale	Broward County School District	.16	.20	.6	.65	.YELLOW						
Fort Smith	Fort Smith School District	.34	.39	.21	.29	.GREEN	Fort Myers	Lee County School District	.40	.47	.3	.56	.GREEN						
Jonesboro	Jonesboro School District	.79	.91	.4	.30	.BLUE	Gainesville	Alachua County School District	.40	.48	.2	.52	.GREEN						
Little Rock	Little Rock School District	.20	.13	.72	.42	.YELLOW	Jacksonville	Duval County School District	.27	.35	.3	.45	.GREEN						
Russellville	Russellville School District	.62	.68	.16	.43	.GREEN	Miami	Dade County School District	.3	.8	.7	.28	.RED						
Searcy	Searcy School District	.74	.84	.4	.47	.BLUE	Naples	Collier County School District	.53	.59	.10	.67	.GREEN						
Springdale	Springdale School District	.47	.56	.4	.30	.GREEN	Orlando	Orange County School District	.25	.30	.6	.59	.YELLOW						
West Memphis	West Memphis School District	.1	.3	.11	.5	.RED	Pensacola	Escambia County School District	.26	.35	.1	.25	.GREEN						
CALIFORNIA																			
Alameda	Alameda City Unified	.44	.44	.37	.77	.GREEN	Sarasota	Sarasota County School District	.79	.88	.7	.70	.BLUE						
Anaheim	Anaheim Union High	.28	.30	.33	.37	.GREEN	Tallahassee	Leon County School District	.52	.60	.2	.54	.GREEN						
Apple Valley	Apple Valley Unified	.51	.58	.21	.19	.GREEN	Tampa	Hillsborough County School District	.63	.71	.7	.52	.GREEN						
Bakersfield	Kern Union High	.15	.20	.22	.12	.YELLOW	GEORGIA												
Barstow	Barstow Unified	.4	.10	.16	.10	.RED	Atlanta	Atlanta City	.11	.1	.87	.55	.YELLOW						
Berkeley	Berkeley Unified	.86	.84	.75	.69	.GOLD	Atlanta	Fulton County	.49	.43	.74	.61	.GREEN						
Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills Unified	.87	.83	.74	.89	.GOLD	Augusta	Richmond County	.16	.18	.36	.23	.YELLOW						
Chico	Chico Unified	.49	.52	.33	.49	.GREEN	Columbus	Muscogee County	.12	.10	.49	.41	.YELLOW						
Compton	Compton Unified	.1	.1	.19	.2	.RED	Conyers	Rockdale County	.71	.74	.41	.49	.BLUE						
Concord	Mt. Diablo Unified	.66	.67	.39	.73	.GREEN	Dalton	Whitfield County	.23	.22	.45	.35	.YELLOW						
Fresno	Fresno Unified	.6	.7	.44	.6	.RED	Decatur	DeKalb County	.13	.7	.65	.57	.YELLOW						
Irvine	Irvine Unified	.90	.96	.27	.91	.GOLD	Douglasville	Douglas County	.11	.13	.21	.55	.YELLOW						
La Mesa	Grossmont Union High	.36	.39	.27	.46	.GREEN	Fayetteville	Fayette County	.70	.68	.52	.88	.BLUE						
Livermore	Livermore Valley Joint Unified	.84	.92	.14	.76	.GOLD	Gainesville	Hall County	.19	.21	.28	.41	.YELLOW						
Long Beach	Long Beach Unified	.12	.13	.36	.25	.YELLOW	Jonesboro	Clayton County	.1	.2	.16	.42	.RED						
Los Alamitos	Los Alamitos Unified	.84	.88	.32	.87	.GOLD	Lawrenceville	Gwinnett County	.45	.43	.49	.78	.GREEN						
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified	.6	.5	.50	.14	.RED	Macon	Bibb County	.1	.2	.18	.21	.RED						
Manteca	Manteca Unified	.10	.15	.14	.26	.RED	Marietta	Cobb County	.41	.37	.58	.64	.GREEN						
Mission Viejo	Saddleback Valley Unified	.75	.81	.13	.84	.BLUE	Perry	Houston County	.22	.19	.58	.44	.YELLOW						
Modesto	Modesto City High	.35	.38	.38	.11	.GREEN	Rome	Rome City	.27	.30	.38	.22	.GREEN						
Oakland	Oakland Unified	.6	.1	.66	.31	.RED	Savannah	Chatham County	.4	.4	.38	.30	.RED						
Oceanside	Oceanside Unified	.13	.13	.45	.26	.YELLOW	Valdosta	Lowndes County	.16	.17	.39	.28	.YELLOW						
Ontario	Chaffey Joint Union High	.11	.14	.26	.19	.YELLOW	HAWAII												
Orange	Orange Unified	.56	.60	.23	.68	.GREEN	Honolulu	Hawaii Department of Education	.75	.76	.49	.57	.BLUE						
Palo Alto	Palo Alto Unified	.95	.93	.88	.97	.GOLD	IDAHO												
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Unified	.92	.95	.53	.94	.GOLD	Boise	Boise Independent District	.62	.63	.39	.68	.GREEN						
Porterville	Porterville Unified	.16																	

CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING						
Naperville	Naperville C U Dist 203	.97	.98	.76	.97	GOLD	Andover	Andover	.98	.97	.92	.96	GOLD						
Normal	McLean County Unit Dist No 5	.81	.76	.77	.78	BLUE	Boston	Boston	.21	.8	.97	.72	YELLOW						
Palatine	Township HS Dist 211	.92	.86	.91	.88	GOLD	Brockton	Brockton	.38	.31	.89	.25	GREEN						
Peoria	Peoria School District 150	.20	.12	.87	.30	YELLOW	Brookline	Brookline	.99	.98	.98	.98	GOLD						
Plainfield	Plainfield School Dist 202	.37	.34	.41	.88	GREEN	Fitchburg	Fitchburg	.54	.49	.83	.27	GREEN						
Rockford	Rockford School Dist 205	.15	.10	.70	.28	YELLOW	Framingham	Framingham	.77	.67	.96	.84	BLUE						
Springfield	Springfield School District 186	.22	.17	.59	.62	YELLOW	Hyannis	Barnstable	.61	.55	.79	.60	GREEN						
Waukegan	Waukegan C U School Dist 60	.26	.27	.49	.16	GREEN	Jefferson	Wachusett	.88	.86	.67	.90	GOLD						
Wheaton	Community Unit School Dist 200	.95	.94	.82	.94	GOLD	Lawrence	Lawrence	.7	.1	.81	.2	RED						
INDIANA																			
Bloomington	Monroe County Com School Corp.	.81	.81	.55	.77	BLUE	Leominster	Leominster	.38	.34	.60	.57	GREEN						
Carmel	Carmel Clay Schools	.96	.98	.66	.98	GOLD	Lexington	Lexington	.96	.94	.94	.98	GOLD						
Columbus	Bartholomew Com School Corp.	.70	.67	.64	.61	BLUE	Lowell	Lowell	.26	.20	.75	.29	YELLOW						
Elkhart	Elkhart Community Schools	.53	.51	.63	.40	GREEN	Lynn	Lynn	.19	.11	.86	.18	YELLOW						
Evansville	Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp.	.38	.35	.61	.36	GREEN	Malden	Malden	.43	.34	.86	.67	GREEN						
Fishers	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	.85	.85	.53	.96	GOLD	New Bedford	New Bedford	.15	.8	.88	.5	YELLOW						
Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne Community Schools	.55	.54	.57	.34	GREEN	Newtonville	Newton	.99	.98	.98	.97	GOLD						
Gary	Gary Community School Corp.	.16	.13	.70	.4	YELLOW	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	.55	.48	.83	.51	GREEN						
Greenwood	Center Grove Com School Corp.	.90	.93	.45	.85	GOLD	Plymouth	Plymouth	.54	.49	.69	.75	GREEN						
Hammond	School City of Hammond	.29	.26	.65	.13	GREEN	Quincy	Quincy	.37	.27	.87	.75	GREEN						
Indianapolis	MSD Washington Township	.86	.83	.69	.86	GOLD	Springfield	Springfield	.9	.2	.80	.13	RED						
Indianapolis	Indianapolis Public Schools	.10	.2	.84	.24	RED	Worcester	Worcester	.15	.6	.90	.41	YELLOW						
Kokomo	Kokomo-Center Township Com School Corp.	.30	.23	.81	.37	GREEN													
Lafayette	Tippecanoe School Corp.	.77	.78	.45	.72	BLUE													
Muncie	Muncie Community Schools	.24	.16	.86	.48	YELLOW													
New Albany	New Albany-Floyd County Com Sch	.73	.73	.55	.49	BLUE													
Noblesville	Noblesville Schools	.90	.93	.49	.83	GOLD													
South Bend	South Bend Community School Corp.	.64	.62	.71	.32	GREEN													
Terre Haute	Vigo County School Corp.	.77	.79	.51	.51	BLUE													
IOWA																			
Ames	Ames Comm School District	.84	.87	.40	.82	GOLD													
Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids Comm School District	.64	.68	.25	.63	GREEN													
Des Moines	Des Moines Independent Comm School District	.64	.62	.65	.38	GREEN													
Dubuque	Dubuque Comm School District	.71	.78	.18	.59	BLUE													
Iowa City	Iowa City Comm School District	.92	.99	.36	.78	GOLD													
Mason City	Mason City Comm School District	.70	.75	.25	.53	BLUE													
Sioux City	Sioux City Comm School District	.24	.26	.36	.29	YELLOW													
Waterloo	Waterloo Comm School District	.35	.37	.35	.37	GREEN													
West Des Moines	West Des Moines Comm School District	.89	.93	.34	.90	GOLD													
KANSAS																			
Emporia	Emporia	.62	.57	.77	.33	GREEN													
Topeka	Auburn Washburn	.74	.70	.62	.89	BLUE													
Manhattan	Manhattan	.85	.83	.71	.65	GOLD													
Dodge City	Dodge City	.51	.54	.38	.19	GREEN													
Lawrence	Lawrence	.95	.98	.74	.66	GOLD													
Topeka	Topeka Public Schools	.32	.26	.75	.48	GREEN													
Overland Park	Blue Valley	.97	.98	.78	.99	GOLD													
Kansas City	Kansas City	.15	.9	.82	.5	YELLOW													
Olathe	Olathe	.86	.83	.71	.73	GOLD													
Shawnee Mission	Shawnee Mission Public Sch	.95	.98	.66	.82	GOLD													
Wichita	Wichita	.19	.17	.51	.32	YELLOW													
KENTUCKY																			
Bowling Green	Warren County	.60	.68	.4	.59	GREEN													

CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING							
St Charles	Francis Howell R-III	80	81	43	84	.BLUE	Syracuse	Syracuse City School District	14	7	.77	.25	.YELLOW							
St Joseph	St. Joseph	42	47	20	27	.GREEN	Utica	Utica City School District	18	16	.63	.12	.YELLOW							
St Louis	Lindbergh R-VIII	84	81	70	79	.GOLD	Wappingers Falls	Wappingers CSD	72	72	.48	.83	.BLUE							
St Louis	Mehlville R-IX	66	69	27	70	.GREEN	Watertown	Watertown City School District	45	42	.67	.33	.GREEN							
St Louis	St. Louis City	13	.5	88	11	.YELLOW	Webster	Webster CSD	73	.66	.77	.89	.BLUE							
Waynesville	Waynesville R-VI	68	66	62	52	.BLUE	West Seneca	West Seneca CSD	59	.56	.62	.66	.GREEN							
Wentzville	Wentzville R-IV	66	69	26	63	.GREEN	Westbury	East Meadow UFSD	67	.57	.96	.87	.BLUE							
MONTANA																				
Billings	Billings HS	82	91	18	46	.BLUE	Yonkers	Yonkers City School District	15	.4	.94	.42	.YELLOW							
Missoula	Missoula HS	83	87	42	50	.GOLD	NORTH CAROLINA													
NEBRASKA																				
Kearney	Kearney Public Schools	86	90	41	65	.GOLD	Albemarle	Stanly County Schools	32	.38	.16	.27	.GREEN							
Lincoln	Lincoln Public Schools	70	68	57	70	.BLUE	Asheboro	Randolph County Schools	18	.25	.4	.30	.YELLOW							
North Platte	North Platte Public Schools	70	73	41	37	.BLUE	Asheville	Buncombe County Schools	59	.64	.23	.43	.GREEN							
Omaha	Millard Public Schools	90	96	32	87	.GOLD	Carthage	Moore County Schools	76	.79	.40	.53	.BLUE							
Omaha	Omaha Public Schools	43	42	56	36	.GREEN	Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	93	.92	.78	.88	.GOLD							
NEVADA																				
Carson City	Carson City School District	29	36	.8	38	.GREEN	Charlotte	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	46	.46	.37	.74	.GREEN							
Elko	Elko County School District	26	28	38	35	.GREEN	Concord	Cabarrus County Schools	61	.67	.15	.56	.GREEN							
Las Vegas	Clark County School District	25	33	.4	35	.GREEN	Durham	Durham Public Schools	36	.34	.49	.67	.GREEN							
Reno	Washoe County School District	47	53	14	47	.GREEN	Fayetteville	Cumberland County Schools	22	.27	.14	.33	.YELLOW							
NEW HAMPSHIRE																				
Concord	Concord School District	75	70	73	70	.BLUE	Gaston	Gaston County Schools	18	.25	.9	.29	.YELLOW							
Londonderry	Londonderry School District	65	60	67	91	.GREEN	Goldsboro	Wayne County Public Schools	13	.18	.17	.22	.YELLOW							
Nashua	Nashua School District	39	36	48	78	.GREEN	Greensboro	Guilford County Schools	47	.50	.27	.63	.GREEN							
Manchester	Manchester School District	45	47	36	57	.GREEN	Greenville	Pitt County Schools	23	.27	.25	.38	.YELLOW							
NEW JERSEY																				
Atlantic City	Atlantic City	43	36	98	.5	.GREEN	Hendersonville	Henderson County Schools	61	.67	.19	.57	.GREEN							
Bayonne	Bayonne City	48	40	92	56	.GREEN	Lenoir	Caldwell County Schools	30	.36	.18	.16	.GREEN							
Bridgewater	Bridgewater-Raritan Reg.	98	97	93	96	.GOLD	Lexington	Davidson County Schools	31	.39	.4	.36	.GREEN							
Camden	Camden City	17	.9	98	1	.YELLOW	Lumberton	Robeson County Schools	5	.11	.12	.4	.RED							
Cherry Hill	Cherry Hill Township	98	97	92	92	.GOLD	Raleigh	Wake County Schools	80	.84	.27	.80	.BLUE							
East Brunswick	East Brunswick Township	98	97	95	95	.GOLD	Salisbury	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	20	.26	.13	.33	.YELLOW							
East Orange	East Orange	11	1	98	19	.YELLOW	Smithfield	Johnston County Schools	56	.59	.36	.31	.GREEN							
Edison	Edison Township	95	92	96	86	.GOLD	Wilmington	New Hanover County Schools	58	.59	.38	.62	.GREEN							
Elizabeth	Elizabeth City	40	32	98	12	.GREEN	Winston Salem	Forsyth County Schools	27	.26	.42	.60	.GREEN							
Englishtown	Freehold Regional	94	90	90	89	.GOLD	NORTH DAKOTA													
Jackson	Jackson Township	78	71	84	78	.BLUE	Bismarck	Bismarck 1	70	.78	.11	.63	.BLUE							
Jersey City	Jersey City	44	34	99	42	.GREEN	Fargo	Fargo 1	84	.90	.29	.63	.GOLD							
Matawan	Old Bridge Township	72	64	87	84	.BLUE	OHIO													
Middletown	Middletown Township	88	80	94	91	.GOLD	Akron	Akron City School District	39	.31	.88	.37	.GREEN							
Monmouth Junction	South Brunswick Township	90	84	94	94	.GOLD	Avon Lake	Avon Lake City School District	95	.95	.78	.94	.GOLD							
Morristown	Morris School District	90	83	99	92	.GOLD	Canton	Canton City School District	51	.45	.89	.8	.GREEN							
Neshanic	Hillsborough Township	95	92	94	93	.GOLD	Centerville	Centerville City School District	96	.97	.76	.93	.GOLD							
New Brunswick	New Brunswick City	45	36	98	39	.GREEN	Cincinnati	Forest Hills Local School District	91	.92	.59	.92	.GOLD							
Newark	Newark City	20	11	99	1	.YELLOW	Cincinnati	Cincinnati City School District	27	.17	.95	.40	.GREEN							
North Bergen	North Bergen Township	47	40	86	40	.GREEN	Cleveland	Cleveland Municipal School District	9	.1	.93	.3	.RED							
Paramus	Paramus Boro	97	94	97	90	.GOLD	Columbus	Columbus City School District	16	.7	.91	.31	.YELLOW							
Passaic	Passaic City	10	1	99	.9	.RED	Cuyahoga Falls	Cuyahoga Falls City School District	77	.75	.65	.72	.BLUE							
Plainfield	Plainfield City	43	34	98	34	.GREEN	Dayton	Dayton City School District	13	.6	.86	.10	.YELLOW							
Princeton Junction	W Windsor-Plainsboro Reg.	99	99	97	99	.GOLD	Dublin	Dublin City School District	96	.95	.88	.96	.GOLD							
Toms River	Toms River Regional	84	81	77	71	.GOLD	Fairfield	Fairfield City School District	54	.53	.43	.77	.GREEN							
Trenton	Trenton City	40	33	98	.5	.GREEN	Findlay	Findlay City School District	55	.50	.69	.66	.GREEN							
Vineland	Vineland City	51	43	98	20	.GREEN	Hamilton	Hamilton City School District	29	.28	.48	.29	.GREEN							
Wayne	Wayne Township	96	94	95	94	.GOLD	Hilliard	Hilliard City School District	85	.79	.80	.90	.GOLD							
Westfield	Westfield Town	99	98	97	97	.GOLD	Liberty Township	Lakota Local School District	83	.83	.52	.83	.GOLD							
NEW MEXICO																				
Alamogordo	Alamogordo Public Schools	38	46	9	12	.GREEN	Lorain	Lorain City School District	20	.13	.87	.8	.YELLOW							
Albuquerque	Albuquerque Public Schools	63	68	21	56	.GREEN	Medina	Medina City School District	92	.88	.84	.83	.GOLD							
Clovis	Clovis Municipal Schools	10	16	14	12	.RED	Mentor	Mentor Ex VIII School District	92	.91	.78	.78	.GOLD							
Gallup	Gallup-Mckinley County School	13	20	13	.4	.YELLOW	Middletown	Middletown City School District	19	.11	.80	.33	.YELLOW							
Hobbs	Hobbs Municipal Schools	12	20	.6	.6	.YELLOW	Milford	Milford Ex VIII School District	88	.91	.41	.78	.GOLD							
Las Cruces	Las Cruces Public Schools	83	93	17	26	.GOLD	Parma	Parma City School District	76	.72	.78	.58	.BLUE							
Los Alamos	Los Alamos Public Schools	81	76	75	97	.BLUE	Sandusky	Sandusky City School District	18	.10	.83	.29	.YELLOW							
Rio Rancho	Rio Rancho Public Schools	54	61	.6	65	.GREEN	Shaker Heights	Shaker Heights City School District	83	.75	.98	.76	.GOLD							
Roswell	Roswell Independent Schools	61	69	16	13	.GREEN	Springfield	Springfield City School District	20	.13	.78	.24	.YELLOW							
Santa Fe	Santa Fe Public Schools	26	30	11	6															

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CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING	CITY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	EQ	GO	RI	CI	RATING
Allentown	Allentown City School District	.11	.8	.53	.34	YELLOW	Klein	Klein Indep. School District	.88	.92	.38	.79	GOLD
Altoona	Altoona Area School District	.31	.26	.68	.35	GREEN	LLaredo	United Indep. School District	.35	.38	.33	.24	GREEN
Bethlehem	Bethlehem Area School District	.62	.55	.81	.65	GREEN	League City	Clear Creek Indep. School District	.80	.81	.40	.85	BLUE
Erie	Erie City School District	.49	.45	.77	.26	GREEN	Lewisville	Lewisville Indep. School District	.87	.84	.69	.82	GOLD
Fallsington	Pennsbury School District	.89	.84	.90	.85	GOLD	Lubbock	Lubbock Indep. School District	.58	.58	.60	.24	GREEN
Ford City	Armstrong School District	.48	.41	.89	.32	GREEN	McAllen	McAllen Indep. School District	.35	.37	.44	.15	GREEN
Greensburg	Hempfield Area School District	.87	.83	.86	.76	GOLD	McKinney	McKinney Indep. School District	.88	.87	.71	.62	GOLD
Harrisburg	Central Dauphin School District	.68	.61	.83	.70	BLUE	Mesquite	Mesquite Indep. School District	.60	.62	.42	.43	GREEN
Havertown	Haverford Township School District	.95	.94	.86	.93	GOLD	Midland	Midland Indep. School District	.55	.58	.42	.30	GREEN
Hazleton	Hazleton Area School District	.36	.34	.51	.41	GREEN	Odessa	Ector County Indep. School District	.16	.20	.31	.8	YELLOW
Lancaster	Lancaster School District	.19	.12	.79	.25	YELLOW	Pearland	Pearland Indep. School District	.78	.80	.42	.76	BLUE
Landisville	Hempfield School District	.84	.81	.73	.75	GOLD	Plano	Plano Indep. School District	.90	.87	.74	.91	GOLD
Lansdale	North Penn School District	.92	.88	.83	.89	GOLD	Richardson	Richardson Indep. School District	.74	.71	.66	.75	BLUE
Levittown	Bristol Township School District	.32	.22	.93	.48	GREEN	Round Rock	Round Rock Indep. School District	.87	.86	.58	.88	GOLD
Lewistown	Mifflin County School District	.52	.49	.64	.32	GREEN	San Angelo	San Angelo Indep. School District	.35	.39	.24	.35	GREEN
Mechanicsburg	Cumberland Valley School District	.92	.91	.71	.88	GOLD	San Antonio	Alamo Heights Indep. School District	.95	.95	.71	.88	GOLD
New Cumberland	West Shore School District	.67	.62	.70	.78	BLUE	San Antonio	North East Indep. School District	.63	.60	.61	.62	GREEN
Perkasie	Pennridge School District	.86	.81	.79	.78	GOLD	San Marcos	San Marcos Cons Indep. School District	.36	.36	.45	.38	GREEN
Philadelphia	Philadelphia City School District	.24	.18	.75	.38	YELLOW	Sugar Land	Fort Bend Indep. School District	.72	.76	.26	.82	BLUE
Pittsburgh	North Allegheny School District	.97	.96	.94	.92	GOLD	Tyler	Tyler Indep. School District	.69	.71	.47	.33	BLUE
Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh School District	.22	.11	.98	.41	YELLOW	Waco	Waco Indep. School District	.13	.14	.42	.14	YELLOW
Reading	Reading School District	.2	.4	.34	.3	RED	Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls Indep. School District	.74	.76	.50	.32	BLUE
Richboro	Council Rock School District	.97	.96	.92	.97	GOLD							
Scranton	Scranton School District	.46	.39	.86	.31	GREEN							
State College	State College Area School District	.96	.95	.89	.77	GOLD							
West Chester	West Chester Area School District	.94	.91	.87	.90	GOLD							
Wilkes Barre	Wilkes-Barre Area School District	.55	.49	.86	.42	GREEN							
Williamsport	Williamsport Area School District	.26	.17	.92	.31	YELLOW							
York	York City School District	.9	.2	.82	.21	RED							
RHODE ISLAND													
Coventry	Coventry School District	.68	.60	.89	.66	BLUE							
Cranston	Cranston School District	.71	.64	.86	.60	BLUE							
Providence	Providence School District	.8	.1	.80	.17	RED							
Warwick	Warwick School District	.52	.42	.92	.72	GREEN							
SOUTH CAROLINA													
Aiken	Aiken County School District	.17	.19	.26	.48	YELLOW							
Anderson	Anderson County School District 05	.38	.38	.44	.30	GREEN							
Charleston	Charleston County School District	.12	.7	.58	.61	YELLOW							
Columbia	Richland County School District 02	.31	.28	.48	.78	GREEN							
Florence	Florence County School District 01	.10	.14	.18	.31	RED							
Greenville	Greenville County School District	.13	.15	.24	.54	YELLOW							
Lancaster	Lancaster County School District	.23	.27	.25	.16	YELLOW							
Lexington	Lexington County School District 01	.56	.56	.48	.68	GREEN							
Rock Hill	York County School District 03	.12	.14	.29	.47	YELLOW							
Spartanburg	Spartanburg County School District 06	.45	.47	.32	.47	GREEN							
Walhalla	Oconee County School District	.37	.32	.70	.36	GREEN							
SOUTH DAKOTA													
Rapid City	Rapid City Area School District 51-4	.66	.75	.3	.44	GREEN							
Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls School District 49-5	.60	.68	.5	.67	GREEN							
TENNESSEE													
Ashland City	Cheatham County School District	.23	.29	.8	.44	YELLOW							
Blountville	Sullivan County School District	.27	.28	.36	.39	GREEN							
Chattanooga	Hamilton County School District	.19	.18	.47	.32	YELLOW							
Clarksville	Montgomery County Schools	.15	.20	.11	.32	YELLOW							
Dickson	Dickson County School District	.14	.19	.14	.27	YELLOW							
Franklin	Williamson County School District	.81	.86	.22	.89	BLUE							
Gallatin	Sumner County School District	.45	.51	.17	.47	GREEN							
Jackson	Jackson-Madison Consolidated	.23	.22	.45	.49	YELLOW							
Johnson City	Johnson City School District	.55	.57	.40	.43	GREEN							
Jonesborough	Washington County School District	.17	.23	.7	.38	YELLOW							
Knoxville	Knox County School District	.43	.45	.31	.47	GREEN							
Lebanon	Wilson County School District	.35	.41	.8	.62	GREEN							
Maryville	Blount County School District	.44	.50	.11	.48	GREEN							
Memphis	Shelby County School District	.44	.49	.13	.67	GREEN							
Memphis	Memphis City School District	.4	.2	.49	.24	RED							
Murfreesboro	Rutherford County School District	.52	.58	.10	.58	GREEN							
Nashville	Nashville-Davidson County School District	.29	.23	.68	.59	GREEN							
Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge City School District	.83	.84	.54	.65	GOLD							
Sevierville	Sevier County School District	.39	.44	.22	.29	GREEN							
TEXAS													
Abilene	Abilene Indep. School District	.57	.57	.57	.27	GREEN							
Alief	Alief Indep. School District	.19	.16	.53	.40	YELLOW							
Amarillo	Amarillo Indep. School District	.71	.75	.38	.22	BLUE							
Arlington	Arlington Indep. School District	.69	.73	.35	.54	BLUE							
Austin	Eanes Indep. School District	.97	.97	.79	.98	GOLD							
Austin	Austin Indep. School District	.63	.60	.57	.72	GREEN							
Beaumont	Beaumont Indep. School District	.28	.26	.55	.40	GREEN							
Brownsville	Brownsville Indep. School District	.23	.23	.53	.3	YELLOW							
Bryan	Bryan Indep. School District	.67	.71	.42	.22	BLUE							