

School-level spending: Financial transparency coming to every community in 2018.

What stories can you tell?

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How much on average do we spend per student on K-12 education?

How much is spent per student at a school near you?



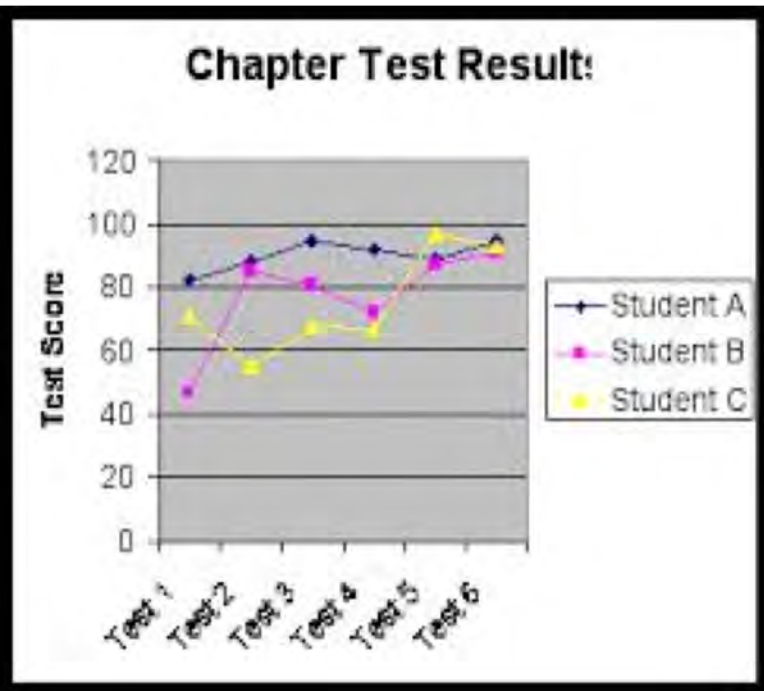
Who decided how to spend that money?

School Boards!



ESSA –
includes a
new
requirement
to report
spending
by school!

Outcomes by school



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Spending by school



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City District Spends More On Affluent Schools

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Eastside Students
Protest Westside's
Cadillac Budget

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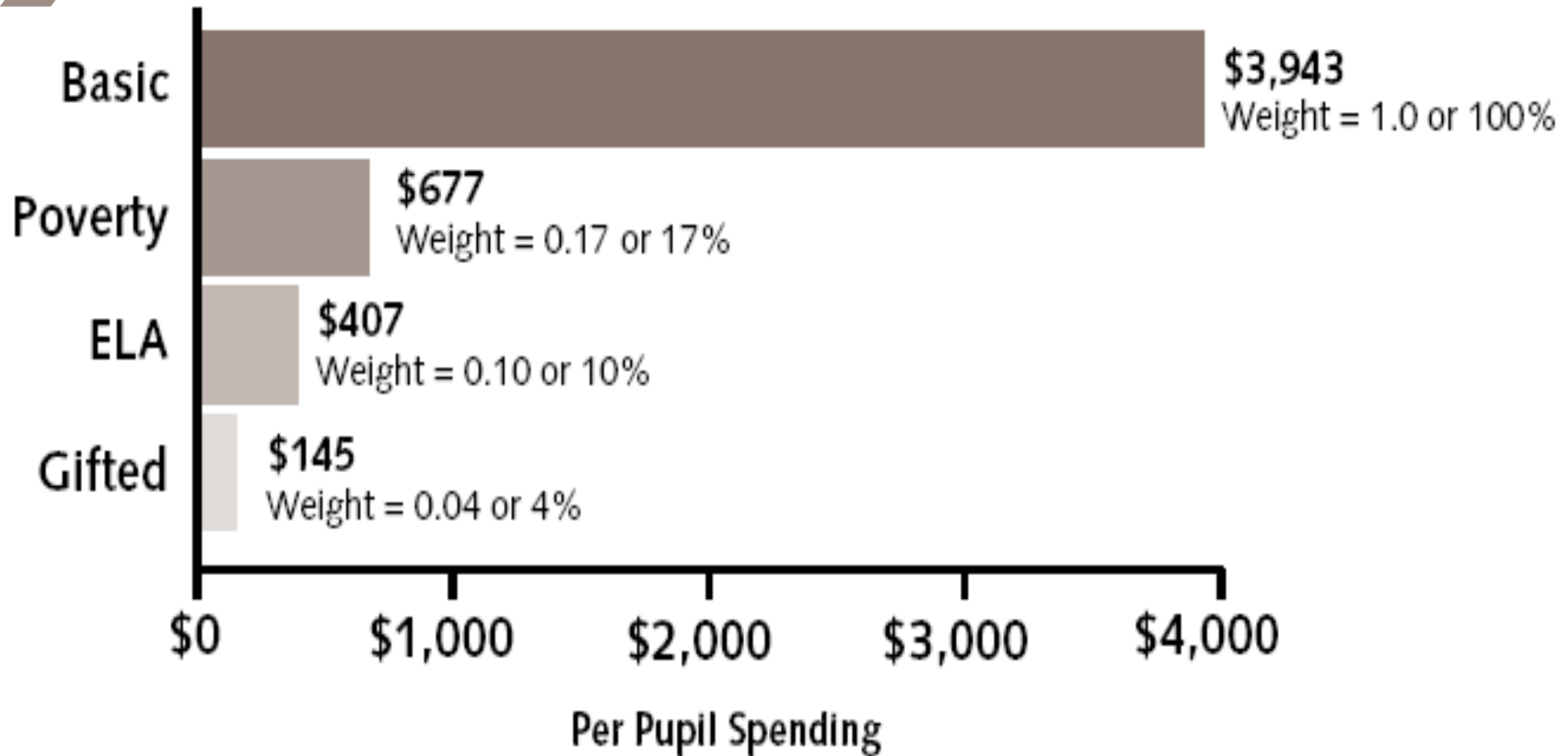
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District Adopts
Student-Based Formula
(WSF) to Boost Equity

Student Based Allocation (SBA) models



Funds then used to purchase labor, etc. at each school.

Efficiency/Tradeoffs

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Budget Cuts: Picasso
Elementary Cuts Art. Peer
School Reduces Library
Hours Instead

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Feisty Middle School
Principal Wants Less
Districts Services and More
Cash for Kids

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Clever HS Gets Same Per
Student \$ but Pays
Teachers 25% More.
Here's How They Do It

Productivity / ROI

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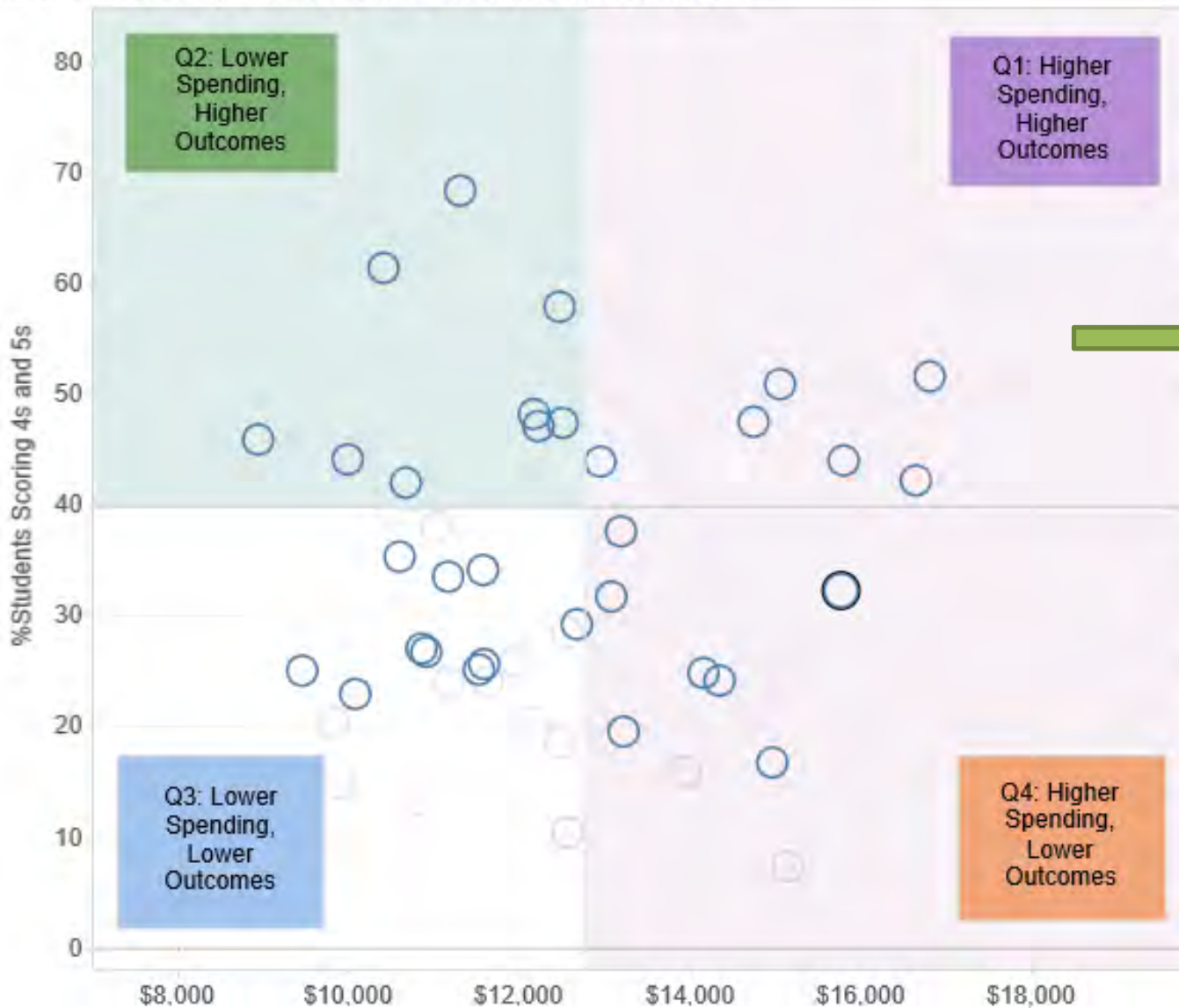
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Per Student \$,
Pays Teachers 25% More.
Students Learn More Too.

Schools: \$ Spent by Student vs. Math Score (circle color is school's %FRL)



Student Outcomes

Per-Pupil Expenditures

Choose Outcome

- Overall Achievement
- Math Score
- Reading Score
- Growth Score

School District

cranston + -

School Level

Elementary ▾

School Size Group

(All) ▾

View by

- Quadrant
- Quadrant in View
- #Students
- %FRL
- %ELL
- %Special Ed

Click to highlight

- 0%-20%
- 25%-50%
- 55%-70%
- 75%-90%

Urban Rural

Not Urban ▾

Saylesville ES (170-3112)

Lincoln
Q1: Higher Spending, Higher Outcomes

\$ Spent by Student: **\$16,649**

#Students: 255
#ELL: 6
#FRL: 83
#SpEd: 53

Overall:

ELA: 60.90
Math: 42.20
Growth:

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A Charter Does More With Less,
Another Does Less with More.
How Does Your School
Compare?

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Four Schools' Outcomes Beat
the Odds with Limited Funds.
How Do They Do It?

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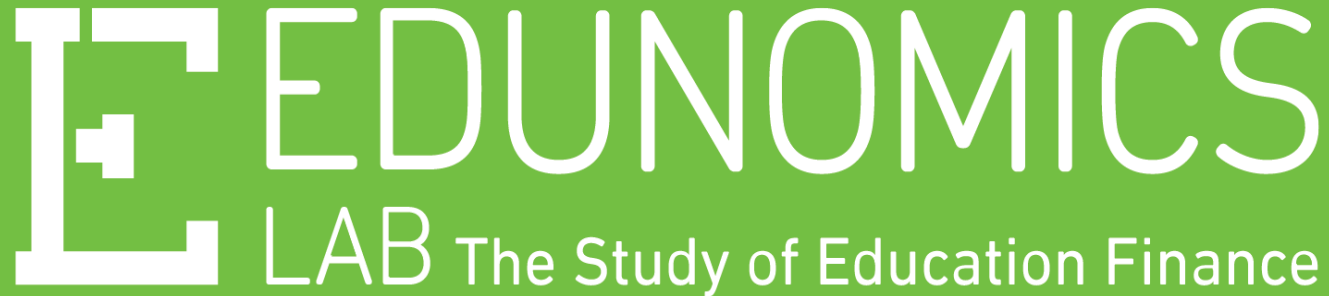
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What Rural Schools Can Learn
From This ROI Superstar School

When you are writing about education finance:

- ✓ Quantify dollars in per student terms
- ✓ Reference big spending figures with percentages
- ✓ Acknowledge proportion of federal investment (1
- ✓ Recognize that districts have fiduciary responsibi
- ✓ Connect spending and outcomes
- ✓ Acknowledge tradeoffs and value of each





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