Peer Feedback

Peer feedback was very helpful in focusing the design of our project. Listed below are some of the questions we had to consider and what we did about them.

What are you doing on top of what the college scorecard already does?
We are showing the data in a very different way. College Scorecard focuses on statistics for individual schools and there is almost no comparison among schools. We will really be focusing on the comparison and analysis of the data. We are incorporating a map to visually represent all of the schools in a beautiful way, which College scorecard does not do.

Would you consider the use of tooltips and popovers rather than link to new page?
We will definitely be using tooltips and popovers in our design to explain small things about the graphs and search bar, however there still will be a link to another page to describe our data and the discrepancies therein so that we are honest about the claims we make in the visualization.

Currently it looks like there are 15 charts in your visualization, it seems like a lot to look at.
There will be a maximum of 8 charts. We found this necessary to present the data in a complete manner.

How are you going to handle scale in terms of number of school in a state?
This will be done with a zoom technique. You will not see all the schools in a state until you zoom in on it.

What if you want to compare schools in different states?
The selection process will allow you to select any combination of schools, so you

can compare schools in different states.

There is data you're not including from the college scorecard dataset. Was that the intention of your visualization?
Yes, there is way too much data for us to implement in one project. We chose to focus on cost analysis and admittance.

What are you going for null data?
Throughout the visualization there will be small notes when data is missing for a field. We plan to handle this elegantly, while being clear that the data is unavailable.

We were critiqued by Priyanka Parekh's group. The feedback they gave us was very fair and helpful.