National Consortium of Local School Districts

Recommendation Report



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Summary

As employees of the National Consortium of Local School Districts, we strive to recognize top-performing districts. Following the notice of an annual grant given by the Noble Corporation, all school districts reported their performance numbers this month, and we analyzed the data. The following report will highlight the value of the 26 school districts in our consortium and recommend the winners of the annual grant.

Data

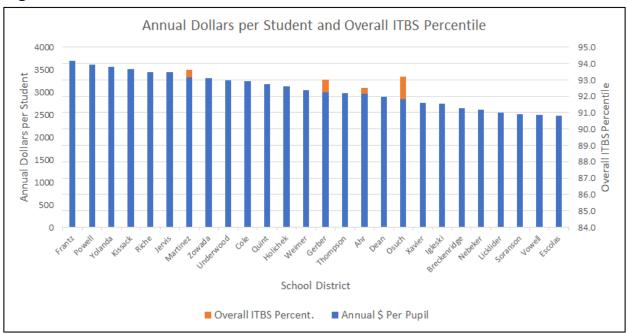
Figure 1: Data from all 26 school districts

		Overall ITBS Percent.	% Students to College	Avg. of ITBS and % Students to College
rantz	3692	91.3	92.3	91.8
owell	3617	91.8	86.3	89.1
olanda	3569	93.2	86.9	90.1
issack	3510	92.8	84.6	88.7
liche	3451	87.3	87.1	87.2
ervis	3444	88.5	90.9	89.7
lartinez	3328	93.6	85.2	89.4
owada	3316	88.9	90.0	89.5
Inderwood	3267	92.7	92.0	92.4
ole	3254	89.2	90.2	89.7
uint	3186	88.4	91.0	89.7
lolichek	3125	87.4	89.1	88.3
Veimer	3054	91.7	83.4	87.6
Serber	3004	93.0	88.7	90.9
hompson	2980	90.1	89.7	89.9
hr	2958	92.5	91.4	92.0
ean	2890	87.8	86.8	87.3
such	2840	93.2	92.9	93.1
avier	2762	90.6	90.8	90.7
leski	2753	90.1	85.0	87.6
reckenridge	2645	90.6	87.6	89.1
lebeker	2616	91.0	89.5	90.3
icklider	2548	89.9	88.4	89.2
oranson	2519	89.7	88.2	89.0
owell	2495	87.5	85.6	86.6
scolas	2478	88.1	83.5	85.8

Annual Dollars per Pupil and Overall ITBS Percentile

According to **Figure 2**, four school districts show positive value when comparing the annual cost per student and overall ITBS percentile. While this metric can be an accurate and reliable method to measure education value, we will see that further analysis shows contrary evidence.

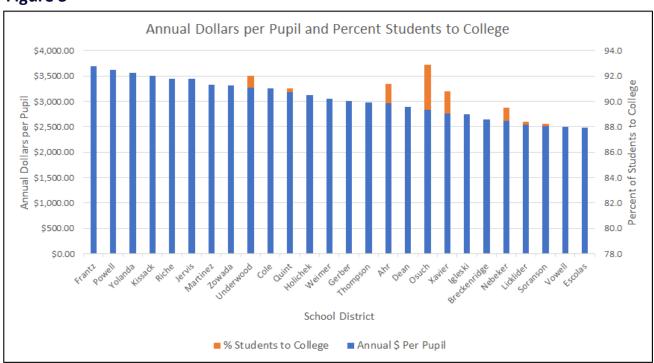
Figure 2



Annual Dollars per Pupil and Percent of Students to College

As illustrated in **Figure 3**, eight school districts show that they provide higher education value in comparison of annual dollars per pupil and percent of students to college. Similarly to the data in Figure 2, this measurement appears to give an accurate and reliable analysis of the best education value; however, the next section will show that this is not the case. Further analysis is still needed.

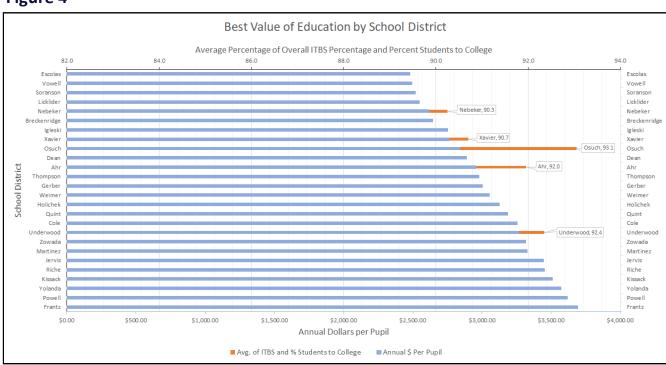
Figure 3



Best Education Value

To more accurately analyze the school districts' data, we averaged the overall ITBS percentiles and the percentages of students to college. We then compared these numbers to the annual dollars per pupil, showing us the school districts with best education value. This final analysis clearly demonstrates the top-performing school districts and will allow us to determine the winners of the grant. **Figure 4** shows the respective data analysis.

Figure 4



Recommendation

26 school districts were nominated for an Awards for Educational Excellence (AEE). Some districts have given their towns and communities outstanding value for their money, while others have not met those same standards. This report highlighted the top-performing school districts as pertaining to the value they provide to their communities.

The data we assessed compares each school district's total annual cost per pupil, overall ITBS percentile, and percent of students to college. Based on the data, here are the top five school districts:

- 1. Osuch (winner)
- 2. Underwood (runner-up)
- 3. Ahr (runner-up)
- 4. Xavier (runner-up)
- 5. Nebeker (runner-up)