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Data Visualization

Presentation Comments

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**RE: Basia & Danielle’s Presentation**

* An intriguing topic overall and a very informative overview describing how DC schools get funded
* DCPS Annual Budget Growth Has Outpaced Enrollment Growth
  + This graph is very clear and easy to understand
  + A suggestion for your policy brief is to include a subtitle that makes that point you made about cuts in staffing despite the increases in budget
* DCPS Changes Enrollment Compared with Changes in Per Pupil Budget FY15 to FY19 (slide 5)
  + It was helpful that you explained that this chart showed all DCPS schools, but a suggestion for your policy brief is to explicitly note that somewhere (like the subtitle)
* Very Few Schools Experienced Budget Loss From FY15 to FY19
  + Schools in question clearly highlighted the point
  + A suggestion for more context to tie/ lead into your map: provide some annotations if there are any commonalities between these schools that experienced budget loss (ie OSSE rating)
  + It’s also interesting that there are schools that experienced both enrollment and budget increases – are there any commonalities between those schools?
* DCPS Schools Experiencing Greatest Enrollment Loss Had Greatest Per Pupil Budget Increases
  + Similar to points made above, it would be helpful to know if these schools had any commonalities in terms of OSSE ratings or geographic location
* Stabilization Funds in FY19 Map
  + It’s hard to distinguish the one school that received stabilization funding over 3 stars because there are 5 colors and 4 different sized dots that the reader has to make out. A suggestion would be to annotate that school or add a dark background to that one dot so that readers’ eyes can be drawn to it automatically
  + It might also be helpful to label each ward so that readers are clearly pick up where the highest and lowest performing schools are