



## INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE

December 19, 2023

The Honorable Kristin Phillips-Hill  
Co-Chair Basic Education Funding Commission  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
362 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Michael Sturla  
Co-Chair Basic Education Funding Commission  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
106 Irvis Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Co-Chairs Phillips-Hill and Sturla:

This letter responds to questions raised at the December 14, 2023, Basic Education Funding Commission (BEFC) hearing regarding the 2023 BEFC Survey conducted by the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO).

**Representative Sturla asked for a list of outliers on each table from the 2023 BEFC Survey. (Note: A specific question was asked about the value of the excluded outlier for the homeless multiplier on page 8. That value is 4.0.)**

The following outliers were excluded from the final tables (by page number):

- Page 7 - EL concentration 5.0%+: Hazleton Area SD
- Page 8 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%, ED concentration 30.0% - 49.9%: Belle Vernon Area SD
- Page 9 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%, ED concentration 30.0% - 49.9%: Belle Vernon Area SD
- Page 10 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%, ED concentration 30.0% - 49.9%: Belle Vernon Area SD; and ED concentration 50.0% - 69.9%: Pittsburgh SD
- Page 11 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%: Belle Vernon Area SD; and SPP score 70.0% - 79.9%: Mahanoy Area SD
- Page 12 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%: Apollo-Ridge SD; SPP score 70.0% - 79.9%: Panther Valley SD; and Charter School: Commonwealth Charter Academy
- Page 13 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%: Line Mountain SD
- Page 19 - SPP score 80.0% - 89.9%: Saint Clair Area SD

**Representative Schweyer asked why the <70% SPP score was used as a cut-off in the 2015 and 2023 BEFC Survey.**

The SPP scores were produced by the Pennsylvania Department of Education from SY 2012-13 through SY 2016-17 and IFO staff are not aware of specific documentation from the 2015 BEFC Survey regarding the <70% cutoff for low-performing schools. The SPP score can range up to 100%, and the groups used in the surveys have cutoffs at 90%, 80% and 70% that would generally correspond to academic grades of A, B and C. Regarding the specific 70% SPP cutoff for "low performing schools," a news article from October 2017 notes that "...when the [SPP] scores were first released, the then-acting Secretary of Education suggested a score of 70 as a yardstick for overall success."<sup>1</sup>

**Representative Sturla asked the IFO to provide tables that compare the BEFC survey results from 2023 to the survey results from 2015.**

The attached tables compare the median, average and weighted average by school district SPP scores for most of the survey results from Part II (cost multiplier estimates) and Part III (best practices) sections of the survey.

If you have any further follow-up questions to these responses or other requests related to the 2023 BEFC Survey, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Knittel  
Director, Independent Fiscal Office

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<sup>1</sup> Guydish, Mark. Times Leader, "[The state's School Performance Profile era ends: How did we do?](#)" October 28, 2017.

<b>Economically Disadvantaged (ED) Multiplier</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.10	1.22	1.19
80.0% - 89.9%	1.30	1.35	1.36
70.0% - 79.9%	1.30	1.34	1.40
<70.0%	1.20	1.30	1.29
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>1.30</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.30</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.10	1.16	1.18
80.0% - 89.9%	1.30	1.36	1.39
70.0% - 79.9%	1.40	1.35	1.39
<70.0%	1.40	1.42	1.44
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>1.42</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.19</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.00	-0.06	-0.01
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	0.01	0.03
70.0% - 79.9%	0.10	0.01	-0.01
<70.0%	0.20	0.12	0.15
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.11</b>

1 Calculated using the midpoint of the ED multiplier range.

2 Calculated using number of ED students as the weight and the midpoint of the ED multiplier range.

<b>Economically Disadvantaged (ED) Alternate Multiplier<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>2,3</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.10	1.20	1.18
80.0% - 89.9%	1.30	1.34	1.33
70.0% - 79.9%	1.20	1.29	1.32
<70.0%	1.30	1.35	1.45
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>1.41</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.27</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>2,3</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.10	1.14	1.15
80.0% - 89.9%	1.30	1.33	1.32
70.0% - 79.9%	1.30	1.31	1.32
<70.0%	1.20	1.36	1.41
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.38</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.00	-0.06	-0.03
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
70.0% - 79.9%	0.10	0.02	0.00
<70.0%	-0.10	0.01	-0.04
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>-0.07</b>

1 For respondents that did not answer this question, it is assumed the multiplier is the same as question 1(a).  
 2 Calculated using the midpoint of the alternate ED multiplier range.  
 3 Calculated using number of ED students as the weight.

<b>English Learner (EL) Multiplier</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.47	1.48	1.51
80.0% - 89.9%	1.55	1.72	1.53
70.0% - 79.9%	1.50	1.45	1.51
<70.0%	1.58	1.62	1.56
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.56</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.68</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.49	1.38	1.41
80.0% - 89.9%	1.50	1.46	1.41
70.0% - 79.9%	1.28	1.31	1.47
<70.0%	1.62	1.72	1.58
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>1.56</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.37</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.02	-0.10	-0.10
80.0% - 89.9%	-0.05	-0.26	-0.12
70.0% - 79.9%	-0.22	-0.14	-0.04
<70.0%	0.04	0.10	0.02
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>-0.31</b>

1 Excludes respondents designated as no response.  
 2 Calculated using number of EL students as the weight.

<b>Homeless Student Multiplier</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.30	1.32	1.29
80.0% - 89.9%	1.55	1.56	1.48
70.0% - 79.9%	1.50	1.45	1.50
<70.0%	1.28	1.42	1.51
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.49</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.05	1.18	1.19
80.0% - 89.9%	1.24	1.40	1.41
70.0% - 79.9%	1.25	1.38	1.46
<70.0%	1.50	1.50	1.56
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.51</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.18</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	-0.25	-0.14	-0.10
80.0% - 89.9%	-0.31	-0.16	-0.07
70.0% - 79.9%	-0.25	-0.07	-0.04
<70.0%	0.22	0.08	0.05
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.18</b>

1 Excludes respondents who did not answer question.  
 2 Calculated using number of ED students as the weight.

<b>Students in Foster Care Multiplier</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.30	1.30	1.25
80.0% - 89.9%	1.30	1.44	1.42
70.0% - 79.9%	1.43	1.40	1.46
<70.0%	1.38	1.39	1.49
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.47</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.05	1.17	1.16
80.0% - 89.9%	1.20	1.40	1.43
70.0% - 79.9%	1.43	1.44	1.53
<70.0%	1.50	1.49	1.56
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>1.52</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	-0.25	-0.13	-0.09
80.0% - 89.9%	-0.10	-0.04	0.01
70.0% - 79.9%	0.00	0.04	0.07
<70.0%	0.12	0.10	0.07
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.16</b>

1 Excludes respondents who did not answer question.  
 2 Calculated using number of ED students as the weight.

<b>Gifted Student Multiplier</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.20	1.20	1.17
80.0% - 89.9%	1.23	1.26	1.27
70.0% - 79.9%	1.21	1.31	1.28
<70.0%	1.10	1.19	1.15
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.19</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.03	1.16	1.09
80.0% - 89.9%	1.20	1.24	1.25
70.0% - 79.9%	1.20	1.21	1.24
<70.0%	1.20	1.31	1.24
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.22</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>1.12</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	-0.17	-0.04	-0.08
80.0% - 89.9%	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02
70.0% - 79.9%	-0.01	-0.10	-0.04
<70.0%	0.10	0.12	0.09
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.11</b>

1 Excludes respondents who did not answer question.  
 2 Calculated using number of ADM students as the weight.



<b>Student Departure Multiplier</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.10	1.19	1.19
80.0% - 89.9%	1.05	1.15	1.14
70.0% - 79.9%	1.09	1.25	1.18
<70.0%	1.10	1.17	1.12
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.14</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	1.06	1.08	1.07
80.0% - 89.9% <sup>3</sup>	1.14	1.28	1.28
70.0% - 79.9% <sup>3</sup>	1.15	1.20	1.17
<70.0%	1.26	1.41	1.27
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.24</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	-0.04	-0.11	-0.12
80.0% - 89.9%	0.09	0.13	0.14
70.0% - 79.9%	0.06	-0.05	-0.01
<70.0%	0.16	0.24	0.15
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
1 Excludes respondents who did not answer question.			
2 Calculated using number of ADM students as the weight.			
3 Excludes an outlier response that was more than three standard deviations away from the average/mean response.			

<b>Transition Costs per New Student</b>				
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>				
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg. (New Students)<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg. (ADM)<sup>1,3</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>				
90.0%+	\$250	\$286	\$276	\$255
80.0% - 89.9%	300	644	359	465
70.0% - 79.9% <sup>4</sup>	250	417	507	595
<70.0% <sup>4</sup>	<u>300</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>441</u>
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>Charter Schools<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>				
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg. (New Students)<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg. (ADM)<sup>1,3</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>				
90.0%+	\$200	\$222	\$269	\$209
80.0% - 89.9% <sup>6</sup>	429	508	724	618
70.0% - 79.9% <sup>6</sup>	450	651	849	812
<70.0%	<u>875</u>	<u>1,819</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>867</u>
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>741</b>
<b>Charter Schools<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>438</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>				
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg. (New Students)</b>	<b>Wght. Avg. (ADM)</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>				
90.0%+	-\$50	-\$64	-\$7	-\$46
80.0% - 89.9%	129	-136	365	153
70.0% - 79.9%	200	234	342	217
<70.0%	<u>575</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>426</u>
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

1 Excludes respondents who did not answer question or indicated they had no student enrollments during the year.  
2 Calculated using number of new students during the year as the weight.  
3 Calculated using ADM as the weight.  
4 Excludes outlier responses.  
5 Charter school data are excluded because there were too few schools responding to this question to yield a valid result.  
6 Excludes an outlier response that was more than three standard deviations away from the average/mean response.

<b>Share of New Students Arriving During School Year</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	3.0%	4.3%	4.6%
80.0% - 89.9%	5.0%	6.0%	6.2%
70.0% - 79.9% <sup>3</sup>	7.5%	10.4%	10.1%
<70.0%	<u>10.0%</u>	<u>10.8%</u>	<u>4.6%</u>
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	2.4%	4.3%	4.8%
80.0% - 89.9% <sup>4</sup>	5.0%	5.3%	5.7%
70.0% - 79.9%	7.5%	9.3%	9.2%
<70.0%	<u>8.0%</u>	<u>10.7%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	-0.6%	0.0%	0.2%
80.0% - 89.9%	0.0%	-0.7%	-0.5%
70.0% - 79.9%	0.0%	-1.1%	-0.9%
<70.0%	<u>-2.0%</u>	<u>-0.1%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

1 Excludes respondents who did not answer question.  
 2 Calculated using ADM as the weight.  
 3 Excludes outlier responses.  
 4 Excludes an outlier response that was more than three standard deviations away from the average/mean response.

<b>Q1: Pre-School and/or K4 Programs for Students Without a Known Disability</b>			
<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.00	0.08	0.17
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	0.75	0.64
70.0% - 79.9%	0.00	1.00	0.52
<70.0%	2.00	2.13	1.44
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.29</b>
<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results<sup>2</sup></b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.00	1.11	0.89
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	0.91	0.86
70.0% - 79.9%	1.00	1.33	0.70
<70.0%	2.50	1.90	1.98
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.00	1.03	0.72
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	0.16	0.22
70.0% - 79.9%	1.00	0.33	0.18
<70.0%	0.50	-0.23	0.54
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.16</b>

1 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

2 For median, average and weighted average values, 0 = NA, 1 = minimal, 2 = moderate and 3 = extensive intensity of use. Data groups exclude some school districts due to no response: 90.0% (1 district), 80.0% - 89.9% (2 districts), 70.0% - 79.9% (1 district).

**Q2: Monitoring of Individual Student Achievement**

**2015 BEFC Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	3.00	2.83	2.81
80.0% - 89.9%	3.00	2.70	2.79
70.0% - 79.9%	3.00	2.81	2.85
<70.0%	3.00	2.75	1.67

**All SDs**                      **3.00**                      **2.75**                      **2.19**

**Charter Schools**                      **3.00**                      **2.86**                      **2.98**

**2023 BEFC Survey Results<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	3.00	2.90	2.89
80.0% - 89.9%	3.00	2.68	2.81
70.0% - 79.9%	3.00	2.80	2.88
<70.0%	3.00	2.90	2.96

**All SDs**                      **3.00**                      **2.76**                      **2.91**

**Charter Schools**                      **3.00**                      **2.73**                      **2.94**

**Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	0.00	0.07	0.08
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	-0.02	0.02
70.0% - 79.9%	0.00	-0.01	0.03
<70.0%	0.00	0.15	1.29

**All SDs**                      **0.00**                      **0.01**                      **0.72**

**Charter Schools**                      **0.00**                      **-0.13**                      **-0.04**

1 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

2 For median, average and weighted average values, 0 = NA, 1 = minimal, 2 = moderate and 3 = extensive intensity of use. Data groups exclude some school districts due to no response: 80.0% - 89.9% (1 district), 70.0% - 79.9% (1 district).

**Q3: Parent and Community Involvement**

**2015 BEFC Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	2.00	2.33	2.30
80.0% - 89.9%	2.00	2.02	2.12
70.0% - 79.9%	2.00	2.13	2.29
<70.0%	2.00	1.75	1.25

**All SDs                      2.00                      2.06                      1.69**

**Charter Schools              3.00                      2.79                      2.95**

**2023 BEFC Survey Results<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	2.00	2.10	2.13
80.0% - 89.9%	2.00	1.91	2.06
70.0% - 79.9%	2.00	2.07	2.21
<70.0%	2.00	2.10	1.48

**All SDs                      2.00                      1.99                      1.75**

**Charter Schools              2.00                      1.64                      2.47**

**Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	0.00	-0.23	-0.17
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	-0.11	-0.06
70.0% - 79.9%	0.00	-0.06	-0.08
<70.0%	0.00	0.35	0.23

**All SDs                      0.00                      -0.07                      0.06**

**Charter Schools              -1.00                      -1.15                      -0.48**

1 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

2 For median, average and weighted average values, 0 = NA, 1 = minimal, 2 = moderate and 3 = extensive intensity of use. Data groups exclude some school districts due to no response: 80.0% - 89.9% (1 district), 70.0% - 79.9% (1 district).

**Q4: Student Participation in After-School Activities**

**2015 BEFC Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	2.00	2.33	2.45
80.0% - 89.9%	2.50	2.39	2.39
70.0% - 79.9%	3.00	2.50	2.30
<70.0%	2.00	1.88	1.38

**All SDs**                      **2.00**                      **2.35**                      **1.84**

**Charter Schools**                      **2.00**                      **2.00**                      **1.30**

**2023 BEFC Survey Results<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	2.00	2.30	2.41
80.0% - 89.9%	2.00	2.40	2.49
70.0% - 79.9%	2.50	2.38	2.21
<70.0%	2.50	2.50	2.19

**All SDs**                      **2.00**                      **2.40**                      **2.29**

**Charter Schools**                      **2.00**                      **1.55**                      **1.90**

**Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	0.00	-0.03	-0.04
80.0% - 89.9%	-0.50	0.01	0.10
70.0% - 79.9%	-0.50	-0.12	-0.09
<70.0%	0.50	0.62	0.81

**All SDs**                      **0.00**                      **0.05**                      **0.45**

**Charter Schools**                      **0.00**                      **-0.45**                      **0.60**

1 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

2 For median, average and weighted average values, 0 = NA, 1 = minimal, 2 = moderate and 3 = extensive intensity of use. Data groups exclude some school districts due to no response: 80.0% - 89.9% (1 district).

**Q5: Student Participation in School-Sponsored Tutoring**

**2015 BEFC Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	2.00	1.58	1.77
80.0% - 89.9%	2.00	1.73	1.78
70.0% - 79.9%	1.50	1.56	1.31
<70.0%	1.00	1.38	1.13

**All SDs** **2.00** **1.64** **1.39**

**Charter Schools** **1.00** **1.07** **1.83**

**2023 BEFC Survey Results<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	2.00	1.80	1.71
80.0% - 89.9%	2.00	1.70	1.80
70.0% - 79.9%	1.00	1.80	1.39
<70.0%	2.00	2.00	1.39

**All SDs** **2.00** **1.77** **1.53**

**Charter Schools** **1.00** **1.27** **2.32**

**Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
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**SD SPP Scores**

90.0%+	0.00	0.22	-0.06
80.0% - 89.9%	0.00	-0.03	0.02
70.0% - 79.9%	-0.50	0.24	0.08
<70.0%	1.00	0.62	0.26

**All SDs** **0.00** **0.13** **0.14**

**Charter Schools** **0.00** **0.20** **0.49**

1 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

2 For median, average and weighted average values, 0 = NA, 1 = minimal, 2 = moderate and 3 = extensive intensity of use. Data groups exclude some school districts due to no response: 80.0% - 89.9% (1 district) and 70.0% - 79.9% (1 district).



**Q6: Aide/Para-Professional Work in the Classroom to Assist Teachers**

**2015 BEFC Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	2.00	2.25	2.32
80.0% - 89.9%	2.00	2.16	2.22
70.0% - 79.9%	3.00	2.38	1.93
<70.0%	2.00	1.88	1.28
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>1.70</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>1.67</b>

**2023 BEFC Survey Results<sup>2</sup>**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1</sup></b>
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<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	2.50	2.20	2.32
80.0% - 89.9%	3.00	2.64	2.58
70.0% - 79.9%	3.00	2.50	1.88
<70.0%	2.00	2.10	1.43
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>1.84</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>0.64</b>

**Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results**

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
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<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	0.50	-0.05	0.00
80.0% - 89.9%	1.00	0.48	0.36
70.0% - 79.9%	0.00	0.12	-0.05
<70.0%	0.00	0.22	0.15
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.14</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>-0.41</b>	<b>-1.03</b>

1 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

2 For median, average and weighted average values, 0 = NA, 1 = minimal, 2 = moderate and 3 = extensive intensity of use. Data groups exclude some school districts due to no response: 80.0% - 89.9% (1 district).

**Crossing Guard Expenses per ADM (for Districts with Crossing Guards)**

<b>2015 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	\$4.40	\$5.10	\$5.10
80.0% - 89.9%	\$7.30	\$15.80	\$11.80
70.0% - 79.9%	\$9.20	\$19.50	\$27.20
<70.0%	\$21.90	\$24.30	\$22.30
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>\$7.40</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$14.60</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>\$16.90</b>	<b>\$16.90</b>	<b>\$15.60</b>

<b>2023 BEFC Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wght. Avg.<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	\$6.67	\$7.71	\$7.67
80.0% - 89.9% <sup>3</sup>	\$10.16	\$15.82	\$17.35
70.0% - 79.9%	\$8.28	\$16.49	\$21.62
<70.0%	\$27.42	\$31.44	\$9.89
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>\$10.89</b>	<b>\$17.49</b>	<b>\$11.65</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

<b>Difference: 2023 less 2015 Survey Results</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Wght. Avg.</b>
<b>SD SPP Scores</b>			
90.0%+	\$2.27	\$2.61	\$2.57
80.0% - 89.9%	\$2.86	\$0.02	\$5.55
70.0% - 79.9%	-\$0.92	-\$3.01	-\$5.58
<70.0%	\$5.52	\$7.14	-\$12.41
<b>All SDs</b>	<b>\$3.49</b>	<b>\$2.49</b>	<b>-\$2.95</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

1 Includes only districts and charter schools that reported non-zero crossing guard expenses (paid for by the district, charter school or municipality).

2 Calculated using ADM as the weight.

3 Excludes an outlier response that was more than three standard deviations away from the average/mean response.