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The Newark Charter School Fund

NCSF's mission is to support the quality and sustainability of Newark's charter sector in collaboration with the district and citywide efforts to provide great schools for all of Newark's students.

The Newark Charter School Fund Values

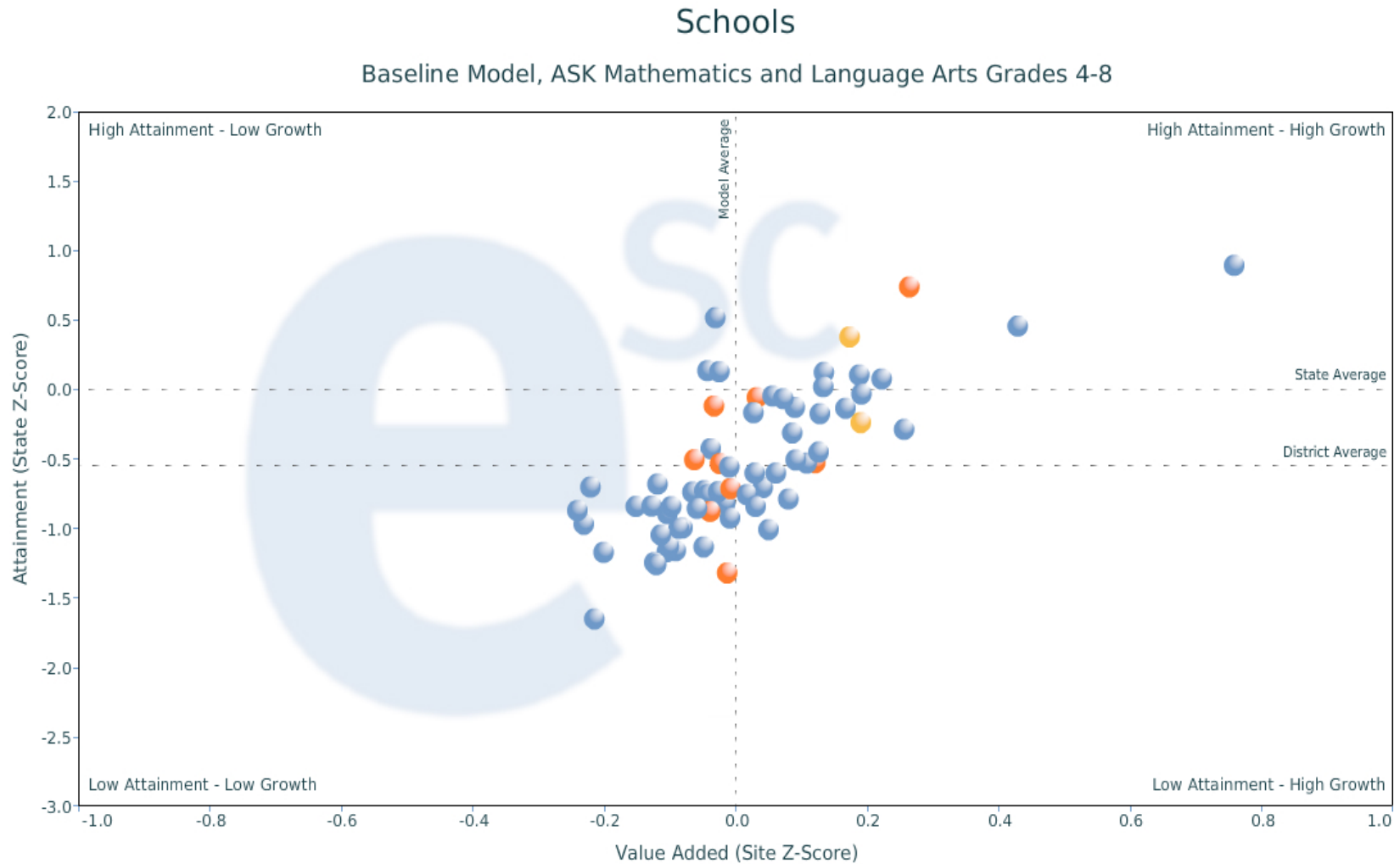


NCSF: What's our role?

- Driving charter **sector strategy**
- Serving as a **leader** of policy and public advocacy
- Making strategic **investments**
- Forming **partnerships** for sector-wide program support and high impact school-focused supports.
- Convene key **stakeholders** and groups, and
- Serve as a **liaison** with the city, district and state.

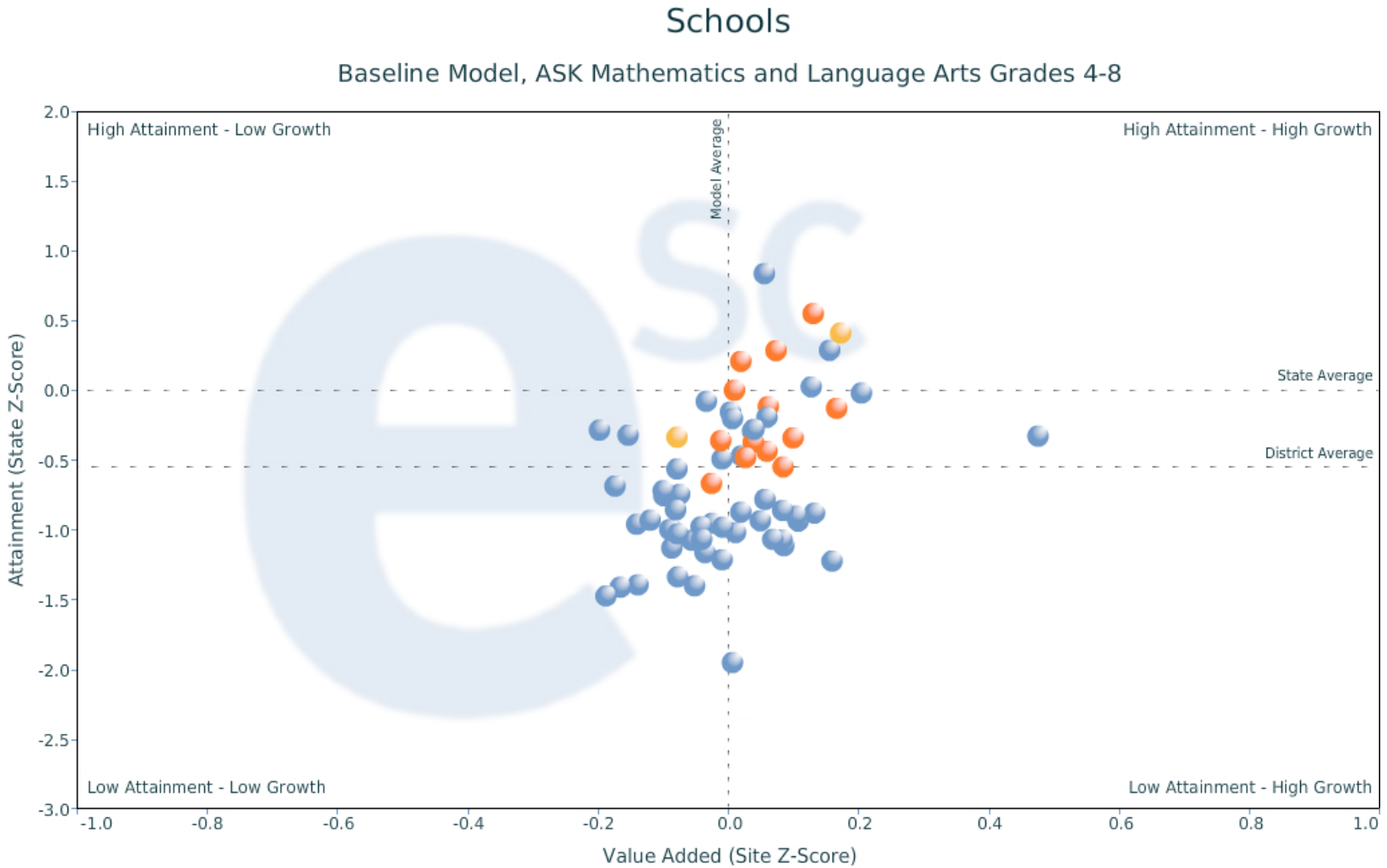
Overview Of Newark's Charter Sector

NCSF: School Performance: SY 08/09



Key: orange & yellow – charter, blue – NPS

NCSF: School Performance: SY 13/14



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CREDO Report on Charter Quality

Figure 1: Impact of Charter Enrollment on Average Annual Learning Gains by Region – Math

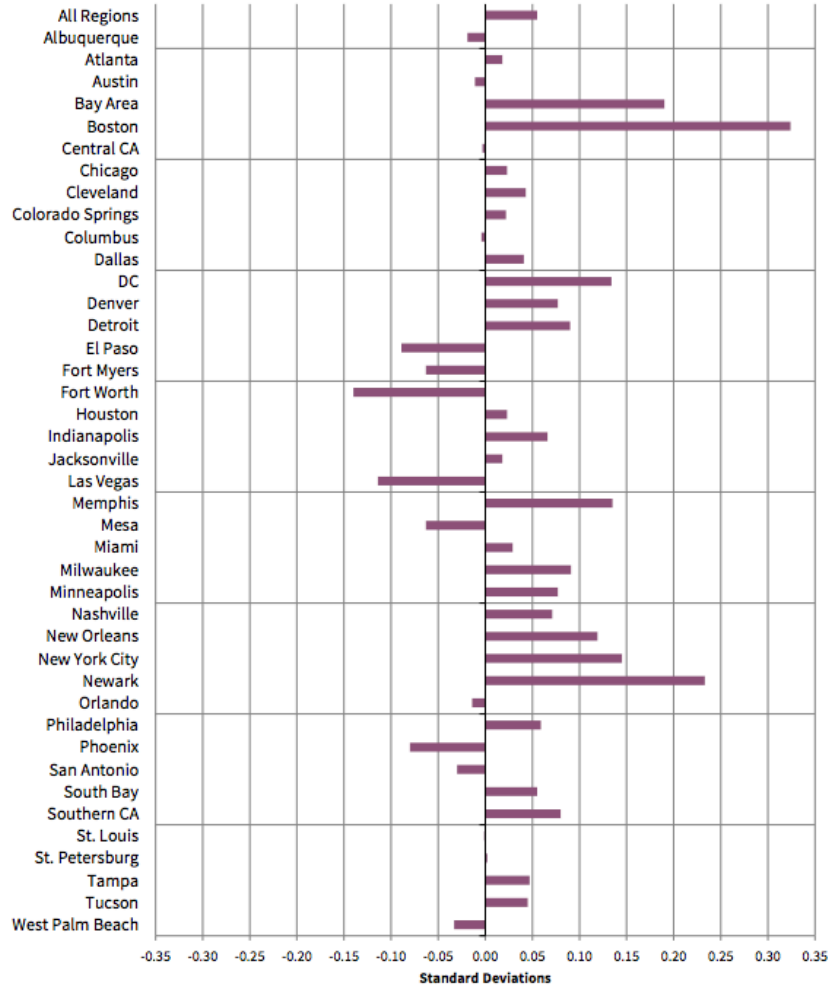
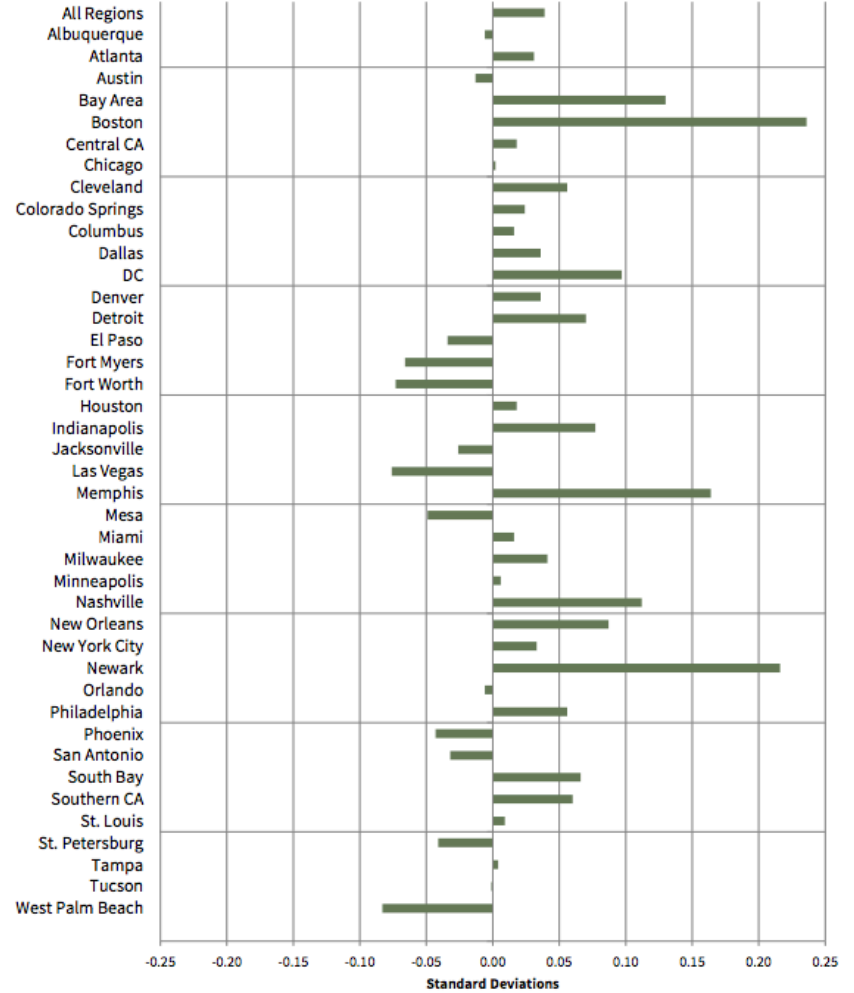


Figure 2: Impact of Charter Enrollment on Average Annual Learning Gains by Region – Reading



CPRE: Schools "Beating the Odds"

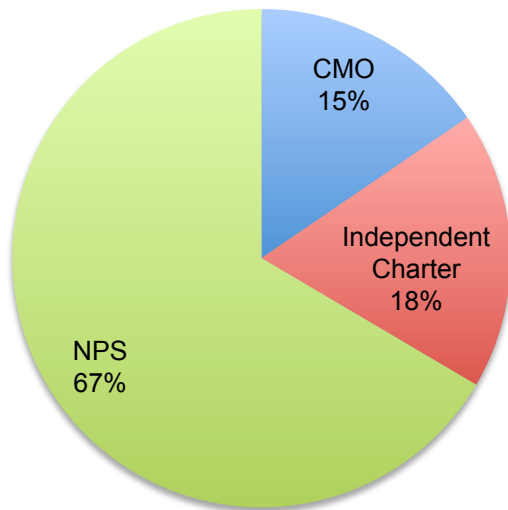
Distribution of Enrollment in Math, 2011-13 Distribution of Enrollment in Reading, 2011-13



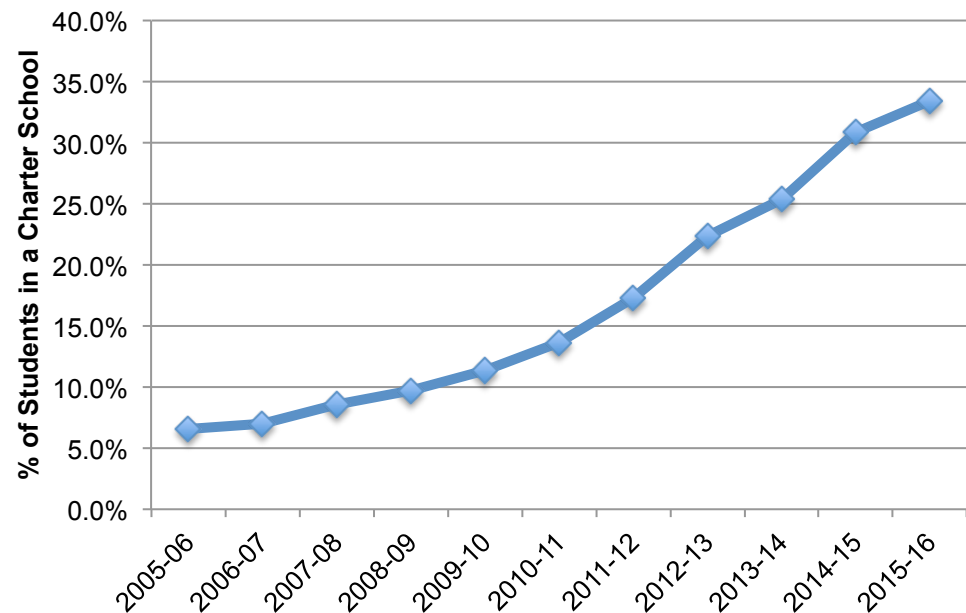
Source: CRPE

Newark Charter Sector Growth

Newark Schools, 2015-16



Charter Sector Growth in Newark



Total population in charter and traditional public schools= ~47,000 students

Path to Today

NCSF: Community Advisory Group (CAG)

CAG launched in 2010 with three specific goals...

Build a Strong Foundation

- It was important to build a stronger foundation within the Newark education community to share ideas, build consensus and work together to achieve our goals to help Newark's schoolchildren succeed.

Engage All Charters

- The volunteer body comprised representatives of *all* charter schools in Newark and others in the city who wanted to be engaged in proactive discussions about improving public education.

Thriving Schools

- Leaders in education presented information to the CAG about efforts to help traditional public schools and charter schools thrive.

NCSF: Charter Compact

- *Serving all students*
- **Data transparency and accountability**
- **Ending “us vs. them”**
- **Quality and closing low-performing schools**



Implications for our work

NCSF: Supporting A High-Quality Sector

Universal Enrollment

- *Equity, Transparency, Access*

Special Populations

- National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools
- South Ward Children's Alliance

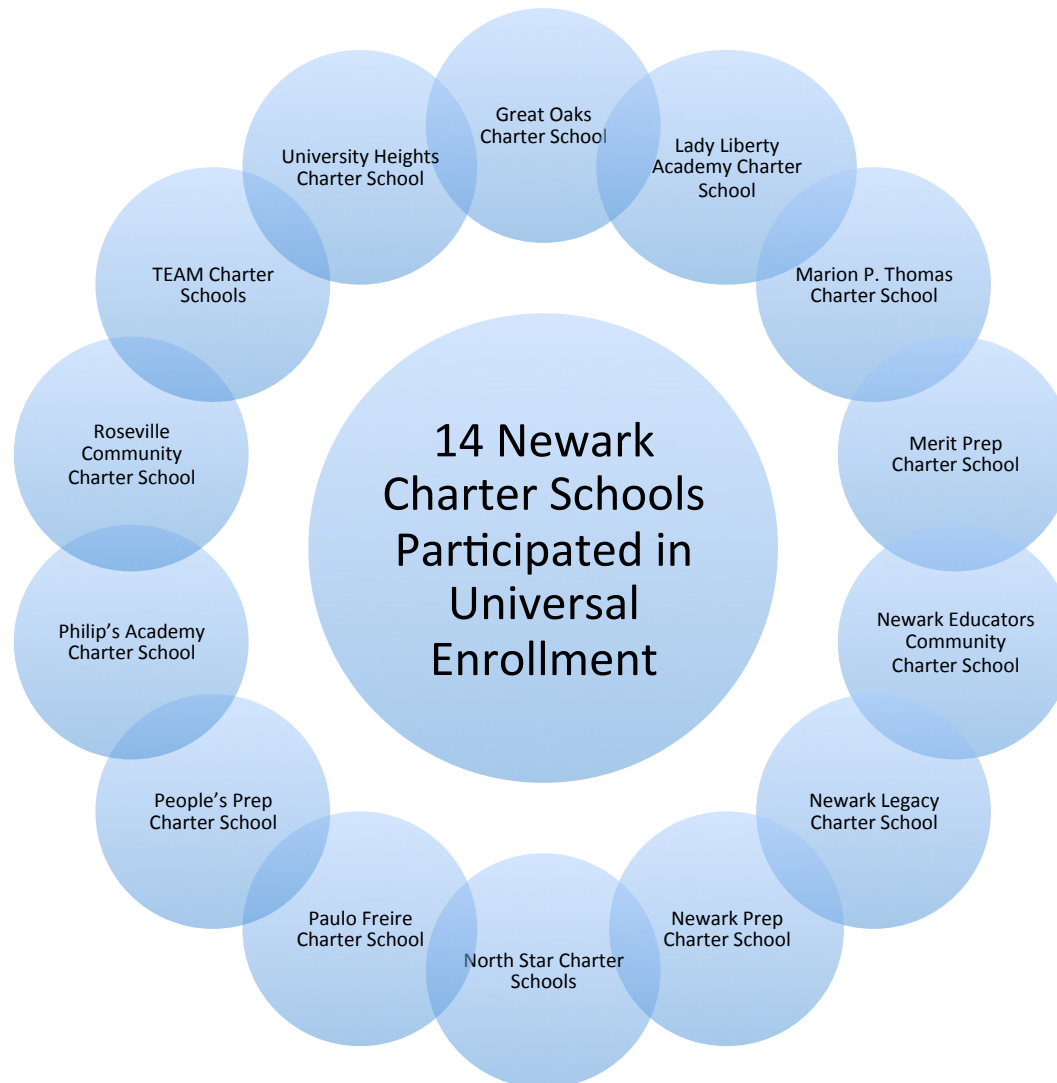
Board Governance

- Creating a pipeline to recruit, train, and place strong candidates on charter boards
- Partnerships with Volunteer Consulting Group, Leadership Newark, and CALIBR

Advocacy

- Communications
- Policy
- Issue advocacy
- Organizing

Universal Enrollment SY 14/15



- Policy Design Committee: KIPP, Northstar, Marion P. Thomas, University Heights, NPS Office of enrollment informed the MOU
- 14/20 Charter schools or 85% of the charter seats participated in Universal Enrollment
- The 3/18 NCSF Compact signing schools did not participate in Universal Enrollment

Universal Enrollment Year 2 Update

94% of students in the final grade at their school applied in Round 1 or Round 2

76% of students who applied in Round 1 were matched one of their top three choices

10% of students applied to change schools

42%

of applicants listed a charter school as their first choice

Note: Year 2 of Universal Enrollment

NCSF: Advocacy Coalition



THANK YOU!
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