

MEMO

To: Milwaukee Common Council Steering and Rules Committee
From: Dr. Jeanette Mitchell, Chair, City of Milwaukee Charter School Review Committee
Re: City of Milwaukee Charter School Data
Date: June 11, 2015

Demographic Information

- There are 3,511 students enrolled in city-chartered schools.
- The majority (70%) of the schools are 90/90 schools (at least 90% of students are African American; 90% are low income).

Academic Performance

- Six of the 10 schools had a promising/good (5) or high performing/exemplary (1) status on the City of Milwaukee Scorecard.
- Half (50%) of the city-chartered schools met expectations or significantly exceeded expectations on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Report Card compared to 19% of Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).
- Elementary schools
 - » All city-chartered schools had higher math growth scores than MPS.¹
 - » Four of six city-chartered schools had higher reading growth scores than MPS.
 - » More than half (60%) of city-chartered schools with economically disadvantaged/African American populations met expectations on DPI's Report Card compared to 8% of MPS.
- High schools
 - » Graduation rates for the two city-chartered high schools with graduates:
 - After four years, 68% and 84%; MPS was 61%.
 - After five years, 94% and 97%; MPS was 69%.
 - After six years, 97% and 95%; MPS was 73%.
 - » The two city-chartered high schools with graduates had post-secondary enrollment rates of 45% and 83%, compared to 38% of MPS graduates.

Per Pupil Reimbursement

¹ One city-chartered elementary school was in its first year; therefore, it had no growth scores.

- Charter schools: \$8,000; MPS: \$14,000.