

Mostly Separate & Definitely Unequal: Indianapolis Public School's Allocation of Funding by Demographics 2003-2015.

While 61% of the total is allocated to the General Fund, only 42% of this can be traced back to individual schools (with publicly available data), the remaining expenses are "Central Office Expenses".

It is our contention that in the absence of data, Black students are not receiving equitable application of these resources. The lack of data that is "disaggregated" [a political term] by school makes proving disparities between schools or subgroups within a school district difficult. Several people provided comments to legislators in 2015 to require school districts to provide greater detail of financial and operational data to the public. Having said this, in the true spirit of Data ("that which is given"), let's explore the data available.

Looking at the data that is traceable to individual schools, 78% of Black students attended 41 schools having percentage of Black students exceeding 50%. These schools only received about half of the operating budget. These 41 schools have 60% of total enrollment yet are only budgeted 54% of expenses and FTE staff! The cost per student analysis confirms the disparity. This condition has persisted over the period reviewed (2003-2015).

2015 Individual School Operating Budget Data

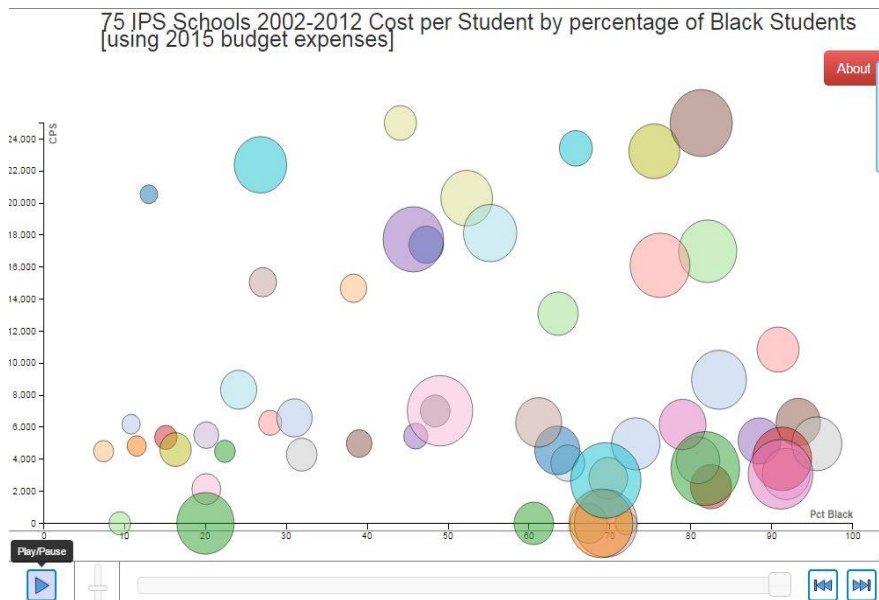
% Black Group	Max % Black Group (25,50,75,100)	# of Schools /units	FTE	% to Total FTE	Oper Exp (Budget)	% to Total Oper Exp	Black Enroll	% to Total Blk Enroll	Total Enroll	% to Total Enroll	% Non Blk Enroll	% Blk Enroll
1	95.21	17	594	20	33,149,586	19.00	5,676	34.24	6,628	22.02	14.36	85.64
2	74.88	24	985	33	61,000,084	34.96	7,179	43.31	11,416	37.93	37.11	62.89
		41	1,579	54	94,149,670	53.96	12,855	77.55	18,044	59.95	28.76	71.24
3	50.00	15	617	21	34,047,734	19.51	2,745	16.56	6,904	22.94	60.24	39.76
4	24.31	11	386	13	22,574,492	12.94	977	5.89	5,149	17.11	81.03	18.97
		26	1,003	34	56,622,226	32.45	3,722	22.45	12,053	40.05	69.12	30.88
None	N/A	39	365	12	23,699,778	13.58						
		106	2,947	100	174,471,674	100.00	16,577	100.00	30,097	100.00	44.92	55.08



IPS 2015 Projected Expenditures

Account	Amount	% to Total
0101 - General Fund	233,500,000	61.08
0180 - Debt Service	39,708,000	10.39
0186 - School Pension Debt	2,879,000	0.75
0187 - Referendum Debt Fund - Exempt Capital	17,403,000	4.55
1214 - Capital Projects	45,863,000	12.00
6301 - Transportation	30,375,000	7.95
6302 - Bus Replacement *	12,564,950	3.29
Total	382,292,950	100.00

* Could be greatly reduced by having walking schools which will increase QOL in our neighborhoods.



Motion Bubble Charts show Cost per Student over time

<http://tinyurl.com/IPS-Allocation-Project>