

ESSA School Level Reporting: What's Happening, What's Next, and Why You Should Care

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Every Student Succeeds Act

- **Your responsibility:** Report per-pupil federal & non-federal expenditures by school to DPI
- **Our responsibility:** Collect this data and report it to the U.S. Department of Education



Why School Level Reporting?

- **Goal:** Financial transparency of resource allocation on a per student basis
- **Idea:** Use data to drive improvements and promote greater fairness and equity for all students

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SLR Implementation Plan

2018-19 School Year Data

- Fall 2018: Report budget totals by school to DPI
- Winter 2019/20: Report actuals by school to DPI
- June 2020: DPI reports audited actuals to U.S. Dept. of Education and publishes data to the public



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Basic Process

1. Identify costs by 1 of 3 types

- Federal
- State/Local
- Exclusions

← “Exclusions” = Not part of per-pupil expenditures

2. Identify costs with specific schools or the district/LEA as a whole

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Basic Process

3. Report costs & enrollments by school to DPI

4. We do the per-pupil math

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Total School Expenditures

- The per-pupil total for costs specific to each school...
- Plus the district/LEA-wide per-pupil total for costs at that level...
- Equals per-pupil total school expenditures

	Category	Forward School District		
		Schurz EI	Phillips Mid	Forward Hi
A	Enrollment	375	511	992
School Expenditures				
B	Federal	\$456	\$209	\$164
C	State/Local	\$6,111	\$4,756	\$5,998
D	School Per-Pupil Total	\$6,567	\$4,965	\$6,162
School Share of District/LEA Expenditures				
E	Federal	\$161	\$161	\$161
F	State/Local	\$5,378	\$5,378	\$5,378
G	District/LEA Per-Pupil Total	\$5,539	\$5,539	\$5,539
H	Total Per-Pupil Expenditures	\$12,106	\$10,504	\$11,701
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Total School Expenditures

- This will be the number people focus on and use for comparisons

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For More Information

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/reporting/slr>

- ESSA SLR Video Part 2: Reporting Format & Exclusions
- SLR Data Reporting Format page

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Where Is My Report?

The screenshot shows the SFS School Level Reporting Application interface. The navigation menu includes Home, Exclusions, Data Input, Finalize, Reports, Audits, Help, and Admin. The 'Reports' menu is expanded, showing 'District Reports' and 'School Reports'. A red arrow points to the 'Reports' menu item. The page also displays a welcome message and data requirements.

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District Report

Report for School District 4051, 2018-2019

Select a fiscal year and LEA/district to review its associated report. Note that ONLY those LEAs are selected.

Fiscal Year: 2018-2019

LEA/District: School District 4051

Export to Excel | Export to PDF

School Name	Enrollment	School Expenditures			School State/Local LEA			Total School Expenditures	Exclusions	Total District Expenditures
		Federal	State/Local	School Total Per-Pupil	Federal	State/Local	District/LEA Total Per-Pupil			
High	436	\$0	\$9,193	\$9,193	\$213	\$3,814	\$3,827	\$11,846	\$6,348,520	\$24,972,855
Elementary	596	\$105	\$7,914	\$8,019	\$213	\$3,814	\$3,827	\$11,846	\$6,348,520	\$24,972,855
Middle	439	\$0	\$9,585	\$9,585	\$213	\$3,814	\$3,827	\$11,412	\$6,348,520	\$24,972,855

Standard Exclusions: Aid Transits; Capital Projects; Certain Non-Accountability Students; Community Services; Cooperative Programs; Debt Service; Equipment; Facilities; Food Service; Independent Charter Tuition; Interfund Transfers; Private Choice Tuition; Public Choice Tuition; TEACH Fund; Trust Funds.

Optional Exclusions: None.

Enrollment Count Procedure: Third Friday of September headcount

- Table format with all schools in your district/LEA

- Exports to Excel or PDF files available

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School Report

Report for School District 4051, 2018-2019

Fiscal Year: 2018-2019

LEA/District: School District 4051

School: Somerset Elementary

Export to Excel | Export to PDF

School Name	Somerset Elementary
A - Enrollment	596
B - Federal	\$105
C - State/Local	\$7,914
D - School Per-Pupil Total	\$8,019
E - Federal	\$213
F - State/Local	\$3,814
G - District/LEA Per-Pupil Total	\$3,827
H - Total Per-Pupil Expenditures	\$11,846
I - Total School Expenditures	\$12,995,464
J - Exclusions	\$6,348,520
K - Total District Expenditures	\$24,972,855

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- Report for one school in Interstate Financial Reporting format

- Exports to Excel or PDF

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Countdown to Release

- **April**

Formal data quality review through WISEdash

Secure for Districts

Webinars & training materials for the field

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Countdown to Release

- **May**

Finish data quality review

Create final drafts of public resources based
on feedback from data quality review

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Countdown to Release

- **June**

Finalize and ready public resources

Finalize data for reporting

Post to WISEdash and report to U.S.

Department of Education

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“My Enrollments Aren’t Correct!”

- **No “data quality” adjustments**

“I think we’re off by one or two kids...”

- **WISEdata is audited and certified**

- **Enrollments feed your state Report Cards and public WISEdash reports**

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“My Enrollments Aren’t Correct!”

- **We can do SLR adjustments**

Student shouldn’t be in denominator because
(for example)...

They’re part of an exclusion, or

They’re administratively enrolled at a school but
their actual costs are elsewhere

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“My Enrollments Aren’t Correct!”

- **We can do SLR adjustments**

Student should be moved from one denominator
to another because (for example)...

Their costs are really at a different school, or

Our 4K or alternative school costs don’t match
how we report our enrollments

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“My Enrollments Aren’t Correct!”

- Email dpifin@dpi.wi.gov with:
 - District/LEA and school(s) affected
 - Adjustment requested
 - Explanation for the adjustment
- We will review and follow up

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Why Should You Care?

Practical: Requirement of accepting and using ESEA Title grants.

Personal: Time to anticipate questions and shape future discussions about SLR.

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Talking About School Level Data

- School level achievement data has been around for a long time
- School level finance data is a whole new area for us



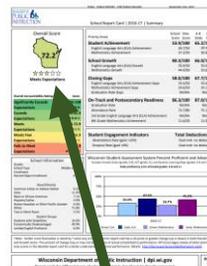
\$12,608
per pupil

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Talking About School Level Data

- Dollar amounts aren't going on the Report Card...yet
- But people will try to connect them once the data goes public



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Talking About School Level Data

- How do you prepare for that conversation
 - ...as administrators?
 - ...as support staff?



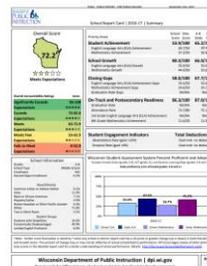
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Talking About School Level Data

- Answer:
 - Know Your School and Student Stories to Explain Your Numbers**



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per pupil

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Financial Transparency Fact #1

- Most school leaders do not have a good sense of the true financial resources allocated to specific schools in their districts/LEAs.

Source: Edunomics Lab, Georgetown University. "Financial transparency: What's your number?" Presentation, Council of Chief State School Officers, 2017.

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Financial Transparency Fact #2

- Most school leaders do not have a good sense of how well their schools are able to leverage dollars and maximize outcomes.

Source: Edunomics Lab, Georgetown University. "Financial transparency: What's your number?" Presentation, Council of Chief State School Officers, 2017.

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How Might Someone Compare?

- School level per-pupil spending will be used to compare schools

It was an explicit purpose of the law's authors!

- What makes a valid comparison?

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How Might Someone Compare?



	Dairyland High	Whitetail High
Per-Pupil Spending	\$15,622	\$12,096
School Report Card	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Exp.
Enrollment	217	635
CESA	10	5
Title I Program?	Yes	No
Health Insurance	Traditional POS	High Ded. HMO

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How Might Someone Compare?



	Dairyland High	Whitetail High
Per-Pupil Spending	\$15,622	\$12,096
School Report Card	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Exp.

...but this is all you're likely to see in the paper.

It's up to YOU to provide context.

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What We're Hearing

- **Feds: Compliance concerns**

"We're all going to be really disappointed at the first crack at this." – Jim Blew, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Ed., Oct. 9, 2019

Source: Ujifusa, Andrew. "DeVos Education Department Criticizes States Again for Their ESSA Approach." Education Week, Oct. 9, 2019.

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What We're Hearing

- **Feds: Compliance concerns**

All states are expected to be in compliance by
June 30

Discussion is shifting to how “accessible”
states are making the data

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What We're Hearing

- **State Capitol: New push for
financial transparency**

WILL: “The case for public school spending
transparency in Wisconsin”

[http://www.will-law.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/policy-brief-
public-school-spending-transparency-february-2020-final-senate.pdf](http://www.will-law.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/policy-brief-public-school-spending-transparency-february-2020-final-senate.pdf)

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Assembly Bill 810

- **Would require DPI to make “detailed” revenue/expenditure data available on our website, beginning in 2022-23**

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Assembly Bill 810

- **Sets up an advisory committee on:**
 1. Design of the financial transparency report
 2. Revenue/expenditure categories to be used
 3. Resources needed to implement the reportCommittee's recommendations due to DPI by Apr. 15, 2021; DPI has 45 days to respond

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Assembly Bill 810

- Introduced Jan. 27
- DPI testified for information Feb. 6
- Passed Assembly on Feb. 20
- Currently in Senate Education Committee
- Last Senate floor period Mar. 24-26

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What We're Hearing

- **Other states: Limited public reaction to SLR per-pupil data**
Key difference: Wisconsin's political climate for education, especially school choice

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What We're Hearing

- **Superintendents: Concern over use/misuse of data**

This is coming, like it or not

Now is the time to start analyzing your data and preparing to tell your local story

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What We're Hearing

- **Principals: HELP!**

Likely a parent's first point of contact if they're interested in SLR data

This is our #1 priority for training & TA

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Key Takeaways

1. Per-pupil spending by school (“Line H”) will be the #1 focus
2. Public reporting of 2018-19 data will occur in June; April-May review
3. Significant political interest of late

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Questions? Comments?



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