

SESSION D

Trends in the National Student-Based Budgeting Landscape

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Context

Reason Foundation's solution to Cleveland School District. Help with their economic development. How Chattanooga schools migrated to student based budgeting. School spending statistic reports across the US and how the public school districts receive money from state per student funding and how they differ from Charter schools funding. Charter schools rely on student based budgeting projects.

Key Points

LA unified poorly managed school funding resulted in lose of kids. Adopting ESSA standards for student based budgeting programs for instance Hawaii. %SBA metric = \$allocated on student basis/\$total district spending. We examined the school districts across the US and deduced that no state apart from Louisiana performed student based budgeting resulting in effective management of funds. We examined the central office funds, and most districts do not spend more than 20% of their allocated funds. The relationship between student achievement and budget autonomy and comparing the relative rankings of student performance within the districts using Broad methodology. Percentage of achievement gaps were analyzed and led to the conclusion that the more the principals were allocated the funds the faster was the closing achievement gap process. The New Orleans graduation rate was improved among African American population and it exceeded the state's student performance as a result of student based funding even after being hit by Hurricane Katrina. Use of Allovue's *Balance* in student based budgeting, build the infrastructure, user friendly software, dedicated financial partners (eg: Denver Public Schools), training and support. Principal discretion affects the discipline outcomes, and with improvement in this area benefit the overall student performance. Use of case studies in Baltimore, New Orleans, Washington DC and Los Angeles show effective reforms in student discipline policies and outcomes.

Other Key Takeaways

Principals need to use their discretion to repurpose and use the resources effectively in schools. Migrating to student based budgeting to target reduced central office costs for example: Houston Makes school districts conscious about their spending. Increased enrollment of students and increases the transparency among schools.