



ROCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REVIEW

HIGH-LEVEL GROWTH /
FINANCIAL & PERFORMANCE
TRENDS

RCF Watchdog Team
March 2023



DISCUSSION TOPICS

- What is the Rock County story?
- Key Trends – Rock County and District-level
- What to do with this information?
- *(Individual district data provided)*

RCF will send this out and post on our NEW WEBSITE shortly

THE STORY IN ROCK COUNTY

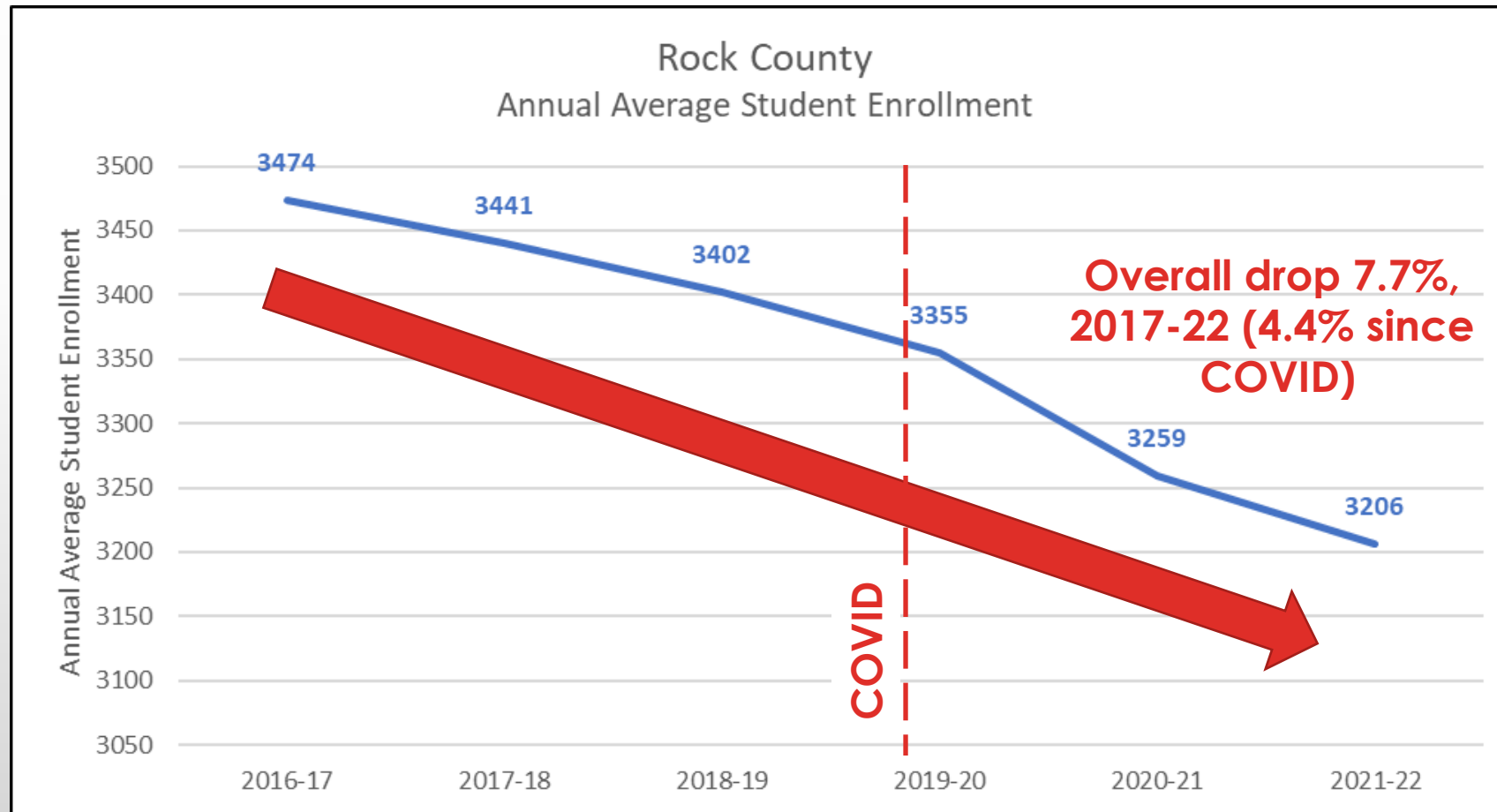
- **Post-COVID coincidence?**

- Student enrollment declining in Rock County
 - Beloit (-3026) & Milton (-577) lost most students over last 5 years -> **REFERENDUMS**
- District budgets are exploding (in some districts)
 - Annual 'cost per student' is exploding (in some districts)
 - Funding issues coincide with post-COVID ESSER funding challenges

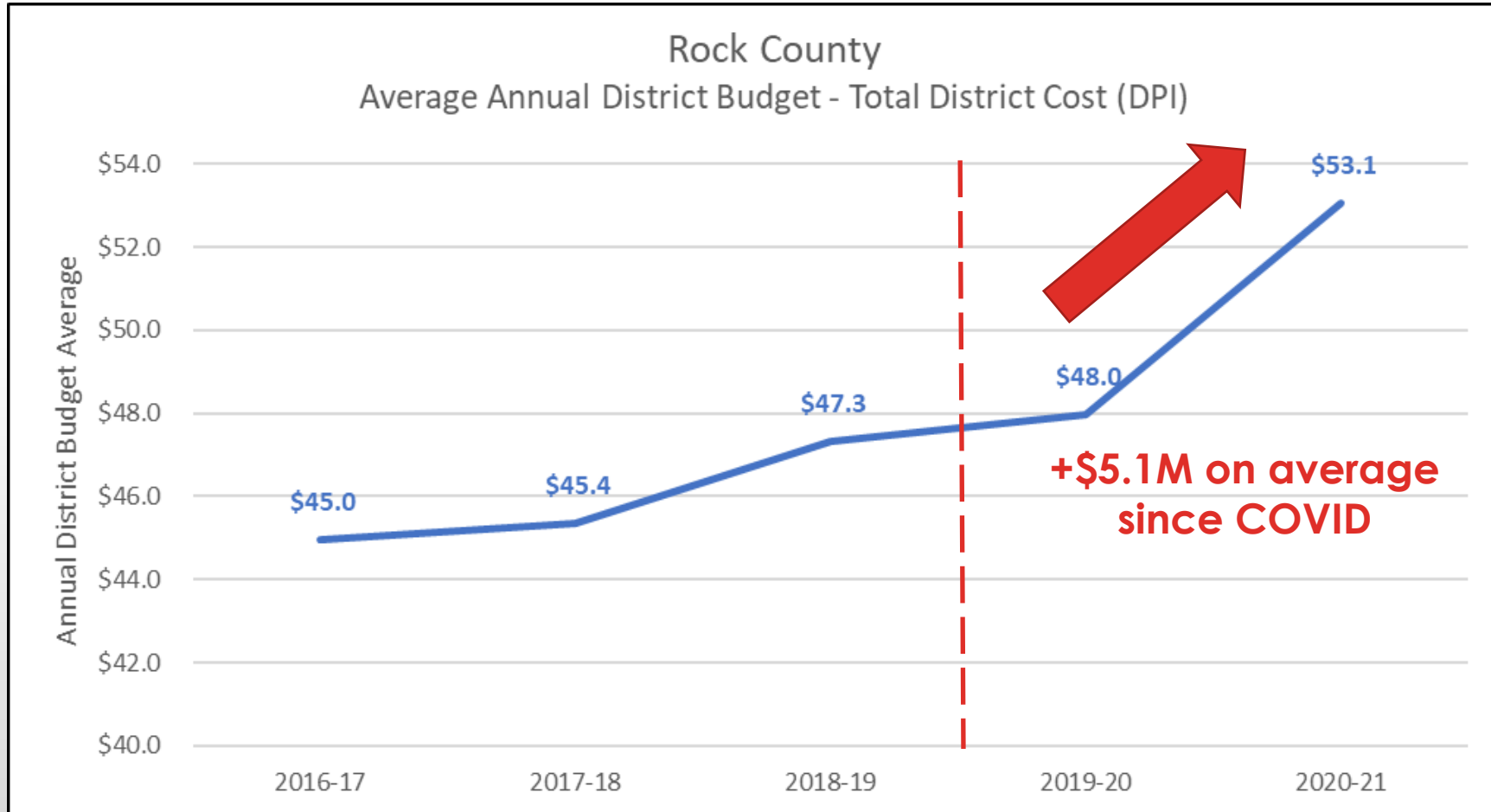
- **District PERFORMANCE:** *(we have focused on ELA/Math proficiencies)*

- ELA and Math proficiencies bouncing back from COVID rapid decline
 - However, remain flat over last five DPI reporting cycles
 - When EXCLUDING BELOIT – Student proficiencies equal to State average

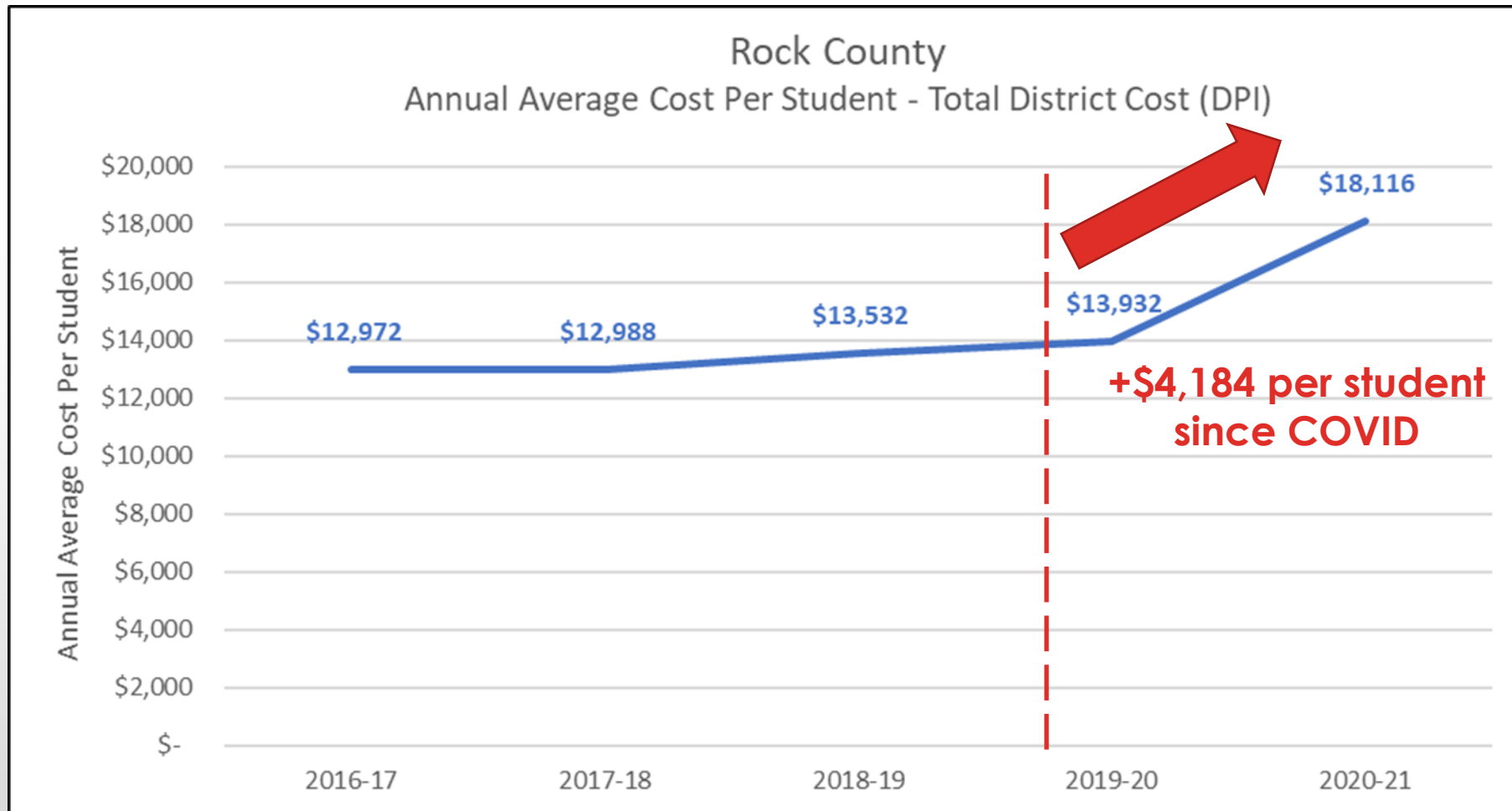
STUDENT ENROLMENT ON DECLINE



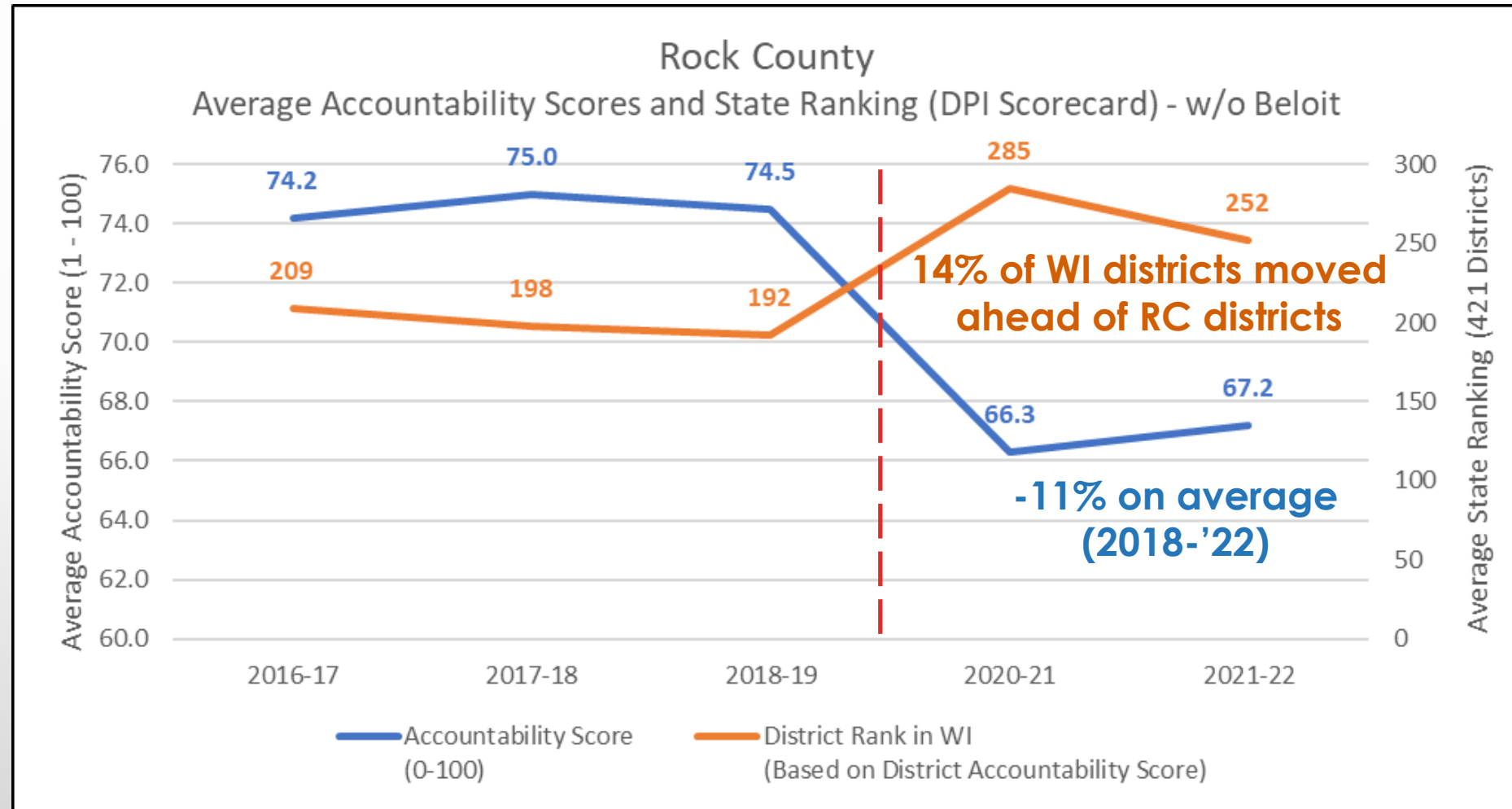
SOME DISTRICT BUDGETS ARE EXPLODING



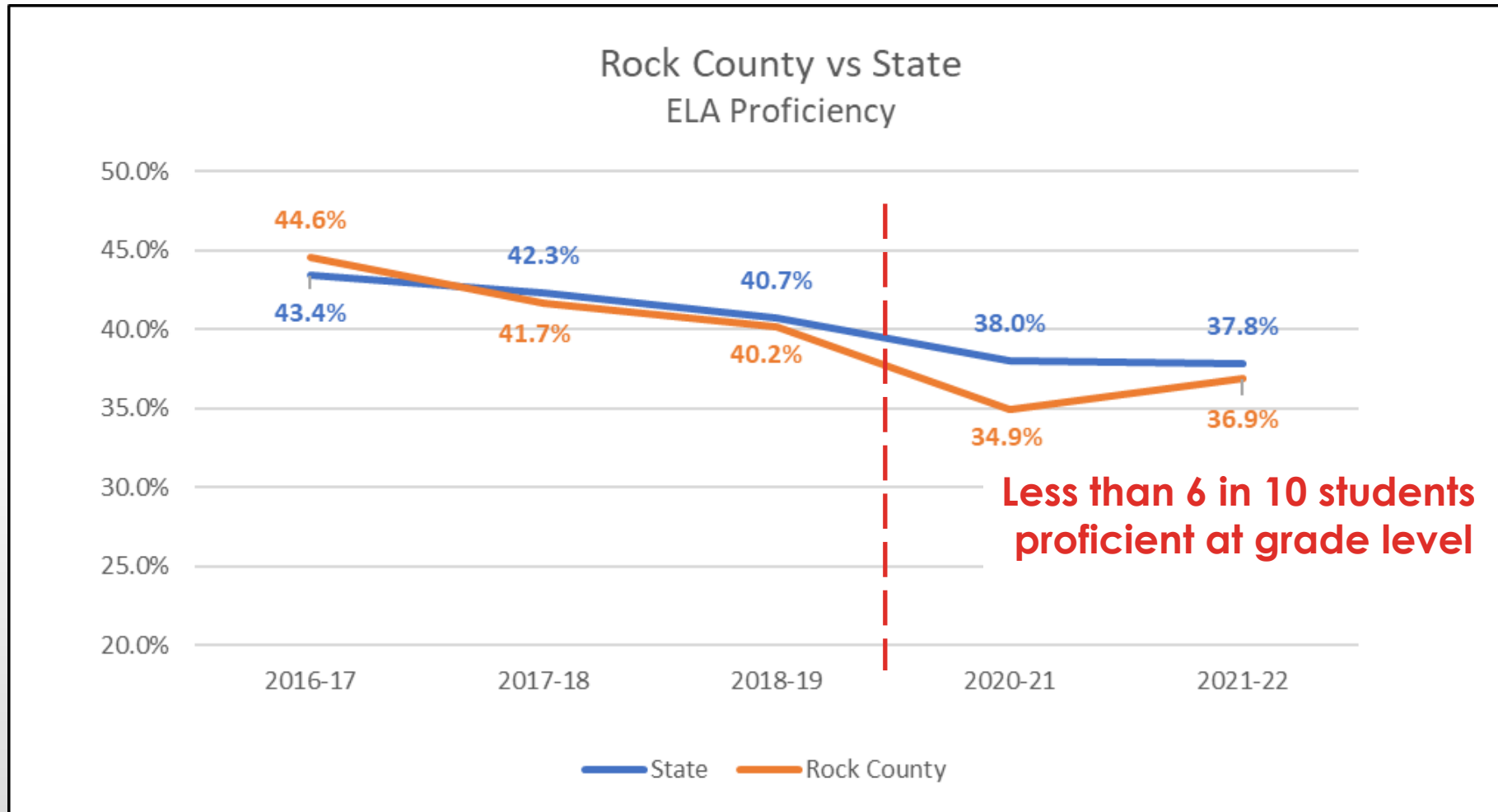
COST PER STUDENT EXPENDITURES ARE EXPLODING



AVERAGE ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE AND STATE RANKING – W/O BELOIT

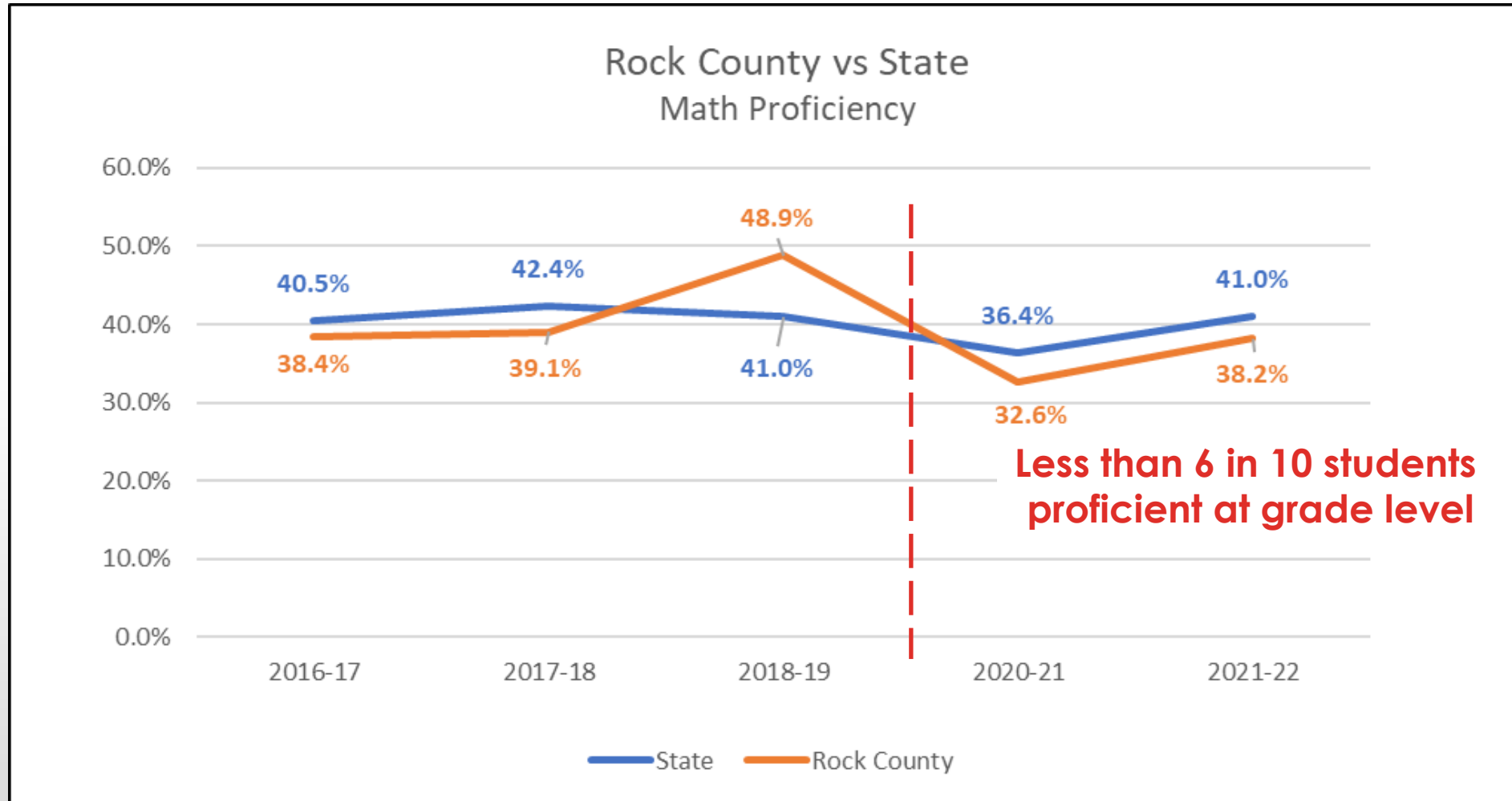


AVERAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY













“Proficiency” = ‘Proficient’ and ‘Advanced’ & excludes ‘Basic’ and ‘Below Basic’ categories

AVERAGE MATH PROFICIENCY



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OVERALL RATING

| DISTRICT | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Beliot | Fails to Meet Expectations | Meets Few Expectations |  |
| Beloit Turner | Meets Expectations | Meets Expectations |  |
| Clinton | Meets Few Expectations | Meets Expectations |  |
| Edgerton | Exceeds Expectations |  Exceeds Expectations |  |
| Evansville | Meets Expectations | Meets Expectations |  |
| Janesville | Meets Few Expectations | Meets Expectations * |  |
| Milton | Meets Expectations | Meets Expectations |  |
| Parkview | Exceeds Expectations |  Exceeds Expectations |  |

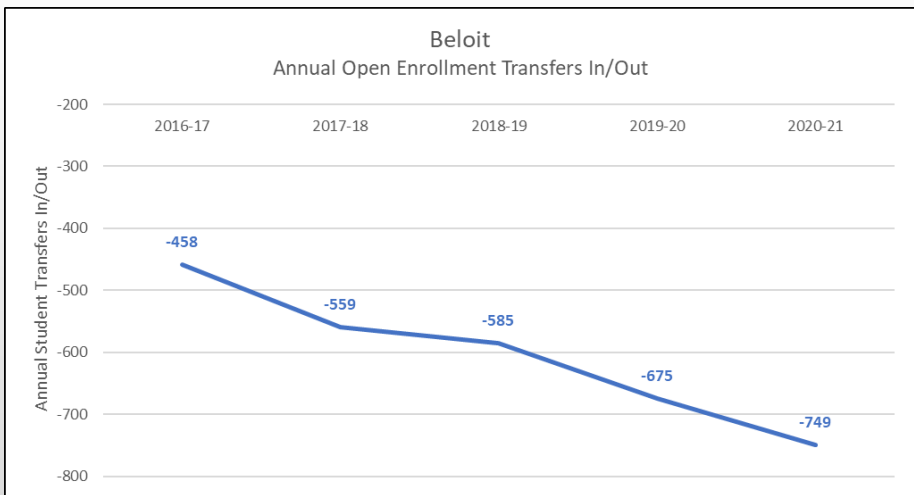
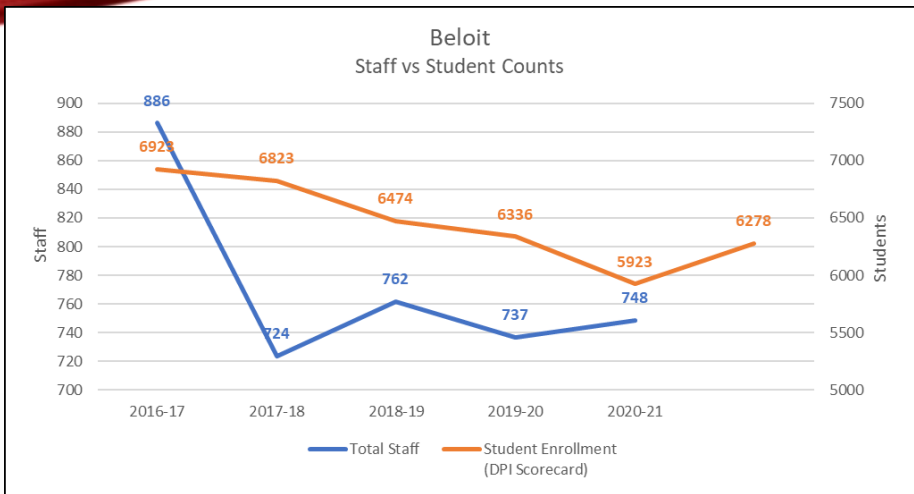
* Actually 'Meets Few Expectations' – threshold lowered in '20-'21

WHAT TO DO WITH THIS INFORMATION

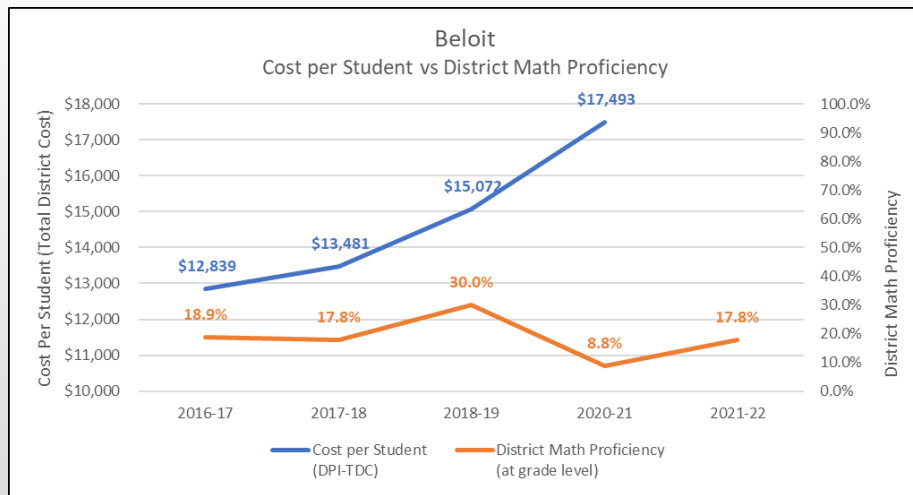
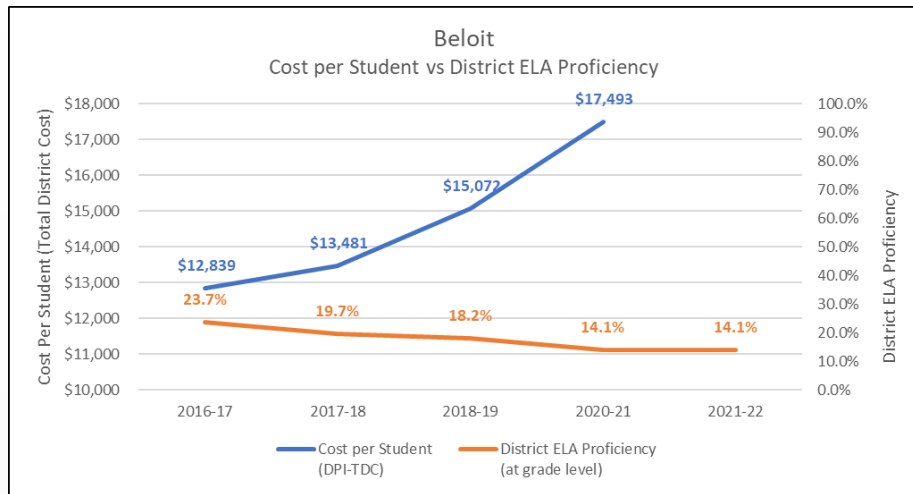
- **Talk to your school board members about their financial & performance trends**
- **Get engaged with your district's Finance Committee**
- **Milton and Beloit have school referendums – ask them why the 'cost per student' (Total District Cost) has increased so rapidly**
- **Ask your school board candidates for their perspectives on these trends**
- **Support *RCF Political Fund* school board candidates who will improve these trends**
 - Donate
 - Knock on doors
 - Tell others
 - Vote for the *RCF Political Fund* endorsed candidates
 - Tell others!

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TREND INFORMATION

BELOIT SNAPSHOT

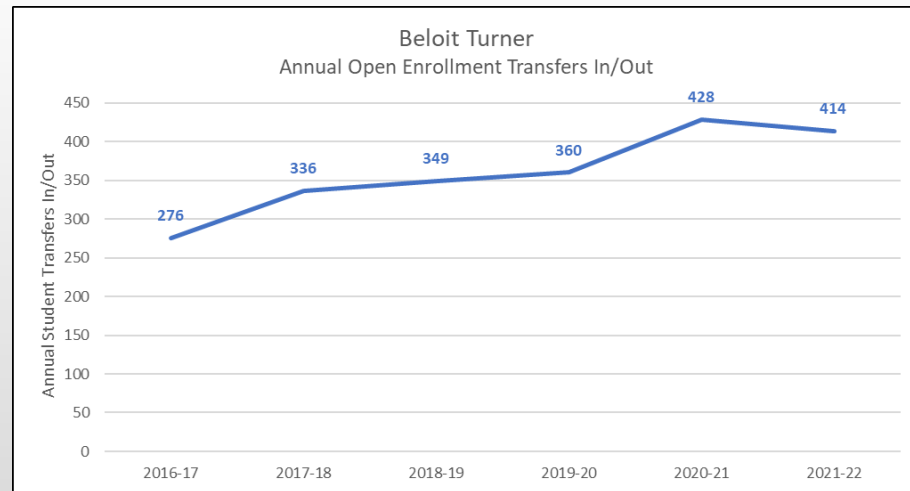
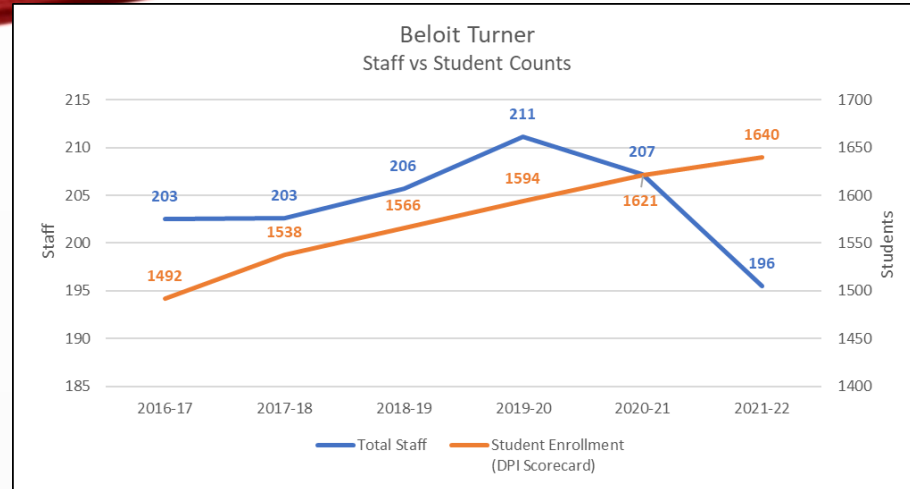


Staff & Student Trends

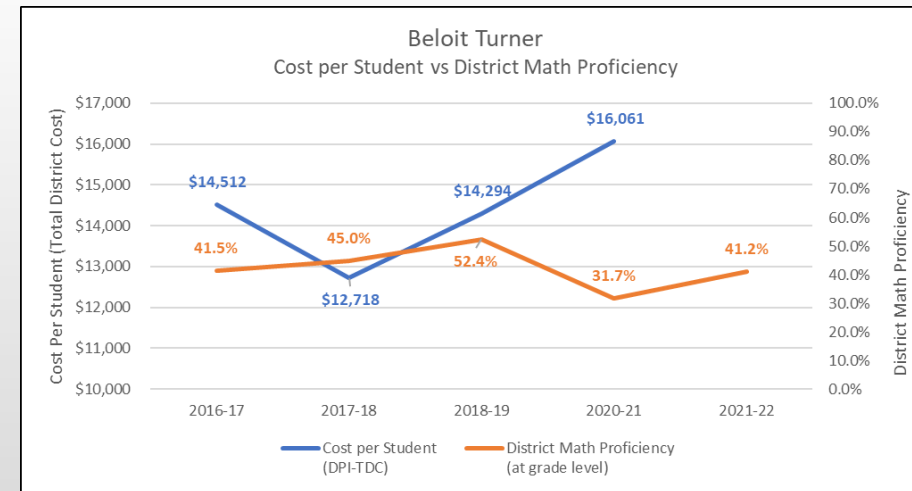
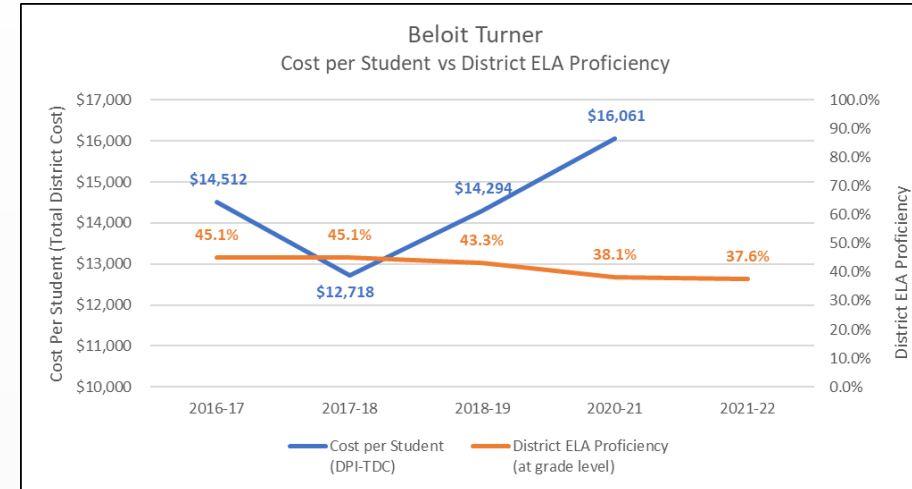


Cost to Performance Trends

BELOIT TURNER SNAPSHOT

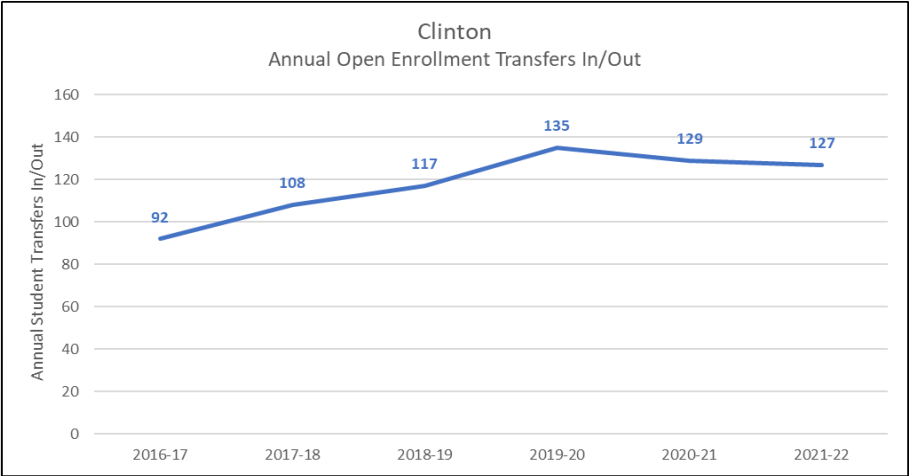
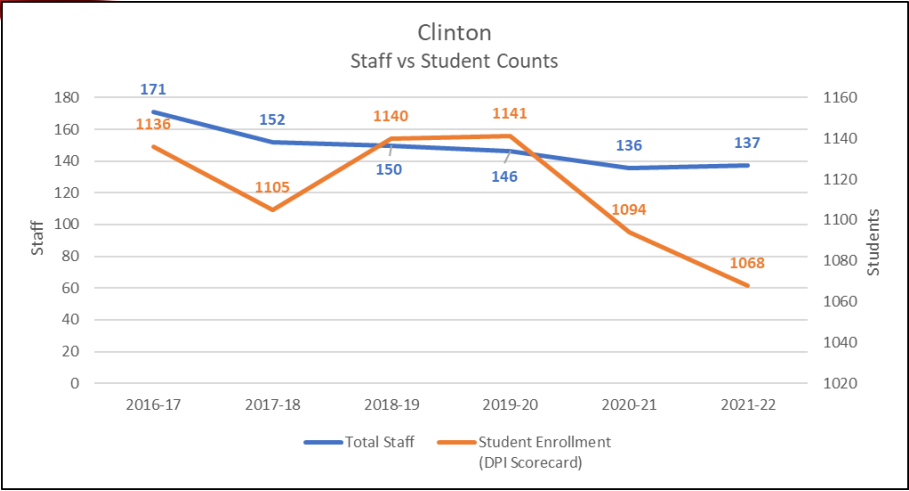


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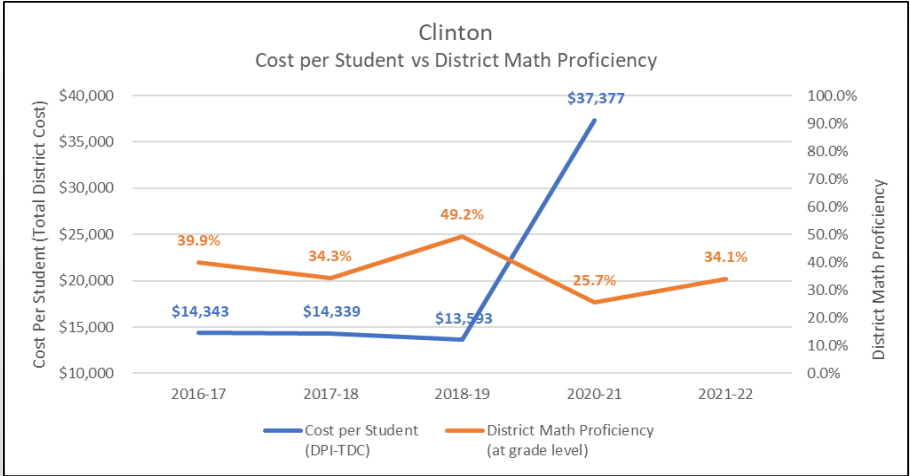
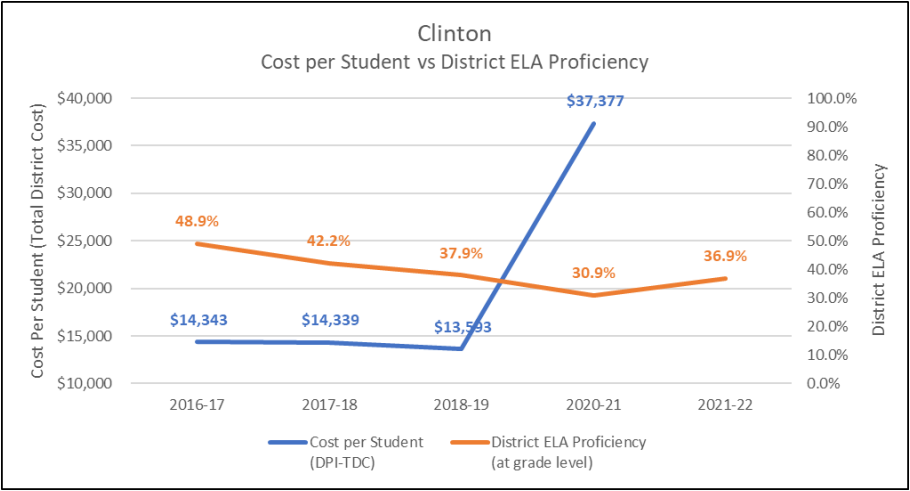


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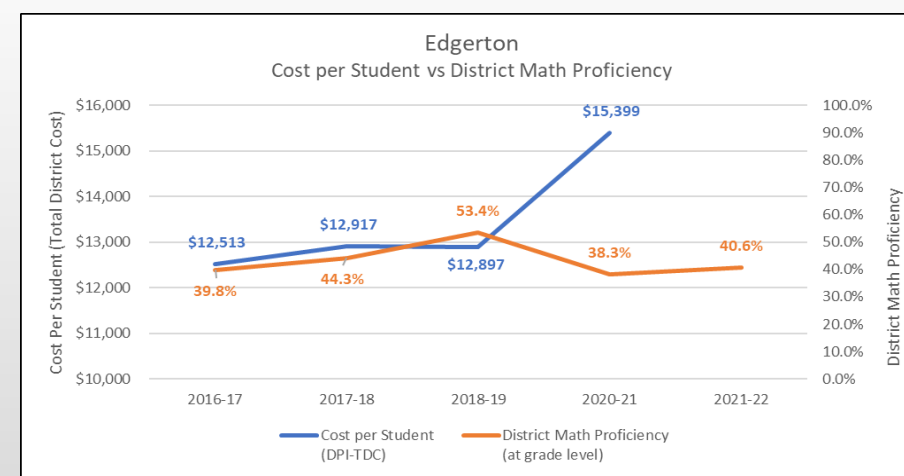
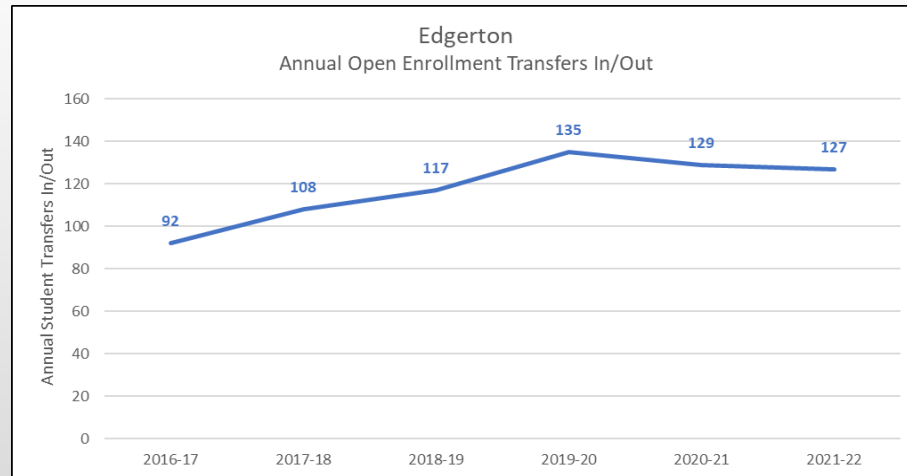
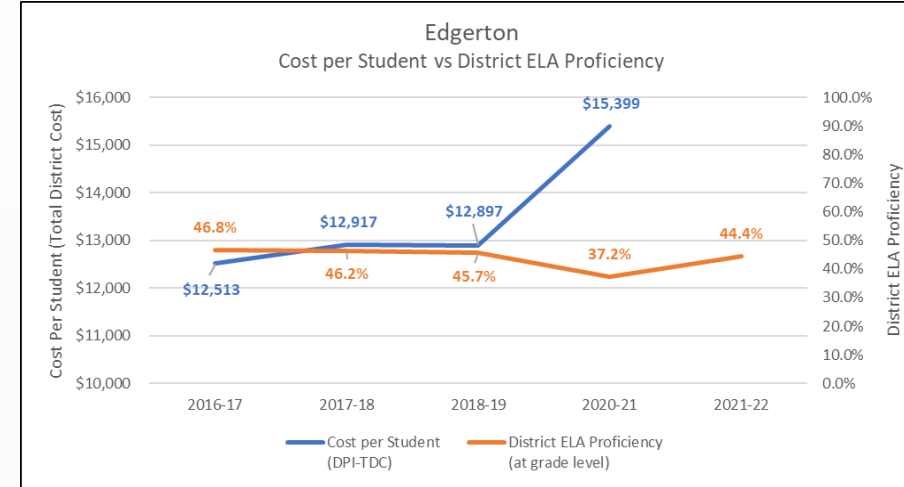
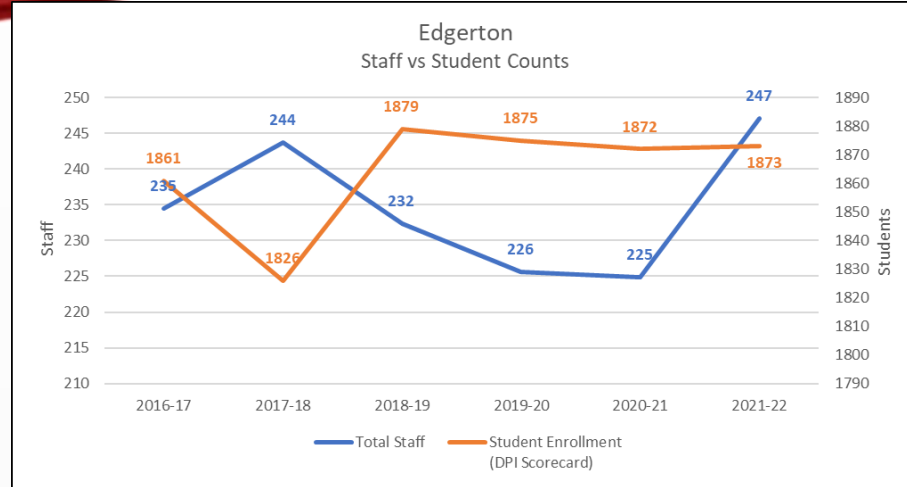
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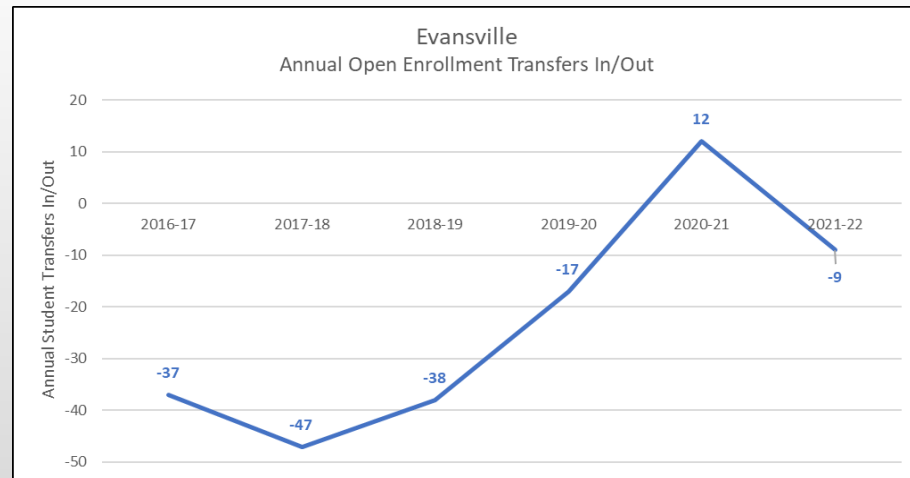
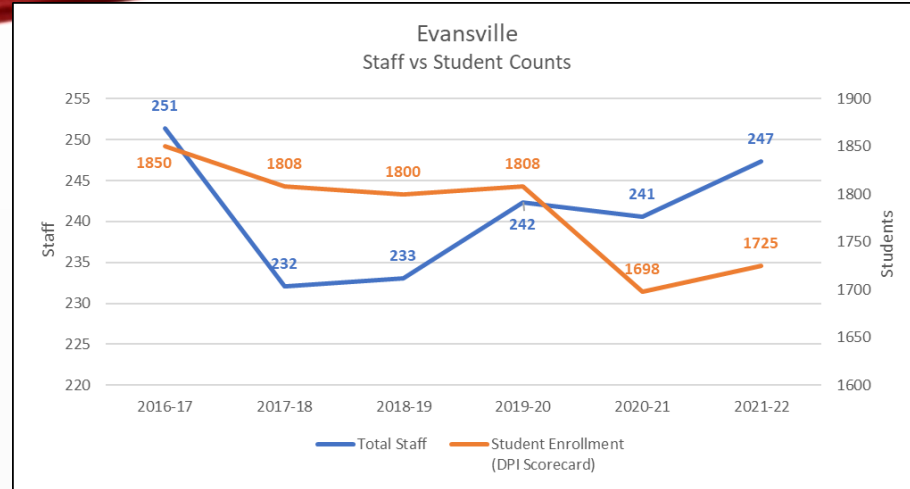
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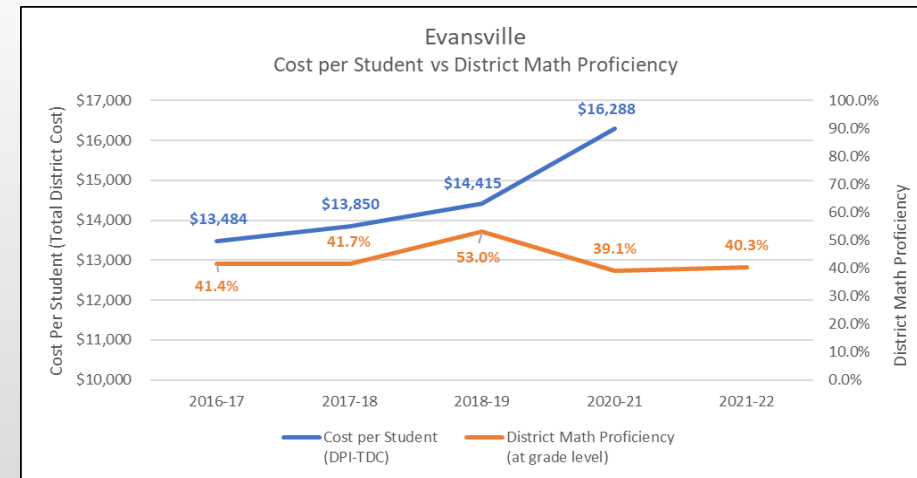
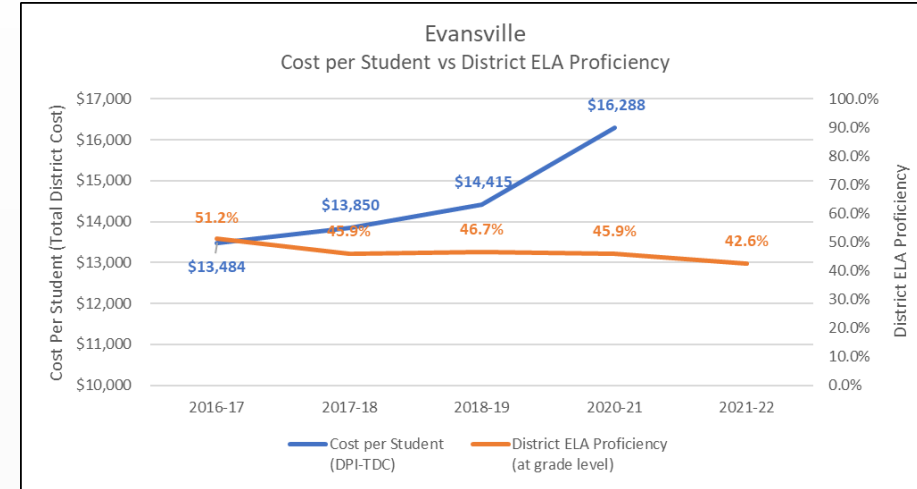
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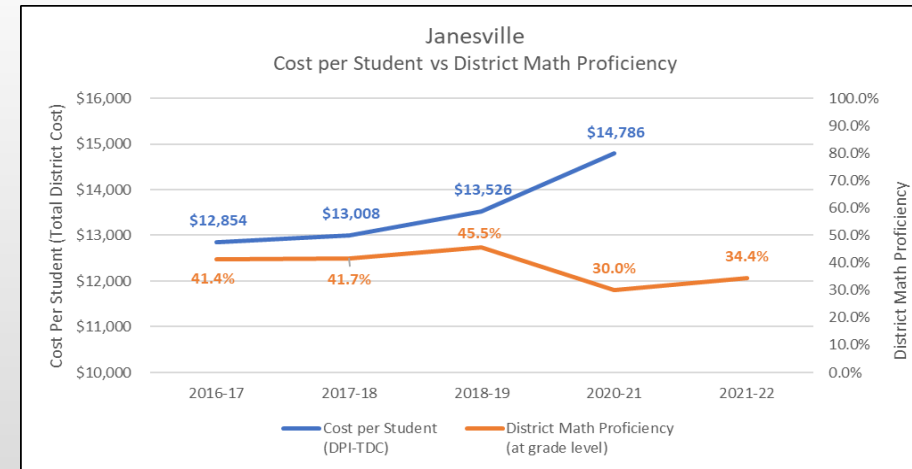
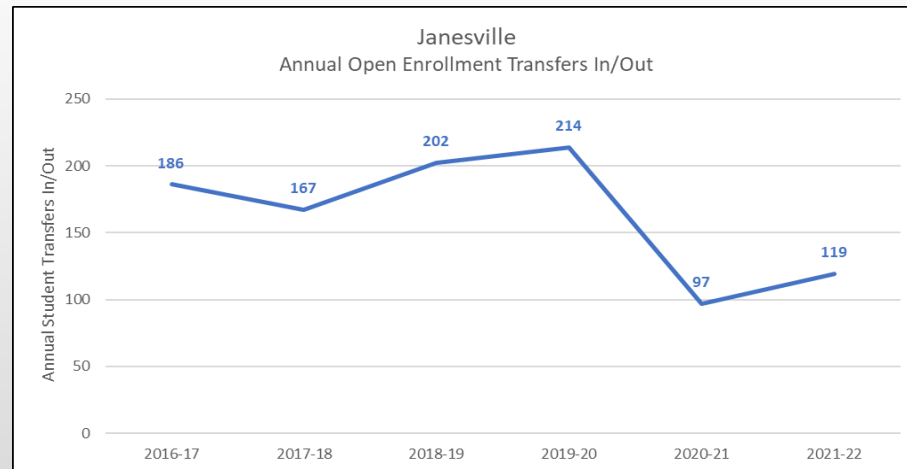
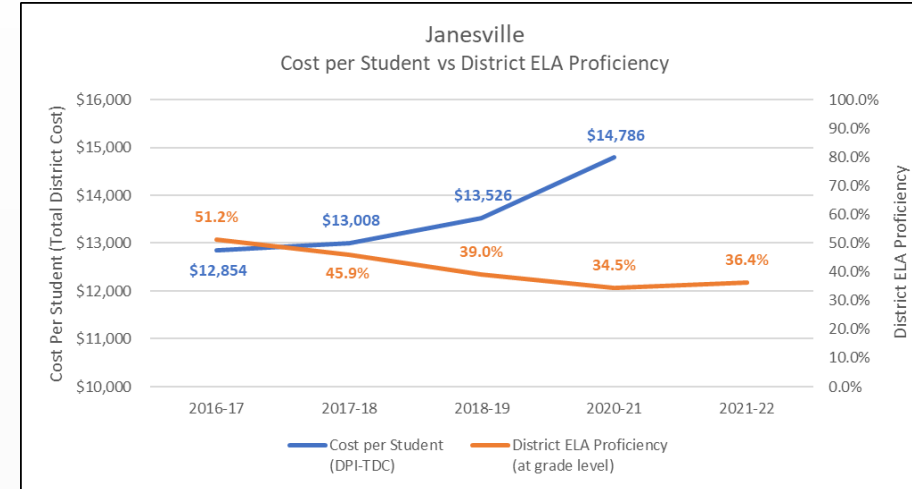
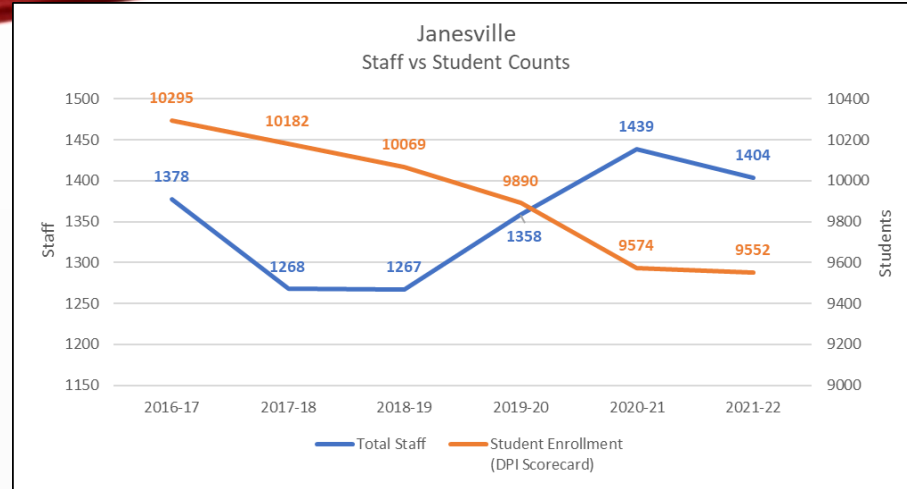


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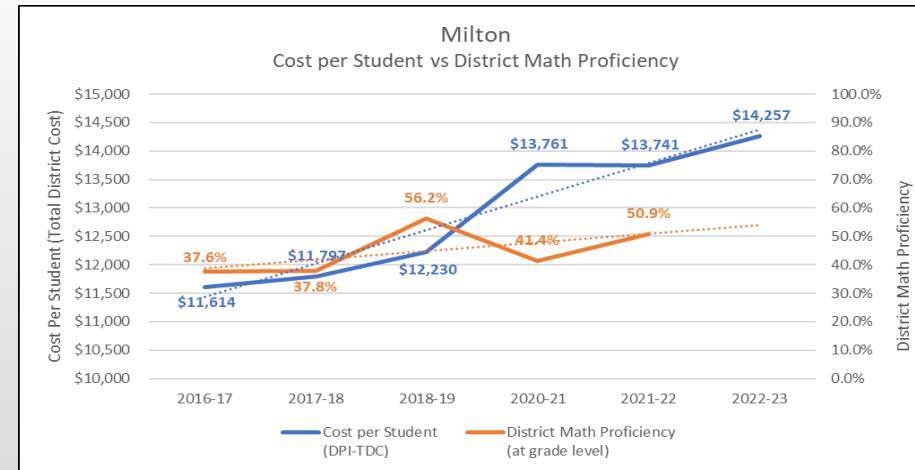
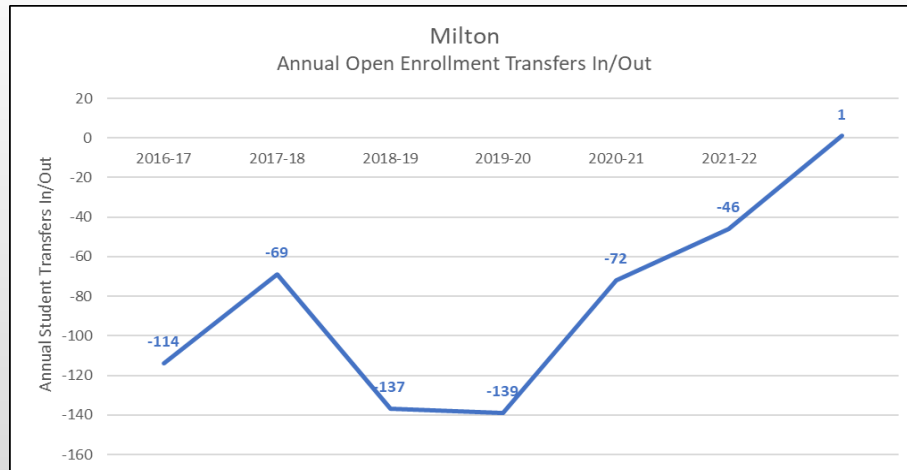
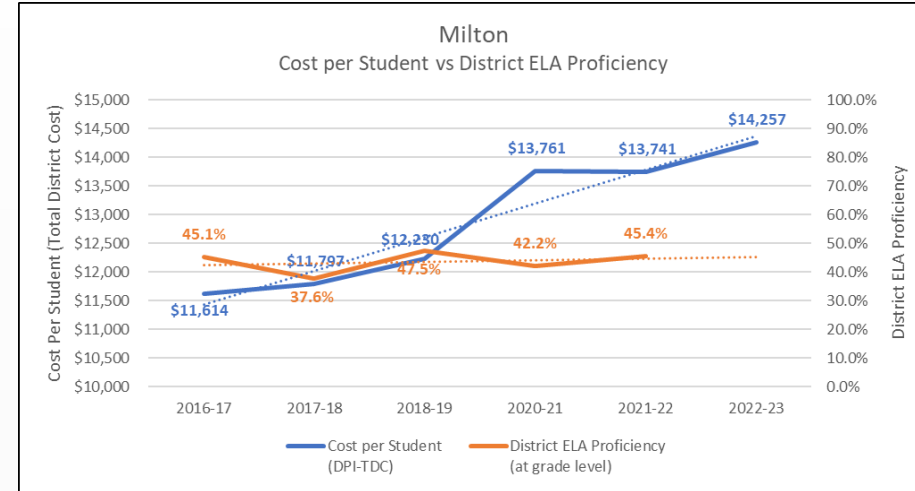
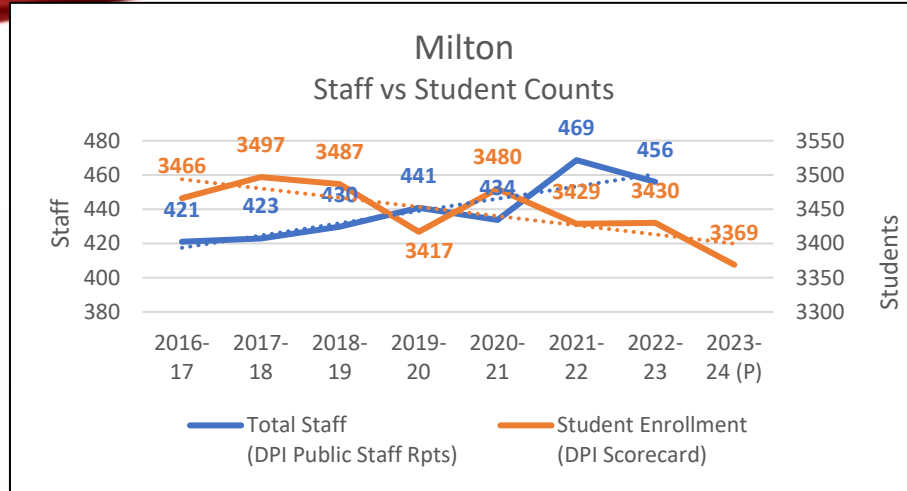
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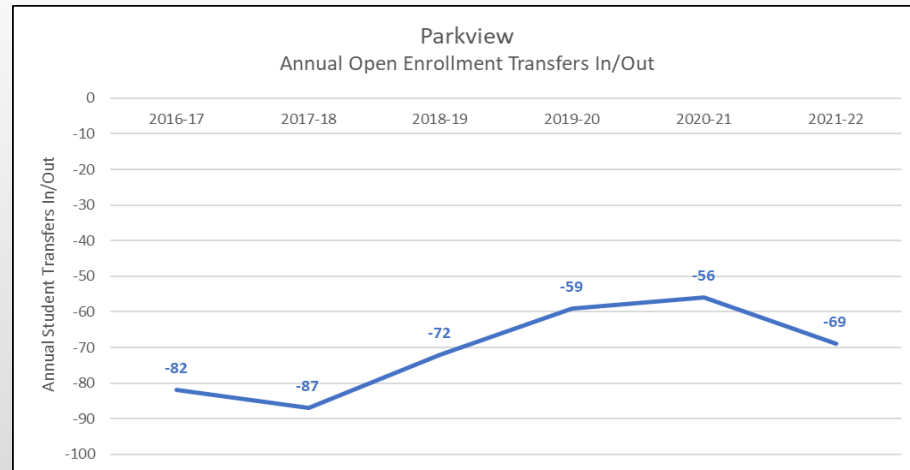
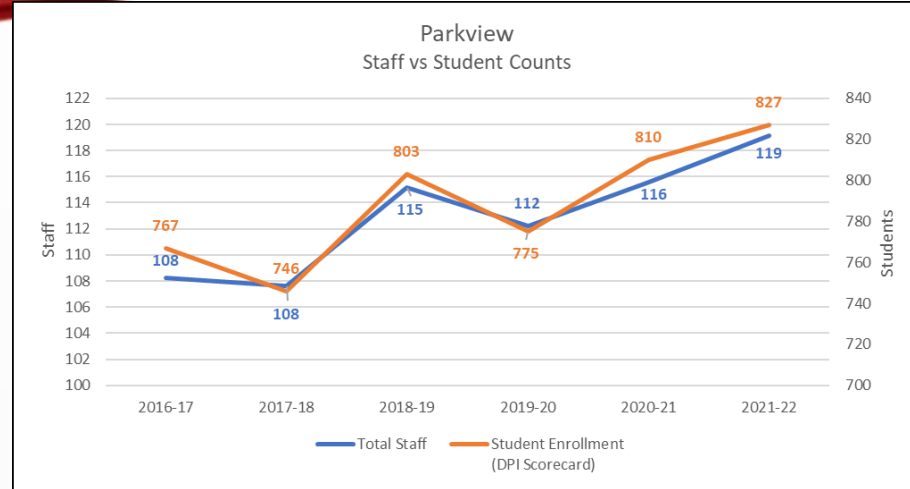
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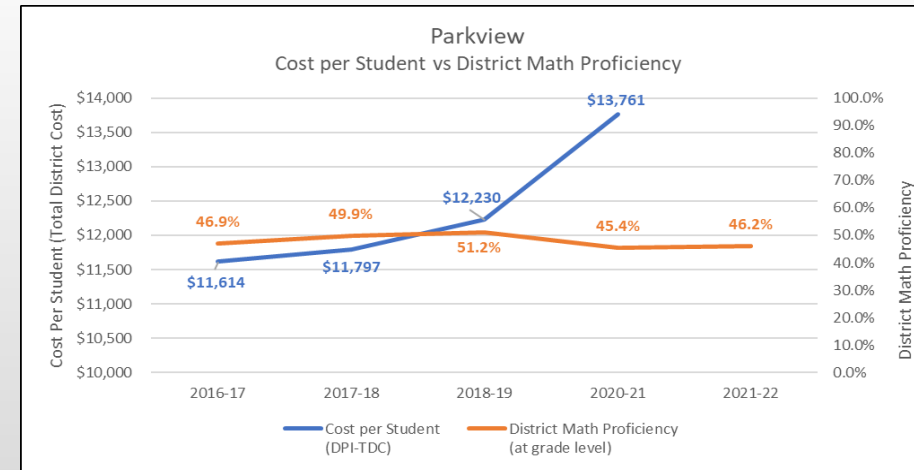
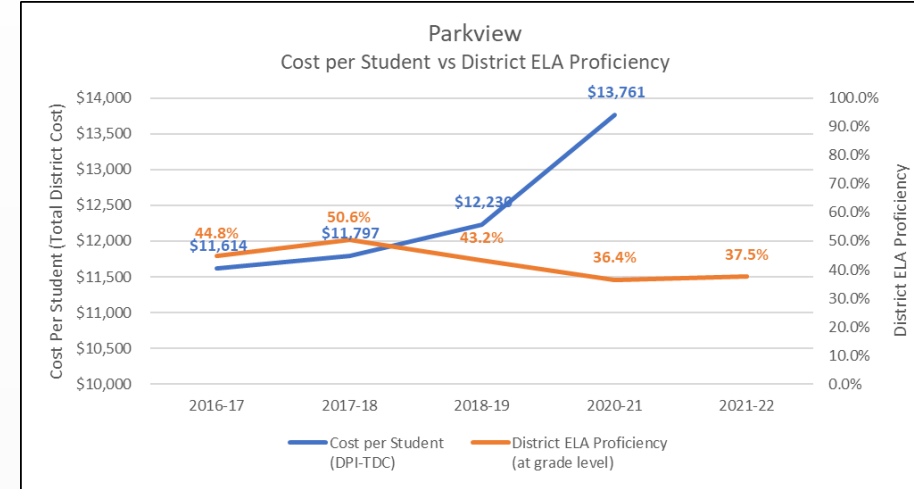
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PARKVIEW SNAPSHOT



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SOURCES

- Staff reporting:
<https://publicstaffreports.dpi.wi.gov/PubStaffReport/Public/PublicReport/RatioStudentsToFteStaffReport>
- Student enrollment / Cost per Student: *(Plus some district-level reporting from district websites)*
<https://publicstaffreports.dpi.wi.gov/PubStaffReport/Public/PublicReport/RatioStudentsToFteStaffReport>
- DPI scorecard: <https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/dashboard/19948>

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR WATCHDOG VOLUNTEERS FOR
THIS KNOWLEDGE!!!

(WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS – SIGN UP TODAY!)