



# State of Community and Schools

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# Opportunities And Challenges

**“Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world.”**

Nelson Mandela,

Nobel Peace Prize laureate



# State of Community Rahway

- ~4 square miles.
- Population:
  - In 2010 = 27,346.
  - In 2016 = 28,897 (est.).
- Racial/ethnic breakdown:
  - In 2010: 52% White\*, 31% Black, 24% Hispanic.
  - In 2016 (est.): 50% White, 30% Black, 32% Hispanic.
- College graduates: 21%.

\*White = White, not Hispanic.



# State of Community Rahway

- Housing units:
  - In 2010 = 11,300.
  - in 2017?
- Median Household Income:
  - In 2010 = \$61,751.
- Major Employers:
  - In 2010: Merck, SDI Technologies, Rahway School District.
  - In 2017? Rahway Hospital?
- Government:
  - Mayor and Town Council (9 members).



# State of Schools Rahway School District

- Enrollment:
  - In 2009-2010 = 3827 students.
  - In 2016-2017 = 3800 students.
  - Transient students?
- Projected Enrollment:
  - In 2020-2021: 3835 students.
  - Distribution of students in the grade levels?



# Projected Enrollment by Grade Levels

(actual enrollment)

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
High School	1102 (1099)	1099 (1096)	1057	1094	1125
Academy	545 (545)	560 (555)	602	615	622
Elementary Schools	2013 (2221)	1989 (2174)	1969	1935	1903
Preschool	185 (136)	185 (217)	185	185	185



# Overall Student Demographics

- Racial/ethnic breakdown:
  - In 2010: 22% White\*, 43% Black, 33% Hispanic.
  - In 2016: 16% White, 37% Black, 42% Hispanic.
- Free/Reduced Lunch and LEP:
  - In 2010: 53% F/RL and 5.3% LEP (Limited English Proficient).
  - In 2016: 42% F/RL and 8.3% LEP.
- Special Education:
  - In 2010: 16.8%.
  - In 2016: 17.7%.

\*White = White, not Hispanic.



# Goal is Student Learning







# Measures of Academic Performance

- PARCC score trends (over 3 years):
  - Growth in passing scores each year in a grade level.
  - In cohorts – growth (LA) or mixed (Math) results in passing scores.
  - Overall Rahway is below State average in passing scores.
  - Science testing – Rahway comparable to State Average.
- Graduation Rate (4 yr):
  - 85-89%.
- Post High School Plans:
  - 69% college bound.



- Snapshot/high level view of where 'we' are.
- Question – where do we want to be in 2023?



**“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.”**

Henry Ford,  
founder of Ford Motor Co.