

**2000  
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ANNUAL  
DISTRICT  
HIGHLIGHTS**

Sunday, April 23, 2000  
New Orleans

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Farmington Public School  
Georgia Department of Education  
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Ontario  
Orange County Public Schools  
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Topeka Public Schools  
Wake County Public Schools  
Wichita Public Schools

## DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

### 1999-2000 Annual Highlights Form

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

Development of on-line practice tests for the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam that are open to all students and may generate class or group reports for teachers.

Biggest Challenge:

Implementation of the new Alaska State Testing System in Anchorage and the revision of the Anchorage program to include the additional state tests.

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

Two extensive long term programs for training teachers to improve instruction in Social Studies/Language Arts instruction and in Science instruction appear to have positive effects on student achievement.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	XX		
Program evaluation*			XX
Improving achievement of low achievers			XX
PK-2 Assessment	XX		
Performance assessments			XX
Multiple choice assessments	XX		
Surveys	XX		
School profiles	XX		
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	XX		
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			XX

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|--|---|--|
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District: Ann Arbor Public Schools

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

This year we scheduled individual meetings with elementary principals early fall and late winter to review building achievement data and develop strategies for using the data to work with building staff on instructional planning. The process was well-received by principals as a way to begin or extend conversations with building staff around student achievement.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Continuing the above instructional focus in the face of all the other demands on our time.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	X		
Improving achievement of low achievers	X		
PK-2 Assessment	X		
Performance assessments	X		
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	X		
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

Reform Programs, including  
 High Schools That Work  
 GRAD Program  
 Systemic Initiative in Science and Math

Biggest Challenge:

Increasing the Percentages of Students Enrolled in Higher Level Courses  
 Preparation of Third Grade Students for Promotion  
 Retaining Qualified Teachers  
 Maximizing Parental Involvement

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

Governor Roy Barnes' plan to improve education in the State of Georgia, including lower pupil:teacher ratio.

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<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	xx	xx	Reform
Program evaluation*	xx	xx	Instruction
Improving achievement of low achievers	xx	xx	Third Grade
PK-2 Assessment	xx	xx	Reading
Performance assessments	xx	xx	Reading & Math
Multiple choice assessments	xx	xx	All Areas
Surveys	xx	xx	Customer Satisfaction
School profiles	xx	xx	Achievement Data
Reassignment of students	xx		
Training schools to use assessment/other data	xx		Teacher Workshops

Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing	xx		Support of Instruction & Technology

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Schools                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Horizons, Summer School, ASI, REP, SIA, Pay for Performance, Gifted, GRAD, High Schools That Work</u> |  |

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** On Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) total county results show a 14% overall increase in the percentage of students reaching satisfactory, (35% to 49%) in the face of a changing demography.

**Biggest Challenge:** Closing the gap between white and black students in measures such as state standardized achievement tests, and participation in gifted, enriched programs.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** Compelling interest in using formative and summative data to identify students, chart progress, evaluate programs, assign extra staff, provide grants. A marked change in the attitude toward research and evaluation from 10 years ago!

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	√		√
Improving achievement of low achievers			
PK-2 Assessment	√	√	√
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			√
Surveys	√		√
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	√		√
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:** Working with staff who want to learn to interpret data accurately and use it in decision making.

**Biggest Challenge:** Getting people to understand the similarity and differences between summative assessment and instruction.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

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Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	X		
Improving achievement of low achievers			
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments	X		
Multiple choice assessments	X		
Surveys	X		
School profiles	X		
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	XX		
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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\_\_Charter Schools

\_\_Other\_\_\_\_Read Right\_\_\_\_\_

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

- Surviving (so far) a year with 3 vacancies in a staff of 7.
- Progress on a data warehouse and Executive Information System

Biggest Challenge:

- Staying the “multiple-measures” (NRT & district tests) as state testing volume increases\
- Finding storage and work space for a projected 15 pallets of state test materials

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

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Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			
Improving achievement of low achievers			XX
PK-2 Assessment			XX
Performance assessments	XX		
Multiple choice assessments	XX		
Surveys			
School profiles	XX	XX	XX
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	XX		XX
Dropout reporting			
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
Positive Highlight:

Biggest Challenge:

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

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Evaluating restructuring of schools*	X		
Program evaluation*	X		
Improving achievement of low achievers	X		
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments	X		
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys	X		
School profiles	X		
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	X		
Dropout reporting			
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Grant writing			

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Development of a staff development model for standard-based instruction for teachers.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Making school improvement workable in schools.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

The most successful principal characteristic is getting along with people.

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Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			✓
Improving achievement of low achievers	✓		✓
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments	✓		✓
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys	✓		✓
School profiles	✓		
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data			✓
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			✓
Grant writing			

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Planning and participating in a highly successful Educational Benchmarking Network Annual Conference with other like school districts on best practices in Assessment and Technology.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Getting the resources to get the job done (esp. personnel).

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

Limited relationship between being on grade level on Text Reading Level at the end of grade 2 and being on grade level on Reading Comprehension at the beginning of grade 3.

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<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	minor		
Improving achievement of low achievers	✓		
PK-2 Assessment	✓	in process	
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments	✓	in process	
Surveys	✓	yes	
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data			
Dropout reporting	✓		
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing	✓		

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District: Escambia Public Schools

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:** I have a new secretary who is of exceptional ability and who possesses computer skills at an advanced level, permitting her to assist me in data processing and graphic presentations involving several software packages.

**Biggest Challenge:** Collecting, analyzing, and presenting data in such a manner which defends the effectiveness of the public schools in the face of awesome political pressures in support of vouchers, charter schools, home schooling, etc., all of which deplete supportive funding.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** Data from five years of year-round schooling versus a traditional schedule produced no significant differences relative to gains in academic achievement.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	√	√	√
Program evaluation*	√	√	√
Improving achievement of low achievers	√	√	√
PK-2 Assessment	√	√	√
Performance assessments	√	√	√
Multiple choice assessments	√	√	√
Surveys	√	√	√
School profiles	√	√	√
Reassignment of students	√	√	√
Training schools to use assessment/other data	√	√	√
Dropout reporting	√	√	√
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)	√	√	√
Grant writing			

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District: ESU 18/Lincoln Public School

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** The development, administrative, scoring, equating, reporting and validation of graduation demonstration examinations in reading, math and writing.

**Biggest Challenge:** Developing indicators of quality education that will be useful in school improvement and meaningful to public.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** The development of local assessments of state/district standards in language arts (grades 4, 8 and 11) and math (grade 4). This work will continue and expand to include math at grades 8 and 11, and social studies and science in grades 4,8 and 11.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

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Program evaluation*	√		
Improving achievement of low achievers	√		√
PK-2 Assessment	√		
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			√
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	√		√
Dropout reporting			√
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
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District: Evanston/Skokie School District

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** Re-vestured achievement test data by mastery levels within standards for classroom use.

**Biggest Challenge:** Making sense out of multiple assessments when trying to assess academic growth.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** The formation of a network of 14 urban/suburban districts focusing on minority achievement called the "Minority Achievement Network"

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	√		√
Program evaluation*	√		√
Improving achievement of low achievers	√		√
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	√		√
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

\*Please check any of the following programs you are evaluating as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/> Roots and Wings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> ATLAS Communities
<input type="checkbox"/> America's Choice Design Network	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-NECT Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Schools
<input type="checkbox"/> Coalition for Essential Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Montessori	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title I
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug-Free School Efforts	<input type="checkbox"/> Edison Project
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Summer School	

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District: Evergreen

Respondent: Sylvia Dean Title: Manager, Res./Prog. Eval. Specialist

Address: 13501 NE 28th

City: Vancouver State/Province: WA Zip/Postal Code: 98668

Phone: (360) 604-4004 Fax: E-Mail: (360) 892-5307

*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Building team collaboration focused on research as a reflective "hard questions" process.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Balancing high-stakes Board/Superintendent/District Personnel, policy and evaluation requests while delivering quality results.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

How districts are creatively finding time for teacher planning and sleep research regarding adolescent development.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	✓	pending	Learning Network
Program evaluation*	✓	pending	
Improving achievement of low achievers	✓		
PK-2 Assessment	✓	wet res. district	
Performance assessments	✓		
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys	✓		
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	✓		
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing	support with resources		

\*Please check any of the following programs you are evaluating as appropriate:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roots and Wings                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Recovery   | <input type="checkbox"/> ATLAS Communities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> America's Choice Design Network | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-NECT Schools  | <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition for Essential Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori   | <input type="checkbox"/> Title I             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug-Free School Efforts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Edison Project      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Schools                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Model Classrooms, Learning Network, Single Track/Modified Calendar</u> |  |

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District: Farmington Public School  
 Respondent: Barbara Cherem Title: Director of Assessment & Evaluation  
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** Getting 2 school begun identifying and talking about indicators of their students & school's success.

**Biggest Challenge:** Finding communicable indicators of student achievement and growth that are not standardized tests.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** Reading recovery discontinue rate over 1<sup>st</sup> years of full implementation portfolio, student involved conference process driving new reports. (report cards)

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			√
Program evaluation*	√		√
Improving achievement of low achievers			√
PK-2 Assessment	√		
Performance assessments			√
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys	√		
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data			
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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<input type="checkbox"/> Coalition for Essential Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Montessori	<input type="checkbox"/> Title I
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug-Free School Efforts	<input type="checkbox"/> Edison Project
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other our district programs	20 of them

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District: Georgia Department of Education – Division of Research, Evaluation & Testing  
 Respondent: David J. Harmon Title: Division Director  
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 City: Atlanta State/Province: GA Zip/Postal Code: 30334  
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** Construction of middle grade study.

**Biggest Challenge:** Supporting the need for formative evaluation.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** Several major statewide remedial programs appear to improve achievement only among "very" low performing students.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			✓
Improving achievement of low achievers			
PK-2 Assessment			✓
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data			
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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District: Jefferson County Public Schools

Respondent: Robert Rodosky Title: Exec. Dir., Account. Res. & Plan.

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Hired three evaluators in last year and staffed a position entitled "specialist" organization development to look at district-wide services (effectiveness and efficiency).

**Biggest Challenge:**

Maintaining current student assignment plan which desegregates all our schools.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

When looking at students in terms of where they live and go to school: Students living in Title I school areas do better going to schools that have no Title I services.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	✓		
Program evaluation*	✓		✓
Improving achievement of low achievers	✓	✓	✓
PK-2 Assessment	✓	✓	✓
Performance assessments	✓	✓	✓
Multiple choice assessments	✓	✓	
Surveys	✓	✓	✓
School profiles	✓		
Reassignment of students	✓		✓
Training schools to use assessment/other data	✓		✓
Dropout reporting	✓	✓	
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)	✓	✓	
Grant writing			

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District: Lexington County School District One

Respondent: Dr. Janelle Rivers Title: Coordinator, Testing & Evaluation

Address: P.O. Box 1869

City: Lexington State/Province: SC Zip/Postal Code: 29071

Phone: 803-359-4178 Fax: 803-359-8807

*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** Lexington District has restructured its testing program in the past 18 months. In addition to the new Palmetto Achievement Challenge test, some norm-referenced testing, the District has developed a career guidance component to help students and parents plan.

**Biggest Challenge:** The logistics of the State's new testing program and the necessity of teaching various audiences about it were challenges this year.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** First release of scores for the State's new standards based assessment was a media event for everyone in the state.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			
Improving achievement of low achievers			
PK-2 Assessment	√	No	
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	upcoming		
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roots and Wings                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Recovery         | <input type="checkbox"/> ATLAS Communities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> America's Choice Design Network | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-NECT Schools          | <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition for Essential Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori               | <input type="checkbox"/> Title I             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug-Free School Efforts | <input type="checkbox"/> Edison Project      |
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Note change of employment address from Hamilton Board of Education  
 District Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

Respondent: Bob Crouch Title: Director of Research and Eval.

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Phone: 615-259-8430 Fax: 615-259-8451 E-mail: bob.crouch@nashville.com

*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

1. Our department has conducted two full-day workshops (one in 1998-99, one in 1999-00) involving every principal and every cluster, in how to understand and use the various standardized assessment data. Anecdotal indication are that more schools are using the data in ways they never had before the training.
2. There is a growing and concerted effort of schools to work in feeder-pattern cluster, largely due to the data-use training cited above.
3. A study was "commissioned" by the superintendent to identify differential strategies and practices between effective and less-effective schools within our district. We found nothing that has not already been reported by other studies, in spite of being careful to minimize the tendency to "find what you already knew." The study reinforces, at a local level, what other researchers have reported elsewhere.

Biggest Challenge:

1. *Establishing a system by which schools report their data accurately and on time.*
2. *There are a number of issues that tend to revolve around a districtwide lack of focus and communication: a) a "quick-fix" mentality seems to pervade all levels of the organization, as opposed to identifying root causes and long-term solutions to complex problems; b) attempting to respond to constantly shifting board-member issues keeps central office staff fragmented and unable to remain focused until projects are complete or can show any results; c) there does not appear to be alignment in purpose between such programs as Drug-Free Schools and academic improvement goals.*

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			
Improving achievement of low achievers	X		X
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles	X		X
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	X		X
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

\*Please check any of the following programs you are evaluating as appropriate:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roots and Wings                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1998-99) Reading Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> ATLAS Communities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> America's Choice Design Network | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-NECT Schools                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition for Essential Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Title I             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug-Free School Efforts              | <input type="checkbox"/> Edison Project      |
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District: Natrona County School District #1

Respondent: Michael Flicek Title: Research Assessment Coordinator

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mike\_flicek@ncsd.k12.wy.us

*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

We started our Office of Assessment & Research from scratch last year. We are vastly improving the accuracy of our student demographic data and the quality and quantity of our student performance data.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Wyoming school accreditation requirements have mandated the local development of large-scale performance assessments in many curriculum areas. Evaluating the validity and reliability of these assessments will present a large challenge.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

All kindergarten students were tested on letter-sound, letter-10, and concepts about print during the first week of school. Impact of choice schools and school-by-school diversity of instructional challenge was clearly illustrated.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			✓
Improving achievement of low achievers	✓		
PK-2 Assessment	✓	✓	
Performance assessments	✓		✓
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	✓		✓
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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District:     New York City Public Schools      
 Respondent:     Robert Tobias     Title:     Executive Director      
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** Increased understanding and use of assessment data for school-based planning.

**Biggest Challenge:** Maintaining the integrity of test data in the face of ever-higher stakes for students, teachers, and administrators.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:** Students who were formerly served in Bilingual/English as a second language programs out performed their monolingual peers on standardized tests of reading and math.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	X	X	
Improving achievement of low achievers			
PK-2 Assessment	X		X
Performance assessments	X		
Multiple choice assessments	X		
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students	X		
Training schools to use assessment/other data	X	X	X
Dropout reporting	X	X	
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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Note change of employment address from Hamilton Board of Education

District: Ontario

Respondent: Connie Kidd

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Fax: 416-325-6622

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Collaborative development of board-wide early literacy guidelines, including guidelines for schools for monitoring effectiveness of early literacy programs

**Biggest Challenge:**

*Transition to large scale assessment environment at Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)*

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

Classroom teachers and principals on "Literacy Guidelines" committee agreed that any classroom assessments useful for summative purposes could, with agreement and collaboration, also be summarized collectively for school-wide improvement planning

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	*		
Improving achievement of low achievers	*		
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments	*		
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys			
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data		*	*
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

\*Please check any of the following programs you are evaluating as appropriate:

Roots and Wings

\*(1998-99) Reading Recovery

ATLAS Communities

America's Choice Design Network

Co-NECT Schools

Accelerated Schools

Coalition for Essential Schools

Montessori

Title I

English as a Second Language

Drug-Free School Efforts

Edison Project

Charter Schools

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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District: Orange County

Respondent: Lee Baldwin Title: Sr. Director, Program Services

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

We have had a reorganization so that now Assessment and Research are in the Education Services Division.

Biggest Challenge:

We are trying to provide more and more information for schools in an accountability atmosphere the makes for a tense climate. Information requests have created different needs for staff skills such as much more technical skills and less general program evaluation skills.

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

The stages grading of schools has greatly changed the climate in schools and their reactions to accountability.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			
Improving achievement of low achievers	xx		xx
PK-2 Assessment			xx
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys	xx		
School profiles	xx		xx
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data			
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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District: Orange Unified School District

Respondent: Phil Morse Title: Director, Research & Assessment

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Phone: (714) 628-4099 Fax: E-Mail: 714/628-4091  
philm@orangeusd.k12.ca.us

*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

In my first year in this position, I was able to provide detailed, appropriate information to principals for high-stakes decisions.

**Biggest Challenge:**

State assessment program is a "blunt instrument". Also, for me, a quick learning curve in recovering, manipulating, and interpreting data.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

Correlation between schools' percentage of limited English proficient students and test scores is approximately -.85 (p<.01)!

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*			✓
Improving achievement of low achievers			✓
PK-2 Assessment	✓		
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments	✓		
Surveys			✓
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			✓
Training schools to use assessment/other data	✓		
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

Major reviews of Language Arts (K-OAC) and Math (K-OAC)

Biggest Challenge:

Review of special education/student services

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	XX	XX	XX
Improving achievement of low achievers			XX
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments			XX
Multiple choice assessments	XX	XX	
Surveys	XX		
School profiles	XX	XX	
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	XX	XX	XX
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			XX
Grant writing			

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District: Portsmouth Public Schools  
 Respondent: Derrick Nottingham Title: Director  
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*  
**Positive Highlight:** preparatory Academic program designed for middle and high school students tailing two or more core academic classes, previous SOL Tests, or two or more grade levels behind in reading has been a success. We have seen marked improvement of participants.

**Biggest Challenge:** Coordinating the planning and development of a new and more user friendly data management system. Due that will hopefully incorporate new state data demands (e.g., discipline, crime, violence, remediation, dropouts etc).

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	√		√
Improving achievement of low achievers			√
PK-2 Assessment			√
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments			
Surveys	√		√
School profiles			
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data	√		√
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)	√		√
Grant writing			

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District: Puget Sound Educational Service District  
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Planning for an expanded regional Assessment Center to include members of our Instructional Services Department. Focus will be on classroom assessment and Iska-Oriven decision making.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Our department is a fee-for-service based organization. Maintaining adequate funds for operation is problematic.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

Comprehensive study of common team planning in a school using an interdisciplinay teaming approach.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	✓		✓
Improving achievement of low achievers	✓		✓
PK-2 Assessment			
Performance assessments	✓		✓
Multiple choice assessments	✓		✓
Surveys	✓		
School profiles	✓		
Reassignment of students			
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Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)	✓		
Grant writing			

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District: Rowland Unified School District

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

We have fully implemented a standards-based system and it truly benefits our students. Our schools use our reports to monitor instruction and teachers are gaining a better understanding of the role of assessment.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Producing all the multiple measures results and reports in the first month of school. Then reconfiguring it all by current class enrollment, plus all the parent notification due to recent legislation to end social promotion.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

State accountability has created a need for positions of stature that focuses on student achievement and accountability. In districts with Directors, these positions have become Assistant Superintendent level. Even small districts find contract services inadequate as needs are dynamic, systemic in nature and ongoing.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

<b>Programs/Initiatives</b>	<b>Major Area of Work</b>	<b>Report Available?</b>	<b>Major Area of Interest</b>
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			XX
Program evaluation*			XX
Improving achievement of low achievers	XX		
PK-2 Assessment	XX		
Performance assessments	XX		
Multiple choice assessments	XX		
Surveys			
School profiles	XX	XX	
Reassignment of students			
Training schools to use assessment/other data			XX
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)			
Grant writing			

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District: Sacramento City Unified School District

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

Positive Highlight:

Production of a variety of summary reports on school achievement with a 4-6 week turnaround.

Biggest Challenge:

District demands for data have been extreme. "Data-driven" is a key saying! Also comparing district achievement across multiple measures with the new California Academic Performance Index, based upon a single test, that ranks schools by deciles statewide or with similar schools.

Most Interesting Finding or Event:

The hunger of principals and teachers for data to monitor student achievement prior to the state testing program, including a willingness to use computers for data input and producing reports.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*			
Program evaluation*	X	Yes	X
Improving achievement of low achievers	X		X
PK-2 Assessment	X	Yes	X
Performance assessments			
Multiple choice assessments	X		
Surveys	X	Yes	
School profiles	X	Yes	X
Reassignment of students	X		X
Training schools to use assessment/other data	X	Yes	X
Dropout reporting			
Safe schools (including violence/suspension data)	X	Yes	
Grant writing	X		

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District: Saint Paul (MN) Public Schools  
 Respondent: Geoff Maruyama Title: Interim Dir., Res., Eval. & Assess.  
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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Implemented school accountability system.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Evaluating implementation of comprehensive school reform models in all schools and evaluating implementation of site-based budgeting and decision making.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

Results of evaluation of Sylvan Learning – will bring executive summary.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

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Program evaluation*	✓		
Improving achievement of low achievers			✓
PK-2 Assessment	✓		
Performance assessments			
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District: Topeka Public Schools

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

Significant progress made in meeting IDEA assessment requirements and doing related staff development.

**Biggest Challenge:**

Implementing the Abacus Instructional Management System in all 21 of our elementary schools.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

For two years in a row, although our district's official #1 priority was reading instruction, we made greater gains in mathematics.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

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Improving achievement of low achievers	✓		✓
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Reassignment of students	✓		
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Dropout reporting	✓		
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Grant writing	✓		✓

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District: Wake County Public Schools

Respondent: Karen Banks/Nancy Baenen/Chuck Dulaney Title: Asst. Supt./Dirs., Acct. & Eval.

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:**

1. Helping teachers and administrators analyze their performance in the North Carolina ABC accountability program. 2. Getting some extra space!

**Biggest Challenge:**

1. Helping teachers and administrators understand the implication of a large standard error on interpreting individual student results. 2. Determining appropriate ways to support schools in accomplishing the WCPSS achievement goal of 95% of students scoring on grade level by 2003.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

Watching teachers work to analyze item analysis results.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

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Improving achievement of low achievers	✓	✓	✓
PK-2 Assessment	✓		✓
Performance assessments	✓		
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Dropout reporting	✓		
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District: Wichita Public Schools

Respondent: H. Guy Glidden Title: Director, Pupil Evaluation

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*Part I: Please list one item related to this past year for each of the following categories:*

**Positive Highlight:** The highlights of the 1999-2000 school year are:

- 1—Major studies have been completed in the area of connectedness.
- 2—A two-year study of teen employment was completed.
- 3—Increased confidence in the school district led to passage of a major bond issue.
- 4—Continued progress in the development of benchmark achievement standards.

**Biggest Challenge:**

- 1—The successful completion of the Wichita Benchmark Assessment Program, including high school exit expectations.
- 2—Support for the continuing increase of student achievement.

**Most Interesting Finding or Event:**

A bond issue was passed with 64% yes votes. The bonds will provide 284.5 million dollars for new construction and the renovation of current school facilities. Increased confidence in the Wichita Public Schools was cited as a major factor in support of the bond issue.

*Part 2: Please indicate major areas of work and interest by checking appropriate columns below.*

Programs/Initiatives	Major Area of Work	Report Available?	Major Area of Interest
Evaluating restructuring of schools*	x		
Program evaluation*	x		x
Improving achievement of low achievers	x		x
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