ESSA from the vantage point of small-to-midsize urbans

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These districts have a large, disproportionate share of disadvantaged students in New England

Share of all schools, students, low-income students, and LEP students in small-to-midsize New England Districts (44 districts total)

- Share of schools: 17%
- Share of students: 22%
- Share of low-income students: 43%
- Share of LEP students: 52%

Note: Small-to-midsize high-need districts have more than 40 percent low-income students and enrollments between 5,000 and 25,000 students in southern New England and more than 3,000 enrollments in Northern New England.
The share of low-income students in these districts is particularly large in Southern NE Connecticut.

**15 districts:**
- Bridgeport
- Bristol
- Danbury
- East Hartford
- Hamden
- Hartford
- Manchester
- Meriden
- New Britain
- New Haven
- Norwalk
- Stamford
- Stratford
- Waterbury
- West Haven
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16 districts:
- Brockton
- Chelsea
- Chicopee
- Everett
- Fall River
- Fitchburg
- Haverhill
- Holyoke
- Lawrence
- Lowell
- Lynn
- Malden
- New Bedford
- Pittsfield
- Springfield
- Worcester

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Rhode Island

32%  38%  56%  75%

Share of Schools  Share of Students  Share of low-income students  Share of LEP students

5 districts:
- Cranston
- East Providence
- Pawtucket
- Providence
- Woonsocket
The share of LEP students in these districts is particularly large in Northern NE

New Hampshire
- 3 districts: Manchester, Nashua, Rochester
- Share of LEP students: 57%

Maine
- 4 districts: Auburn, Bangor, Lewiston, Portland
- Share of LEP students: 58%

Vermont
- 1 district: Burlington
- Share of LEP students: 33%

Share of Schools | Share of Students | Share of Low-Income Students | Share of LEP Students
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New Hampshire | 10% | 16% | 29% | 57%
Maine | 7% | 10% | 13% | 58%
Vermont | 2% | 4% | 6% | 33%
While all 44 districts are high-poverty, only half have large numbers of LEP students.

Distribution of district by share of students with limited English

- **1-10%**: 18 districts
- **11-20%**: 16 districts
- **21-30%**: 8 districts
- **31-40%**: 2 districts

Share of students LEP
The concentration of poverty has accelerated in these districts since NCLB

Share of students who are low-income in MA Gateway Cities

MERA 1993  NCLB 2002
The connection between school-quality and urban revitalization is stronger in these communities.

Tax levy by class, FY 14

Boston

- Residential: 38%
- Commercial: 62%

Worcester

- Residential: 38%
- Commercial: 62%
Rising to the opportunity & challenge of ESSA

- **This is about learning.** Developing deeper knowledge of the policy and innovations in actual practice that provide lessons for the future.

- **This is about voice for these districts in a policy matter with particular relevance.**

- **This not about consensus.** However, where common ground exists, we will identify and highlight it.