

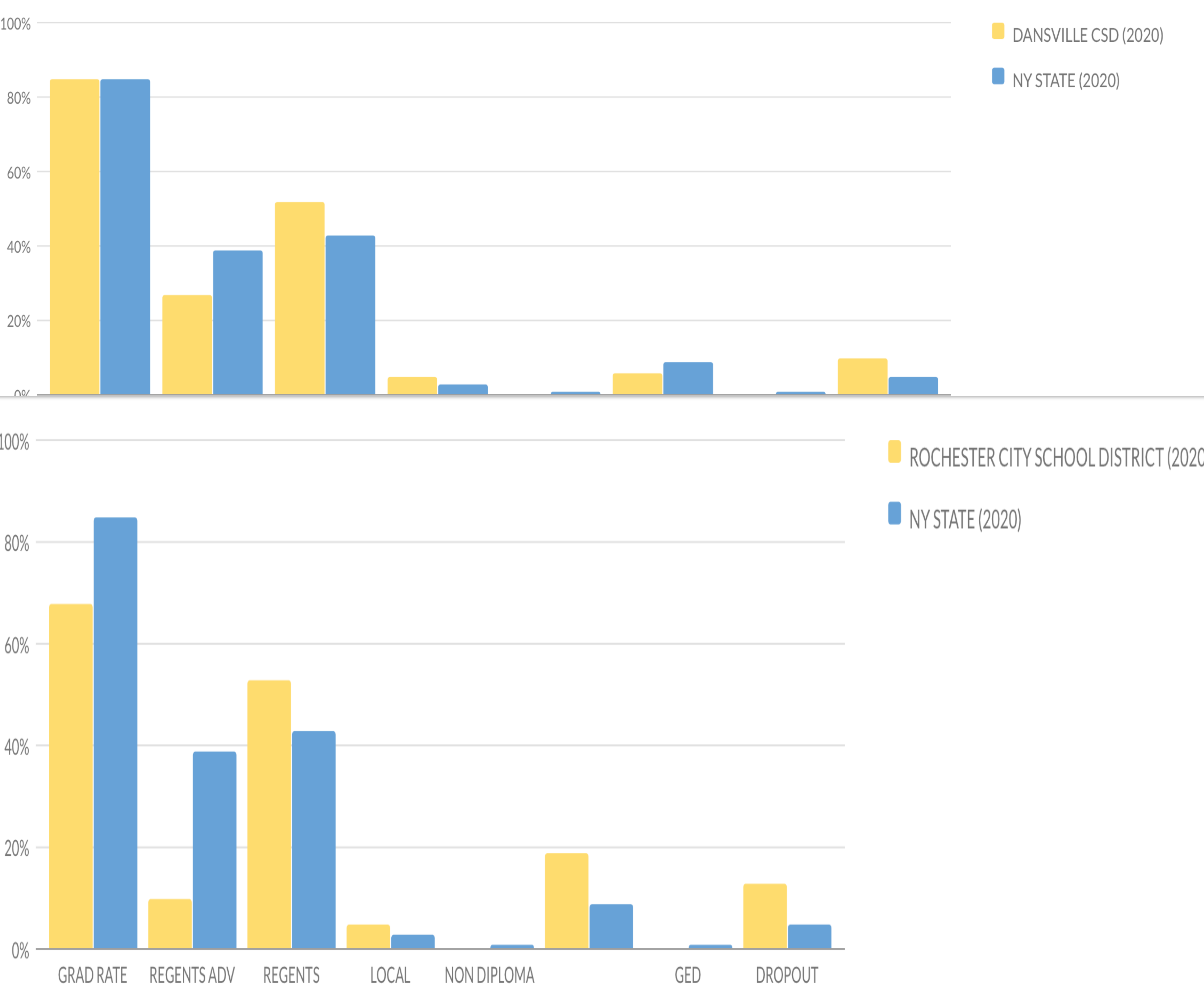
# Urban vs Rural School Districts: How can we help our students succeed?

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## The Problem

- In the United States, the education system is one of the largest funded programs. Unfortunately, the United States does not recognize the inequalities among different areas--suburban, rural, and urban.
- The target population is grades K-12 from Dansville Central School District and Rochester City School District (RCSD).
- There is an absence of government in rural areas.
- 87% of students in the RSCD are either African American or Hispanic.
- 55% of students in Dansville Central School District are economically disadvantaged
- The race most likely to be in poverty in Dansville is Hispanic, with 79.92% below the poverty level. The race least likely to be in poverty in Dansville is Black, with 8.40% below the poverty level.

## High School Graduation Rates

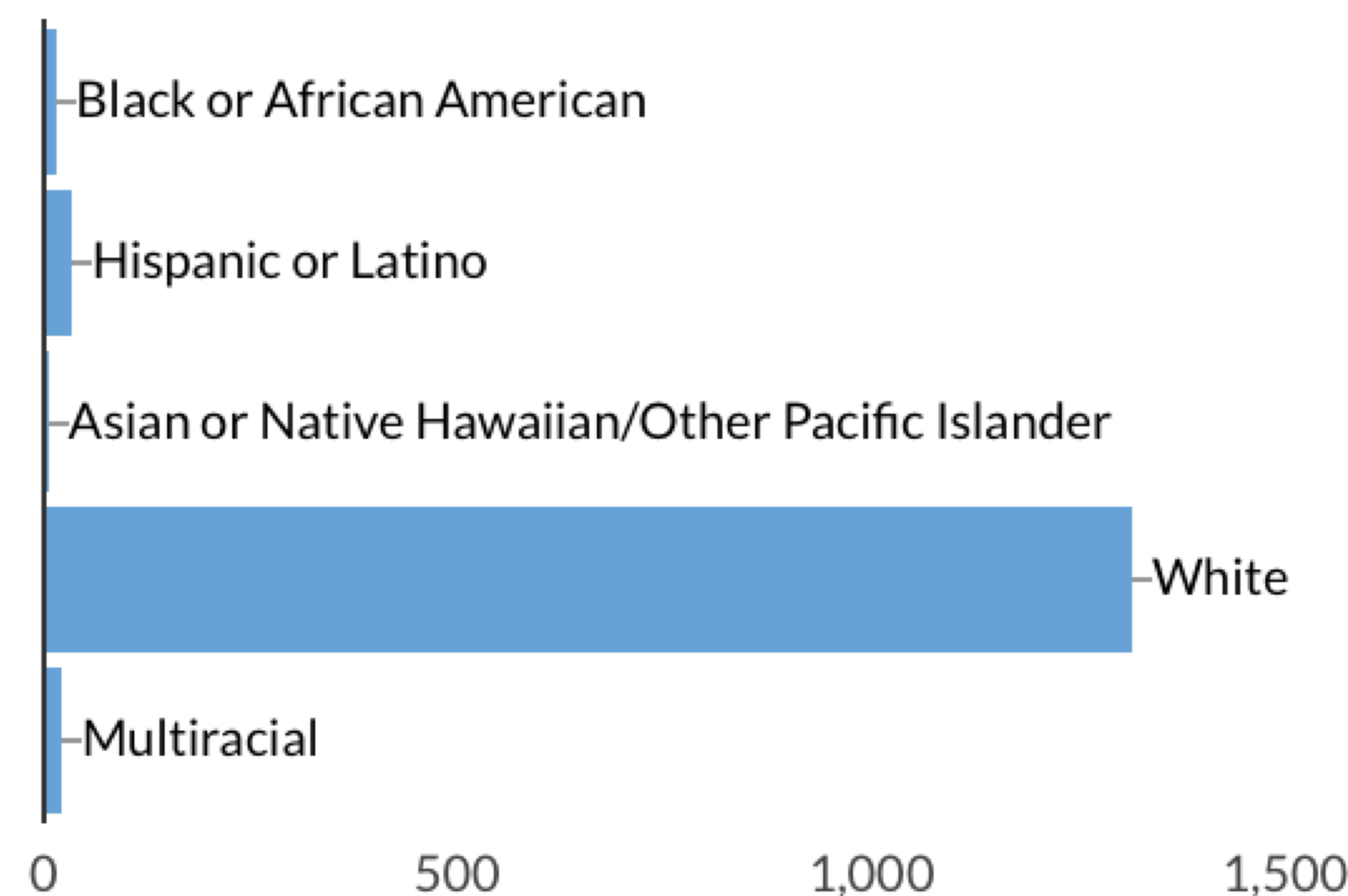


## COVID-19 Impacts on Poverty and Education

- RCSD: Meals site for remote learners-- Grab and go breakfast and lunch meals; EBT Pandemic Relief for Families
- Dansville: Meal sites for remote learners (hot meals for breakfast and lunch)
- Due to state tests being cancelled, we do not know the long-term effects COVID had academically on students.

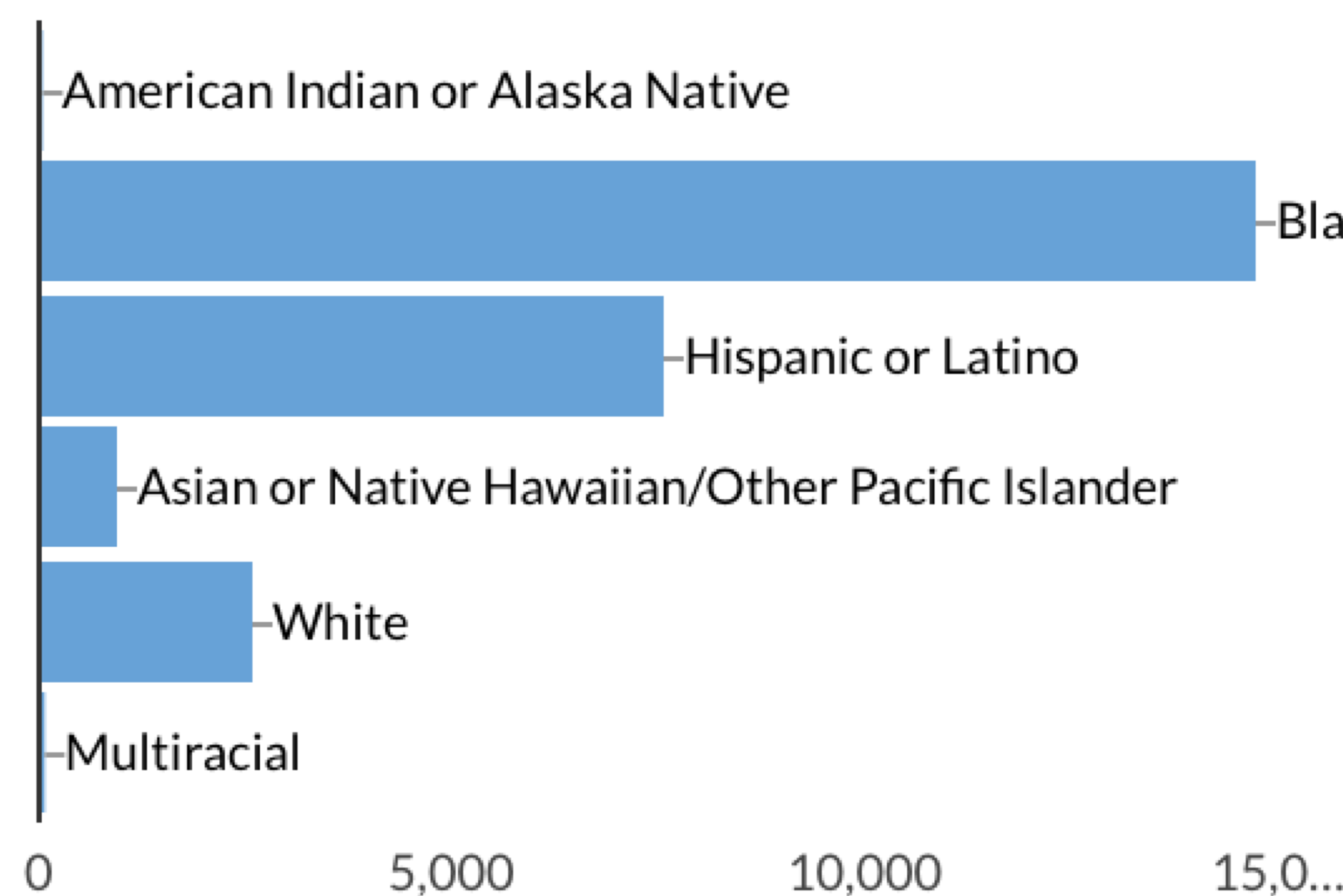
## Demographics

### STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY



Rural: Dansville, NY  
 Student Population:  
 1,372 K-12

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Urban: RCSD  
 Student Population:  
 25,669 K-12

## Examples of Existing Policies

- From NYSED: "The Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA, the main federal law for K-12 public education, requires that states hold public schools accountable for how students achieve. New York State established a set of indicators to measure school and district performance". It is broken up into three categories: In Good Standing, a Comprehensive Support Improvement (CSI) school, or a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school.
- In RCSD, "ROC the Future" began as a StriveTogether community using collective impact to address very complex issues impeding positive outcomes for children.
- Free and Reduced Lunches

## Policy Proposals

### Policy #1- Increase government funding to underperforming schools

- The accountability status for RCSD is Target District which means the district struggles to prepare students performance goals.
- Focus more on extracurriculars
- More teachers and staff will be employed
- Ultimately, this will cut child poverty levels

### Policy #2- More government intervention in rural areas

- Equal opportunities for students
- Rural areas need help too-- about 55% of students are living in poverty
- Schools can receive more funding to provide students with resources to succeed

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