THE POWER OF DATA ANALYSIS **TO INFORM IMPROVEMENT**

A Presentation to **MSBA** Leadership Conference

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SESSION GOALS

- Explore the power of data to inform school improvement
- Explore types of data of importance to school board members
- Exchange experiences and ideas
- Think, apply and dream



SESSION AGENDA

- Introduction
- Data 101
- Discuss the Board's Role
- Demographic Data
- Resource Data
- Process Data
- Performance Data
- Reflection and Feedback



WHO ARE WE? WHO ARE YOU?

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OSEDA Values:

As part of the University of Missouri, we honor the public trust placed in our institution and accept our responsibility to be effective stewards of that trust. We acknowledge our duty to acquire, create, transmit and preserve knowledge and to promote **understanding**. We embrace the University of Missouri values of Respect, Responsibility, **Discovery and Excellence.**



In particular, at OSEDA we foster:

- **Accessibility:** Public data and information should be readily accessible.
- **Collaboration:** Collaboration and engagement is essential for the construction of meaningful policy information.
- **Trust:** Trustworthy relationships and information contribute to sound policy development and decision-making.
- **Excellence:** Our users deserve excellence. Excellence is achieved through the diligent individual and collaborative efforts of a skilled and experienced team of faculty and staff.



OSEDA Vision:

Policy development and **decision-making** is more effective because of the collaborative application of social and economic information.

OSEDA Mission:

We sustain high quality data and data analysis capabilities in order to collaborate with partners in the analysis of social and economic data in ways that contribute to the development of improvements in the health, education and well-being of people and communities in Missouri and the world.



WHY ARE WE SO **INTERESTED IN DATA?** For just a minute, think about some important decision you and your fellow board members made this year when additional data analysis would have made you more confident in your decision.





DATA 101: From Data to Information

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Our conceptual frameworks define the meaning and relevance of data

- Data
- Information
- Knowledge
- Wisdom





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"The construction of knowledge involves the orderly loss of information, not its mindless accumulation." — Boulding



Indicators are conceptually connected data.

They're answers to questions arising from the logic of the model.

They may be quantitative or qualitative.



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Utilization Focused Evaluation

Evaluative answers are "useful" when they reduce the risks of making the wrong decision.

To know you have asked the "right" questions and produced "useful" answers....you must understand who the decision makers are and what kinds of decisions they need to make. - Michael Patton







THE RESULTS

of our *efforts* are what make a lasting difference in communities.

Process is important but we *plan* for and evaluate results.



Purposes

- Formative
 - "Improve"
 - Periodic and timely
 - Focus on program activities and outputs
 - Leads to early recommendations for program improvement

- Summative
 - "Prove"
 - Were resources committed worthwhile?
 - Focus on outcomes and impact
 - Measures value of program based on impact





"Summative" Result





Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP): Theory of Action

- Resources deployed
- To engage educational processes to
- Bring about student outcomes/ performance
- Within a *demographic context*

The MSIP Standards and Indicators describe a good school, and to some extent categorize important data sources



🚰 Missouri School District Profiles - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address 🙆 http://dese.mo.gov/planning/profile/010093.html



The MSIP Theory of Action...



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Focusing On School/Education Data: THE BOARD'S ROLE

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NSBA's "Key Work of School Boards"

Framework of eight essential key action areas that focus and guide school **boards** in their efforts to improve student achievement.



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The Eight Key Action Areas

- 1. Vision
- 2. Standards
- 3. Assessment
- 4. Accountability
- 5. Alignment
- 6. Climate
- 7. Collaborative Relationships*
- 8. Continuous Improvement

Are data necessary to fulfill the Key Work of School Boards? What kinds of data would you need to know if you were doing your job regarding collaborative relationship?





Guiding Documents: THE BOARD'S LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

- District Policy
- Budget
- CSIP
- Professional Development Plan
- District Curriculum



CATEGORIES OF SCHOOL DATA

- Performance Data
- Resource Data
- Process Data
- Demographic Data



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Home : School Data



This page provides links to data about public schools in Missouri. You will find extensive educational statistics of interest to educators, parents and policymakers. Other resources provided here are intended to assist local officials with school-improvement planning and meeting the state's accreditation requirements.

Limited data about charter schools are available. Charter schools operate only within the boundaries of the Kansas City and St. Louis school districts. They are not subject to the same data-reporting and accreditation requirements as public schools.

To obtain the latest statistics, select a school district or charter school from the lists at right. Click on "Load Profile." This will connect you to an index of all the statistics about that district or school. To obtain building-level data, select "School District Report Cards" in the top-right corner of the index page.





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Research on Factors That Influence Student Achievement

School Level

- F1 Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
- F2 Challenging Goals and Effective Feedback
- F3 Parental and Community Involvement
- F4 Safe and Orderly Environment
- **F5 Collegiality and Professionalism**

Teacher Level

- **F6** Instructional Strategies
- **Classroom Management F7**
- **F8 Curriculum Design**

Student Level

- **F9** Home Environment
- F10 Learned Intelligence or Background
- F11 Knowledge
- F12 Motivation



EXAMPLES: PERFORMANCE DATA

- Annual Performance Report (APR)
- APR and AYP disaggregated by gender, race, free and reduced lunch, etc.
- District Report Card
- Nationally Standardized Test Scores



EXAMPLES: RESOURCE DATA

- Budget
- MSIP Resource Report
- Unqualified Teacher List
- Official District Audit
- Technology Audit
- Facilities Audit



EXAMPLES: PROCESS DATA

- MSIP Advance Questionnaire (AQ)
- MSIP Observation Summary Report
- Report from MSIP Review Team
- District Observation Reports
- Program Evaluations





EXAMPLES: DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

- Enrollment trends
- Free and reduced lunch count
- Kids Count
- Census data





DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

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Percent Population Change in Missouri, by County 2000-2007







Natural Increase in Missouri Population by County 2000-2007







Net Migration in Missouri Population by County 2000-2007





Employment

U.S. AND MISSOURI PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

Index: 2000 annual average = 100



Employment in Missouri increased by 33,100 from April 2006 to April 2007, seasonally adjusted.

Source: MERIC and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics









Regional Economic Share







Comparative Performance of Economic Areas in Missouri







Economic Share in Missouri by County, 2006











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How <u>*flat*</u> the world is depends on where you're standing...

The World is Flat – "new oil wells"

— Thomas Friedman

Making Globalization Work

— Joseph Stiglitz

• Networking Diverse Assets, especially human capital... "collaboration" is hard





America's Perfect Storm

Three Forces Changing Our Nation's Future

- Divergent skill distributions
- The changing economy
- Demographic shifts



Educational Testing Service

www.ets.org





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Issues from the "Undertaker"

- Aging & Boomers
- Entitlements
- Globalization
- Energy
- Education

Change in the Hispanic **Population 2000 - 2006**

- Percent Change: U.S. 6.4% -- Hispanic 25.5%
- Hispanics (44.3 million)
- Blacks (38.3 million) ullet
- Missouri Hispanic Population 2006 •
 - -164,194
 - 38.4% gain since 2000



Enrollment Change

From 1.4% to 2.8% in 5 years

Pct 1999 2005 Change Change Total 896,910 894,855 -2,055 -0.2% Hispanic 12,633 25,166 12,533 99.2%





Hispanic Population in Missouri, 2006









Percent Missouri Population Age 65+: 1990-2020



SOURCE: Census Bureau/NCHS. Projection algorithm, programming by OSEDA Chart Prepared by: University of Missouri Extension, Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis 24March2006



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Age 65 and Older Percent 7.8 - 12.2 (15) 12.3 - 14.8 (20) 14.9 - 16.7 (28) 16.8 - 19.5 (29) 19.6 - 26.6 (23) Missouri = 13.3% Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census, 2000 Decennial Census

Percent of Missouri's Population, 2005:

Produced by: University of Missouri Extension, Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis Map generated on 28June2007



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Missouri Senior Report, 2007 Composite County Rankings





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Composite Kids Count Ratings, 2007



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REFLECTION

What are three demographic trends that you believe will impact your district?



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The New Census

- The "Short Form" once a decade
- The "Long Form"
 - -The American Community Survey (ACS) is the new "long form" and will be annual.





ACS Plans

- ACS data are available now for areas with populations of 65,000 or more.
- In 2008, the Census Bureau will release the three-year estimates for areas with populations of *20,000 or more*.
- In 2010, 5-year estimates will be released including the smallest of geographic areas —down to the tract and block group levels.



For example, Missouri Median Household Income...

American Community Survey (Adjusted to 2006)

- \$43,310 • **2005** +/- \$456
- \$42,841 · 2006 +/- \$449 - \$469 +/- \$640 Change

Note Margins of Error +/-



Missouri Median Household Income

American Community Survey (Adjusted to 2006)

- \$43,310 +/- \$456 · 2005
- \$42,841 +/- \$449 2006
- Change - \$469 +/- \$640

Note differences in the 90 percent margins of error between the ACS and CPS

Current Population Survey (not adj.)

•	2005	\$44,686	+/- \$1,465
•	2006	\$44,487	+/- \$1.647

(None of the differences are statistically significant.)



Key Elements

- **Geography** Nation, states, cities, counties and school districts.
- Now 65,000+ Eventually, areas as small as census tracts using multi-year averages.
- Sample Size About 3 million addresses per year. Data are collected from about one-twelfth of the sample each month.



ACS Implications

- Annual small area estimates & indicators
- Methods may better reflect seasonal areas
- Change more *apparent* in larger areas
- Estimates and projections reworked
- Demand for integration and meaning

...Google Earth on data steroids...



Google OSEDA for More





RESOURCE DATA

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Resources Are Needed To Get Done What Needs To Get Done

- It all starts with the budget!
- Is the district budget an important part of your work?
- Is the budget the educational plan, and are priorities expressed in dollars and cents?



Is Our Only Valuable Resource The Money?

- What are the intangible assets or resources that you value in your district?
- Do you gather information regarding how you identify and make use of these intangible resources (social capital)?



MSIP Resource Standards

- Program of Studies
- Class Size/Assigned Enrollments
- Professional Support Staff
- Administrative Staff
- Certification
- Planning Time





PROCESS DATA

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THE MSIP ADVANCE **QUESTIONNAIRE (AQ):**

A storehouse of often underutilized but important perceptual data



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The Advance Questionnaire (AQ)

- Perceptual data obtained through a questionnaire(s)
- Provides a voice for all key stakeholder groups
- Includes questions based on critical research-based elements
- Allows development of additive scales consistent with Effective Schools Research


The Advance Questionnaire (AQ)

- Longitudinal data available from 1990 to present in the form of legacy scales & items.
- Unlike many perceptual data collection tools & processes, the AQ offers checks on reliability and validity.
- Scales directly relate to MSIP standards & indicators.





Response Rates for the State Sample 2006-07

	N	Population	Response
	Received	Estimate	Rate
Students	106,034	127,758	83%
Parents	76,297	152,468	50%
Faculty	11,740	14,646	80%



Selected Additive Scales/Definitions

- Leadership: This scale identifies the degree to which leadership is perceived as effective in improving student learning.
- School Climate: This scale identifies the degree to which all students feel respected and valued.
- Efficacy and Expectations: This scale identifies the degree to which teachers and students believe that they are capable of impacting student achievement.



Additive Scales and Definitions (cont.)

- **Differentiated Instruction:** This scale identifies • the degree to which teachers vary and revise instruction to meet the needs of students.
- Safe and Orderly Environment: This scale identifies the degree to which the school environment is safe and orderly.



Efficacy/Expectations Scale (Faculty)

- 1. There are effective supports in place to assist students who are in jeopardy of academic failure.
- 2. I emphasize the importance of effort with students.
- I have the skills necessary to meet the needs 3. of all learners in my classroom.
- I believe that I can positively impact student 4. performance.





Efficacy/Expectations Scale (Faculty)

- 5. Students are held accountable for doing quality work.
- 6. All staff in our school hold high expectations for student learning.
- 7. There are avenues for recognizing and rewarding the accomplishments of all students.





Variance In MAP **Communication Arts** Achievement is Explained by...

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FACULTY: Efficacy & expectations explains 10.9% of the variance in communication arts achievement



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Example from Happy Valley R-IX School District

The efficacy and expectations scale from the faculty Advance Questionnaire identifies the degree to which teachers believe that they are capable of impacting student achievement.

The Faculty scale for Efficacy & Expectations consists of seven questions:



Happy Valley District Faculty	percentile	mean	std dev	n
All staff in our school hold high expectations for student learning.	53	4.18	0.79	173
I believe that I can positively impact student performance.	35	4.56	0.52	173
I emphasize the importance of effort with students.	60	4.75	0.55	173
I have the skills necessary to meet the needs of all learners in my classroom.	29	4.19	0.77	173
Students are held accountable for doing quality work.	72	4.22	0.71	173
There are avenues for recognizing and rewarding the accomplishments of all students.	61	4.36	0.58	173
There are effective supports in place to assist students who are in jeopardy of academic failure.	30	4.01	0.94	173

School Building Results for Efficacy and Expectations Faculty Scale

		percent			
district	school_name	ile	mean	std_dev	п
HAPPY VALLEY	DISTRICT	53	4.32	0.45	173
HAPPY VALLEY	HAPPY VALLEY HIGH	43	4.19	0.51	48
HAPPY VALLEY	HAPPY VALLEY MIDDLE	80	4.44	0.43	35
HAPPY VALLEY	HILL TOP ELEM.	10	4.14	0.39	13
HAPPY VALLEY	JOHNSON ELEM.	62	4.46	0.42	13
HAPPY VALLEY	PARK ELEM.	39	4.35	0.41	21
HAPPY VALLEY	DEERFIELD ELEM.	45	4.38	0.39	38

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State Distribution — Faculty

facefficacy_expect district level



Student Perceptions: Happy Valley R-IX School District

The efficacy and expectations scale from the student (grade 3 and older) Advance Questionnaire identifies the degree to which students believe that they are capable of impacting student achievement.

The Student scale for Efficacy & Expectations consists of six questions:





Efficacy/Expectations Scale (Students)

- 1. If I do well in school, it will help me when I grow up.
- 2. Being successful in school today will help me in my future.
- 3. I can do well in school.
- 4. I learn a lot in this school.





Efficacy/Expectations Scale (Students)

- 5. My teachers think I can learn.
- 6. My family believes that I can do well in school.
- 7. My teachers expect very good work from me.



STUDENTS: Efficacy & expectations explains 17.2% of the variance in communication arts achievement



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			std	
Student	percentile	mean	dev	п
Being successful in school today will help me in my future.	78	4.59	0.77	1618
I can do well in school.	80	4.41	0.76	1618
I learn a lot in this school.	65	4.12	0.95	1618
My family believes that I can do well in school.	80	4.65	0.67	1618
My teachers expect very good work from me.	75	4.33	0.8	1618
My teachers think I can learn.	77	4.43	0.74	1618



School Building Results for Efficacy & Expectations Student Scale

district	school_name	percentile	mean	std_dev	n
HAPPY VALLEY	DISTRICT	77	4.42	0.56	1618
HAPPY VALLEY	HAPPY VALLEY HIGH	69	4.16	0.62	590
HAPPY VALLEY	HAPPY VALLEY MIDDLE	85	4.44	0.55	438
HAPPY VALLEY	HILL TOP ELEM.	16	4.58	0.46	85
HAPPY VALLEY	JOHNSON	52	4.69	0.34	67
HAPPY VALLEY	PARK ELEM.	64	4.71	0.34	161
HAPPY VALLEY	DEERFIELD	42	4.67	0.33	277



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State Distribution — Student

stdefficacy_expect district level







Lets examine the results from a single school building: Hill Top Elem.

First for Faculty, then Students.

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Hill Top Faculty	percentile	mean	std dev	n
All staff in our school hold high expectations for student learning.	43	4.31	0.63	13
I believe that I can positively impact student performance.	25	4.54	0.52	13
I emphasize the importance of effort with students.	47	4.77	0.44	13
I have the skills necessary to meet the needs of all learners in my classroom.	5	3.92	0.76	13
Students are held accountable for doing quality work.	13	4	0.41	13
There are avenues for recognizing and rewarding the accomplishments of all students.	6	3.85	0.69	13
There are effective supports in place to assist students who are in jeopardy of academic failure.	8	3.62	0.96	13

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Hill Top Elem. Students	percentile	mean	std dev	n
Being successful in school today will help me in my future.	14	4.7	0.58	85
I can do well in school.	26	4.39	0.71	85
I learn a lot in this school.	17	4.4	0.78	85
My family believes that I can do well in school.	8	4.7	0.55	85
My teachers expect very good work from me.	27	4.61	0.66	85
My teachers think I can learn.	15	4.64	0.59	85



Student Perceptions: Happy Valley R-IX School District

6.3.1.6 The instructional strategies scale from the student (grade 6 and older) Advance Questionnaires identifies the degree to which teachers use instructional strategies that research indicates are likely to result in improved student learning.

The Student scale for Instructional Strategies consists of seven questions.

What can we observe from this scale?



		percent		std_	
Hill Top S	Students	ile	mean	dev	п
I am aske similaritie	ed to identify es and differences.	29	3.04	1.02	27
I am aske errors in	ed to revise or correct my work.	3	2.58	1.14	27
I am aske material.	ed to summarize new	7	2.52	1.05	27
I am aske graphs, n present n	ed to use pictures, naps, or charts to ny information.	3	2.31	0.84	27
I am give present v other stue	n opportunities to what I have learned to dents.	21	2.74	0.94	27
l am requ	ired to take notes.	4	2.44	0.89	27
My teach small gro	ers place students in ups.	43	3.11	0.97	27





THE MSIP 4TH CYCLE **CLASSROOM OBSERVATION** TOOL:

A New Way To Examine Prevailing Instructional Practice

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MSIP CLASSROOM OBSERVATION "LOOK FORS"

(As with the AQ, based on latest effective schools research by **Robert Marzano, MCREL, and** others)



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"LOOK FORS"

- Differentiated instruction
- Instructional delivery methods
- Instructional strategies
- Level of engagement
- Depth of knowledge (higher order thinking)





"LOOK FORS"

- Classroom learning environment
- Instructional climate
- Student work displayed
- Technology use



Implications Of Classroom Observation Data

- What is prevailing instructional practice now?
- What does the research say about instructional strategies and the effect on student performance?
- Is our professional development bringing about changes in instruction?



PERCEPTUAL DATA COLLECTION TECHNIQUES

- Survey/Questionnaires (web-based or traditional paper forms)
- Focus groups
- Interviews
- Town hall meetings
- Clicker activity
- Colored dots to prioritize and categorize





PERFORMANCE DATA

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MSIP Performance Standards/APR

- MAP
- ACT
- Advanced courses
- Career education courses
- College placement
- Career education placement
- Attendance
- Graduation rate



Sources: Performance Data

- Annual Performance Report (APR)
- **Disaggregated with Multiple Years**
- MAP Index by Subject Area
- Attendance
- Graduation Rate
- College and Career Preparation Indicators



Annual Performance Report (APR)

- Explore the district APR in the handouts
- There is valuable information in the front section, but don't neglect the "rest of the story."



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Diagnostic/Prognostic Individual Growth Chart









Student Growth versus 2007 Student Achievement by Free/Reduced Lunch Percentage

Median of Student Growth Percentiles in School



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS YOURS AND OURS

- What about leadership?
- How can we make data-based decision making for boards of education more accessible and meaningful?



Leadership:

Marzano indicates that leaders create a purposeful community—

"One with the collective efficacy and capacity to develop and use assets to accomplish goals that matter to all community members through agreed-upon processes."

> Not just for school, but the entire community enterprise



FACULTY: Instructional leadership explains 5.8% of the variance in communication arts achievement



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Instructional Leadership Scale (Faculty)

- 1. The mission of this school is clearly defined.
- 2. All staff in our school hold high expectations for student learning.
- 3. There are open channels of communication among students, staff and administrators.





Data Axioms

- Our job is not the mindless accumulation of data, rather the prudent reduction of unnecessary data
- Averages don't tell you much about individuals
- Two data points do not a trend make
- Always remember it isn't the numbers that are important, it is the people



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