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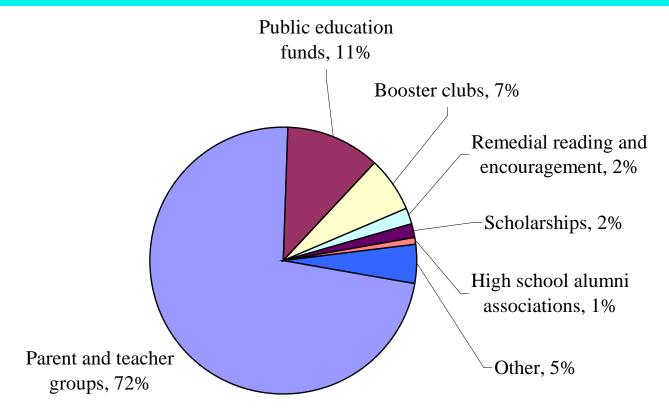
Who Helps Public Schools?

Public Education Support Organizations in 2010

National Commission on Civic Investment in **Public Education**

May 26, 2011 Washington, D.C.

Education Support Organizations



Education Support Organizations, 2007 (n = 19,306)

Education Support Organizations

• Most are small with less than \$100,000 in annual expenses.

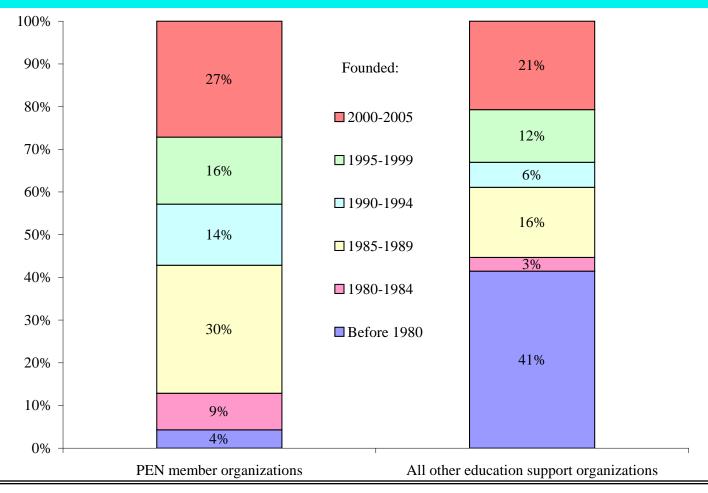
• PEN members are larger than other support organizations. Nearly 43% have budgets of \$1 million or more.

Public Education Funds

• PEN members are larger than other funds.

	PEN members	Other public education funds
Average Revenue	\$2.4 million	\$516,000
Average Expenses	\$2.6 million	\$437,000

Founding Dates

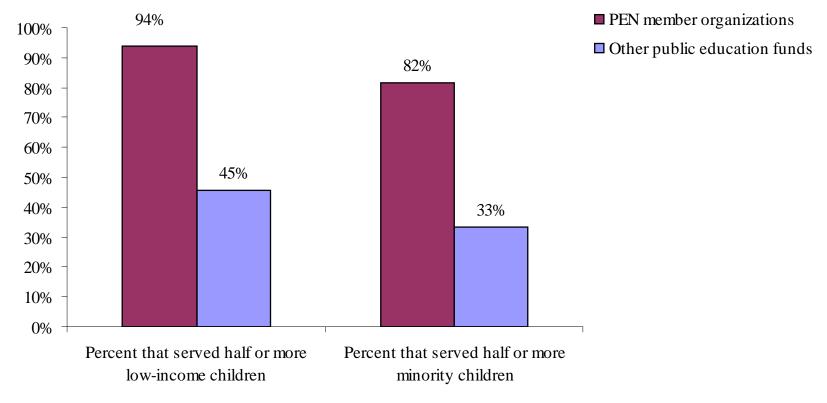


Goals of Public Education Funds

- Primary goals of all funds enrich programs and improve student achievement.
- PEN members more likely to engage in education reform efforts than other funds.
- PEN members: engaging the community
- Other funds: direct support to teachers and students.

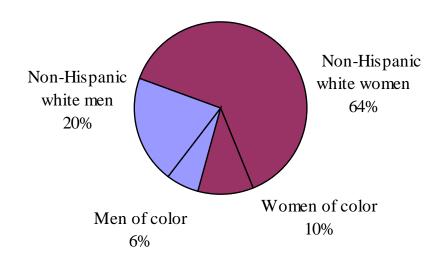
Children Served

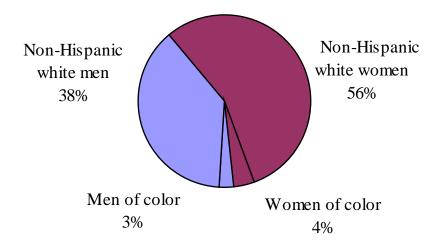
Public Education Funds Serving Minority and Low-Income Children



Leadership Diversity

Executive Directors by Gender





PEN member organizations (n=49)

Other public education funds (n=988)

Leadership Diversity

Executive Directors by Race/Ethnicity

	% PEN member leaders	% Other fund leaders	
Race-ethnicity	(n = 49)	(n = 993)	% U.S. Population
Non-Hispanic white	83.7	93.1	65.9
Person of Color	16.3	7.0	34.1
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0	1.8	5.1
Black/African/African American	12.2	2.5	12.1
Hispanic or Latino/a	2.0	1.3	15.1
Mixed Race/Multi-racial/other	2.0	1.3	1.8

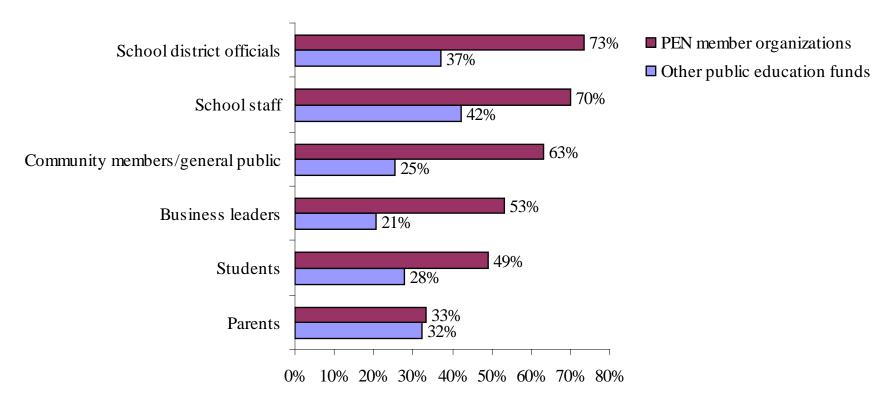
Board Diversity

PEN member boards are more racially-ethnically diverse.

	People of color on governing board
PEN member organizations	23.4%
Nationwide	14.0%
Other public education funds	9.5%

Community Engagement

Weekly interaction with school and community members



Contact with Elected Officials

	At least	Several times	Once a year	
	monthly (%)	a year (%)	(%)	Never (%)
PEN member organizations:				
Elected local officials	43.8	50.0	6.3	0.0
Elected state officials	26.5	55.1	16.3	2.0
Elected federal officials	4.2	22.9	47.9	25.0
Other public education funds:				
Elected local officials	22.7	35.3	22.6	19.4
Elected state officials	8.0	23.7	25.7	42.6
Elected federal officials	1.2	7.2	14.0	77.7

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