

School Spending Data Enables Better Decisions, Better Results

Data in the hands of leaders helps them answer questions and informs action. Leaders—from state policymakers to community advocates—use data to understand how schools are performing, ensure that resources are meeting the needs of every child, and demand supports needed to build successful, well-resourced classrooms. When school spending data is presented side by side with student outcomes data, leaders can make better decisions about how to help students in the classroom.



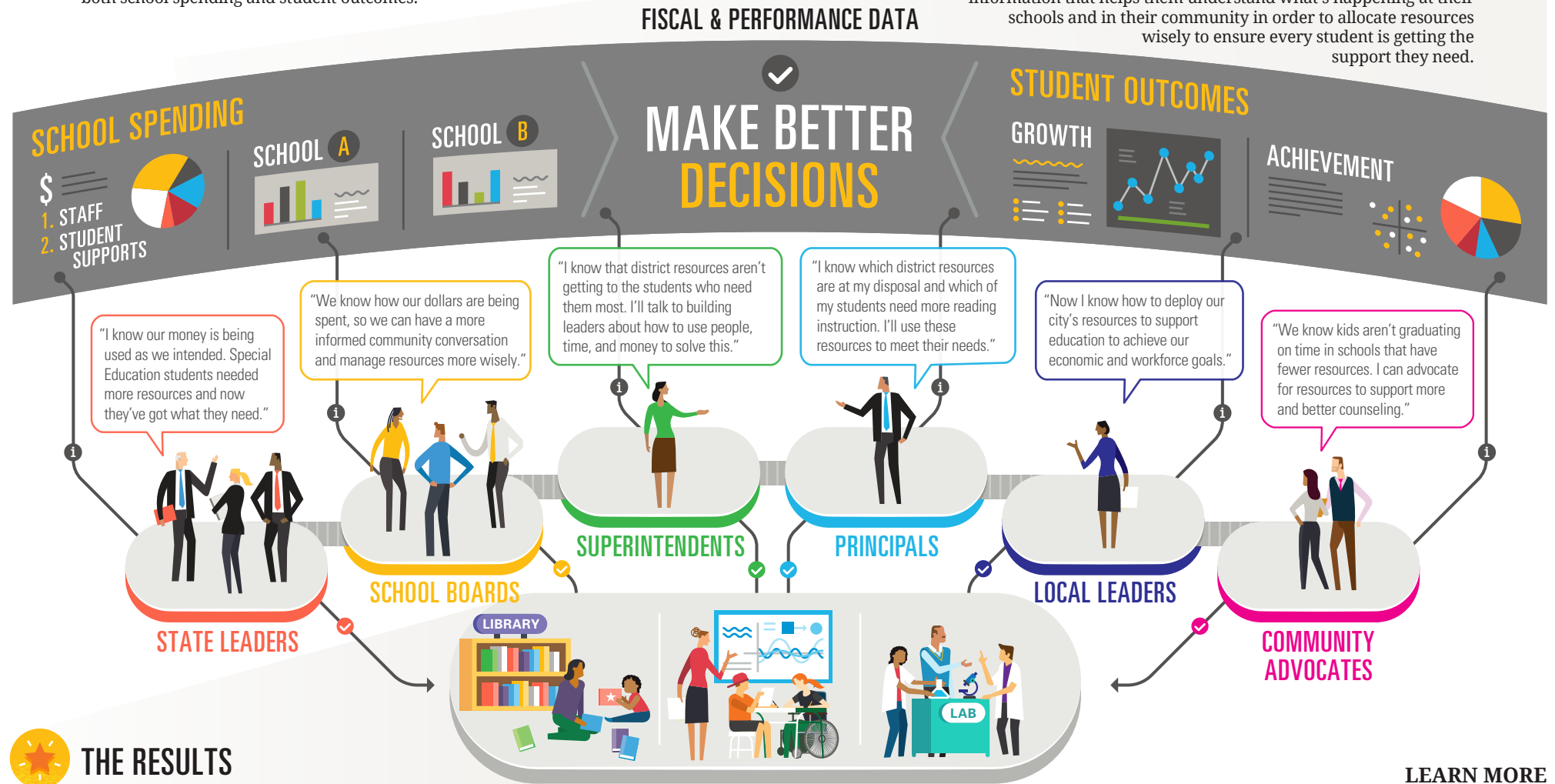
THE PEOPLE

State and local leaders, from legislators to principals, are charged with using resources to support student success. They can't do this effectively without information about both school spending and student outcomes.



THE DATA

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) now requires states to put school-level financial information on report cards, but the value of this data goes beyond report cards. Leaders need school spending information that helps them understand what's happening at their schools and in their community in order to allocate resources wisely to ensure every student is getting the support they need.



THE RESULTS

When leaders have the information they need, they can make better decisions about how to allocate funding and resources, improving classrooms and outcomes for students everywhere.

**BETTER DECISIONS SUPPORT
SUCCESSFUL, WELL-RESOURCED CLASSROOMS**

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Visit dataqualitycampaign.org/fiscalttransparency to find additional resources that shine a light on how states can use school spending data to meet goals and support student success.