



Focus on Equity Making Progress

***Board Education Committee
November 15, 2011***

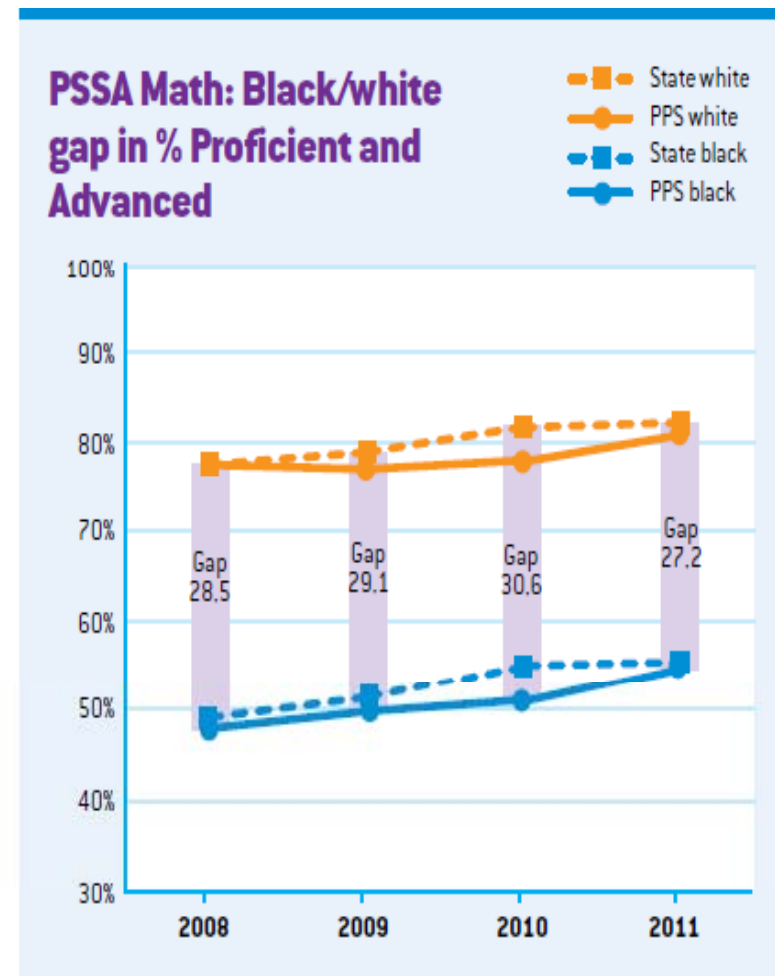
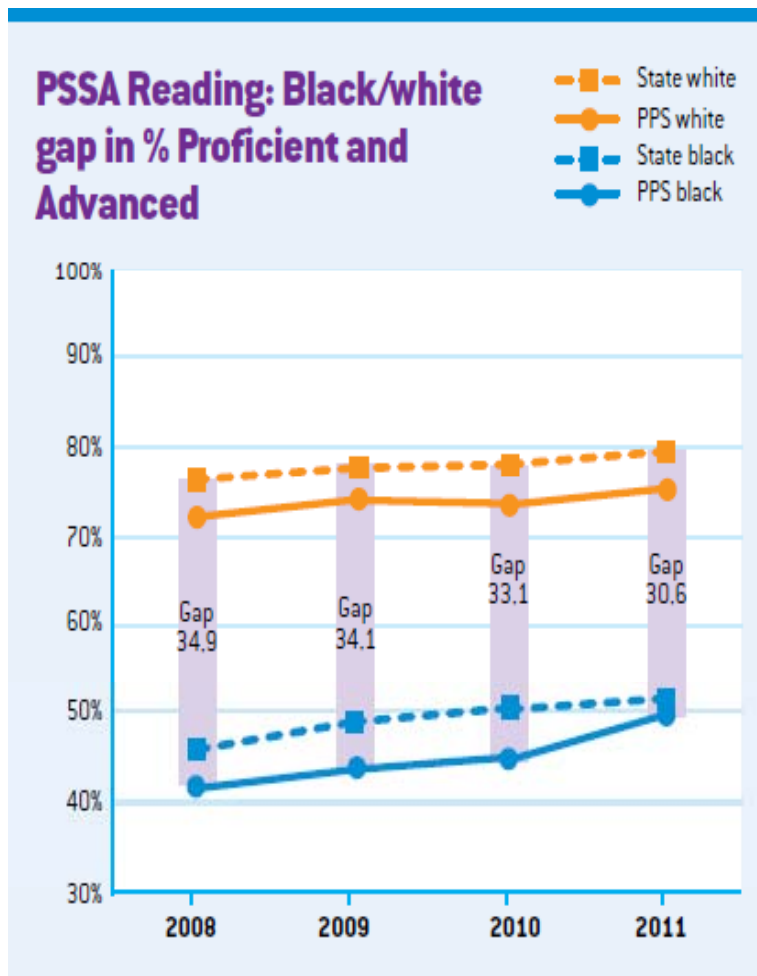


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A+ Schools 2011 Report on School Progress in Pittsburgh *Achievement Gap Narrows*



Accelerating our work

- If PPS (students, teachers, administrators, and community) continues to close the gap at this same pace as it has over the past 4 years it will take 40 years in math and 34 years to close the gap in reading.
- However, if PPS continues to close the gap at the same pace as it did over the past year alone, the gap would close in both math and reading in 24 years.

A growing number of schools are closing the gap

5 Schools have almost no achievement gap in reading

12 Schools have almost no achievement gap in math

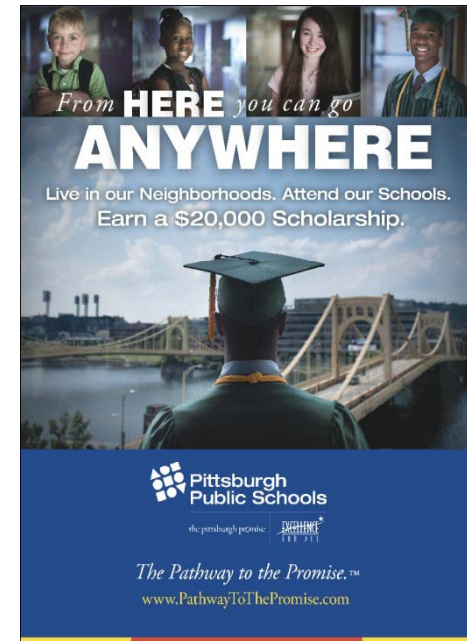
Number of schools at each grade-level configuration with black/white achievement gaps less than 10 and greater than 50 percentage points

	Total number of schools	Number of schools with achievement gaps of less than 10 percentage points	Number of schools with achievement gaps of greater than 50 percentage points
Reading			
Elementary	21	3	0
K-8	17	0	1
Middle	7	0	0
6-12	4	3	0
9-12	7	0	2
Math			
Elementary	21	7	0
K-8	17	2	0
Middle	7	0	0
6-12	4	3	0
9-12	7	0	2

Source: A+ Schools 2011 Report on School Progress in Pittsburgh; Released on November 14, 2011

Next Steps

- Differentiated support to eliminate racial disparities (Learn from our own schools that are accelerating the work)
- Continue to strengthen our work with the Equity Advisory Panel
- Remain committed to ensuring an effective teacher in every classroom, every day



“The most effective teachers produce gains in student achievement that, if accumulated over several years without decay, could erase achievement gaps between black and white students, or between Pittsburgh students and statewide averages.”

-- Mathematica Report, August 2010