PART I
The State of School Segregation in NJ in the age of Covid-19

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- New Data on racial & economic segregation by school district in NJ.

- Deepening economic & racial isolation of intensely segregated urban schools.

- Growing diversity yet resegregation in many suburbs – the problem & the political opportunity.

- Poverty for some; Profit for others - the monetization of segregation & the poverty industrial complex

What & Who we are up against.
New Jersey’s Schools Remains Deeply Segregated

School segregation by race *corelates powerfully* with concentrated poverty, poor educational outcomes and diminished opportunities *in all aspects of life.*
New Jersey: Correlation Between Low Income and Black or Hispanic Students by School Districts, 2018-19

correlation coefficient, $r = 0.87$

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<th>% Black or Hispanic Students</th>
<th>% of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunches</th>
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New Jersey: English Proficiency and Low Income Students by School Districts, 2018-19

% of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunches

- 0 to 19%: 73.4%
- 20 to 39%: 55.5%
- 40 to 59%: 46.7%
- 60 to 79%: 41.0%
- 80 to 100%: 42.8%

Correlation coefficient, $r = -0.72$
New Jersey’s Schools Remains Deeply Segregated

Despite some gentrification & the state’s growing diversity, urban schools in New Jersey have remained *intensely segregated*
Percentage Racial Minority Population in New Jersey Central City School Districts

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• Many suburban school districts have gotten more diverse
• Some are rapidly resegregating
• Racially diverts towns & school districts are in trouble

• But they create a powerful political opportunity for change.
New Jersey

Distribution of public school students across school district types

1999-2000
- Central Cities: 154,696, 13%
- Predominantly nonwhite: 169,699, 15%
- Highly Diverse: 346,769, 12%
- Moderately Diverse: 499,228, 20%
- Predominantly white: 534,871, 43%

2019-2020
- Central Cities: 157,140, 12%
- Predominantly white: 131,402, 10%
- Moderately Diverse: 320,647, 24%
- Highly Diverse: 289,838, 22%
- Predominantly nonwhite: 421,878, 32%

Characteristics of the school district types

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<th>District Type</th>
<th>% Free or Reduced Lunch, 2019-2020</th>
<th>% English Proficient, 2018-19</th>
<th>% Math Proficient, 2018-19</th>
<th>Property Tax, Equalized Value per capita, 2020 (in $'s)</th>
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<td>Central City</td>
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<td>42</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>68</td>
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Data Sources: National Center for Education Statistics; New Jersey Department of Education; Tax base—New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Racial Transition of New Jersey Suburban School Districts, 2000 to 2020

District Type Shares in 2020:
- Predominantly nonwhite
- Highly Diverse
- Moderately Diverse
- Predominantly white

Of the 44 Highly Diverse Districts in 2000, 38 (or 86%) of them became Predominantly nonwhite by 2020

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Of the 49 Highly Diverse Districts in 2010, 28 (or 57%) of them became Predominantly nonwhite by 2020
NEW JERSEY
Racially Resegregating School Districts
2000 to 2020

Camden Area

Resegregating to:
- Predominantly non-white from diverse or predominantly white districts (63)
- Highly Diverse from moderately diverse or predominantly white districts (73)
- Moderately Diverse from predominantly white districts (98)
- Central City Districts (7)

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics.
New Jersey Public School Students in 2020

- Asian: 10%
- Black: 14%
- Hispanic: 30%
- White: 43%
- Other: 3%
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY AREA
Race of Public School Students by
School Districts in 2019-2020

Legend
Share of Students:
Statewide Average:

Enrollment Size:
13,000
3,600
80

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics.
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AREA
Race of Public School Students by
School Districts in 2019-2020

Legend
Share of Students:
Statewide Average:

Enrollment Size:
13,000
3,600
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It’s not just about race, its about opportunity

Next map measures *opportunity* by school district using factors including:

- % of Free & Reduced School Lunch
- % proficient in Math & Reading
- Per Pupil-Property Tax Capacity

Green & Blue areas are the highest *opportunity* districts with very few low-income students, best scores & highest ratable base.
NEW JERSEY Opportunity Types of School Districts in 2020

Legend

- Central Cities (7)
- Minimum Opportunity (72)
- Low Opportunity (63)
- Medium Opportunity (77)
- High Opportunity (78)
- Maximum Opportunity (74)
- No Data (15)

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
You can change this..
..but you are up against powerful forces

- Segregation for profit
- Poverty housing & schools industrial complex
- Secessionist for hire in NJ