

Study Methodology

For 2016 and 2017 data

- I. Identified schools with over 40% poverty
Removed charter schools and schools with in-district school choice

Total Eligible Schools

2016- 1112 schools

2016- 1156 schools

- II. Identified Eligible Schools with
25+ ED students earning 3-4 on NYSED ELA and
65+ ED students earning 2-4 on NYSED ELA

Total Study Schools:

2016 - 178 schools

2017 - 243 schools

121 schools identified in 2016 were re-identified in 2017

These schools were not re-interviewed; they were contacted by email for anything they wished to add. Three replied; data were adjusted.

A total of 300 unique schools were identified for 2016 and 2017.

- III. Interviewed or surveyed schools (with superintendent permission)
2016 – 57 schools - 44 by phone interview, 13 by survey
(As survey information was less robust, this option was not offered in 2017)
2017 – 46 schools by phone interview

Leaders in a total of 103 schools (34% of Study Schools) were interviewed or surveyed over the two-year span of the study.

- IV. Coded interview transcripts to identify key factors to which leaders attribute their success.

