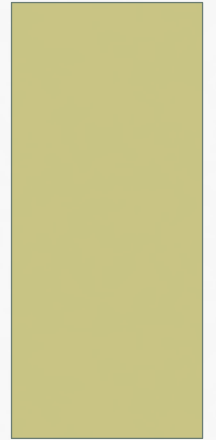


*“ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT CHARTER SCHOOLS”*



BACKGROUND

- First enacted into law by the Minnesota legislature in 1991
- There are more than 5,400 charter schools today, serving approximately 2,000,000 students
- Michigan was the 9th state to enact a charter school law

FACTS

- The first charter schools in Michigan opened in the fall of 1994
- There are 294 charter schools in Michigan, educating about 10% of the state's students
- Charter schools are popular in the state's biggest cities: Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City

MYTHS

- Charters do not follow the same guidelines as traditional public schools
- Charter schools are subject to ALL the same rules and regulations of traditional public schools, including student assessments
- Charter school teachers do not have to be certified
- Charter school teachers are required to be state certified and highly qualified for the subjects they teach (ESSA)

MYTHS

- Charter schools can select the students that they enroll
- Charter schools *MUST* accept every student that applies. “Cherry-picking” students is illegal. However, we do hold a lottery process
- Charter schools do not offer special education services
- Approximately 9% of charter school students in MI receive special ed services, compared to 11% in traditional public (HA has 12%)

MORE “TRUTHS” ...

- A Stanford University survey found that a typical charter school student in MI gains an additional two months of learning every year in reading and math
- Students in rural charter schools (HA), showed the biggest gains over their traditional peers in both reading and math
- Sixty-eight percent of voters have a favorable opinion of charter schools
- Since the first charter school opened in Minnesota, all four U.S. Presidents (Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump) have been strong proponents of charter schools

FACTS

- Charter schools are subject to a triple layer of oversight:
 - Michigan Department of Education
 - Central Michigan University (authorizer)
 - Board of Directors
- *Managed charters have a fourth layer

FACTS, CONT'D

- When a charter school is authorized, it is given a set of academic goals and other metrics that it must achieve
- If a charter school fails to perform academically or fiscally, they can, and should be closed. In MI, 22% of charter schools ever opened, have been closed
- Despite poor academic performance, it is a rare occurrence when a traditional school closes (some Detroit schools have closed and reopened as charters)

MANAGED CHARTERS

- Eighty-five percent of the charter schools in MI are “managed”
- Managed schools are run by a for-profit company
Ex: National Heritage, Mosaica, Sabis, Williams-Edison, Choice Schools
- The management company is a “for profit” entity
- Management companies provide an additional layer of oversight between the authorizer and the school board

MANAGED CHARTERS

- Management companies provide curriculum, human resources, budgeting, and state reporting
- Oftentimes, the administrators in managed buildings do not agree with the educational principles of the management companies
- Staff that work in managed schools do not work for the State of Michigan; they work for the management company. Consequently, they are not part of the State of Michigan retirement program

SELF-MANAGED CHARTERS

- Fifteen percent of the charter schools in Michigan are self-managed.
- The hierarchy of a self-managed school:
 - Michigan Department of Education
 - Authorizer
 - Board of Education
 - Administration
 - Staff

SELF-MANAGED CHARTERS

- At HA we do everything “in-house”:
 - Human Resources
 - Curriculum development
 - All finance and budgeting
 - All state reporting
- Our staff works for the State of Michigan and participates in the state retirement program

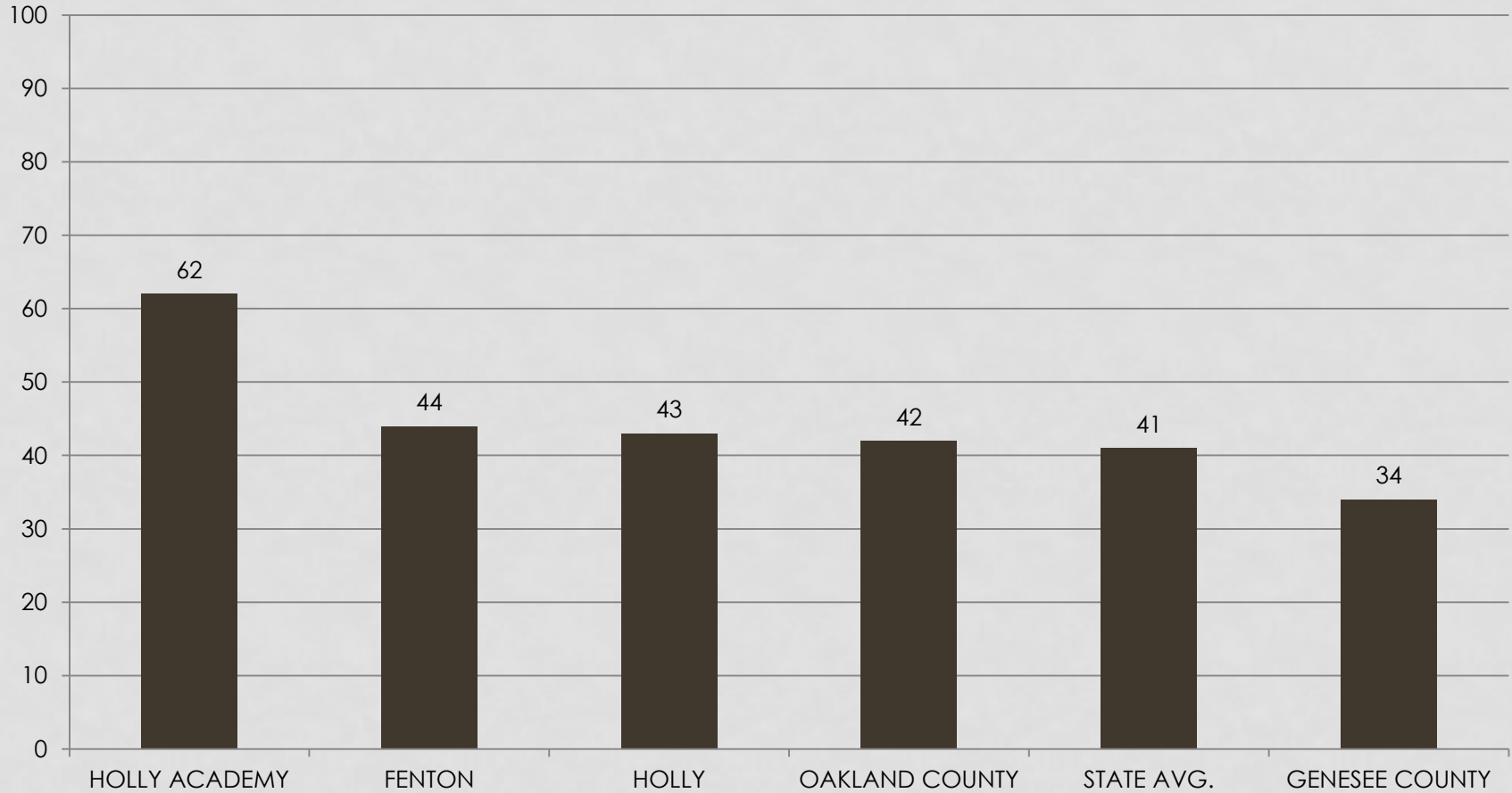
WHY IS IT “GOOD TO BE A HUSKY”?

- HA was the first CMU charter to be designated as a “School of Excellence” in 2011
- HA received the designation as a State of Michigan “Reward School” (top 5% in MI) in the 2012-2013 school year and the 2014-2015 school year. As the state is transitioning from NCLB to ESSA the designation is in “flux”.

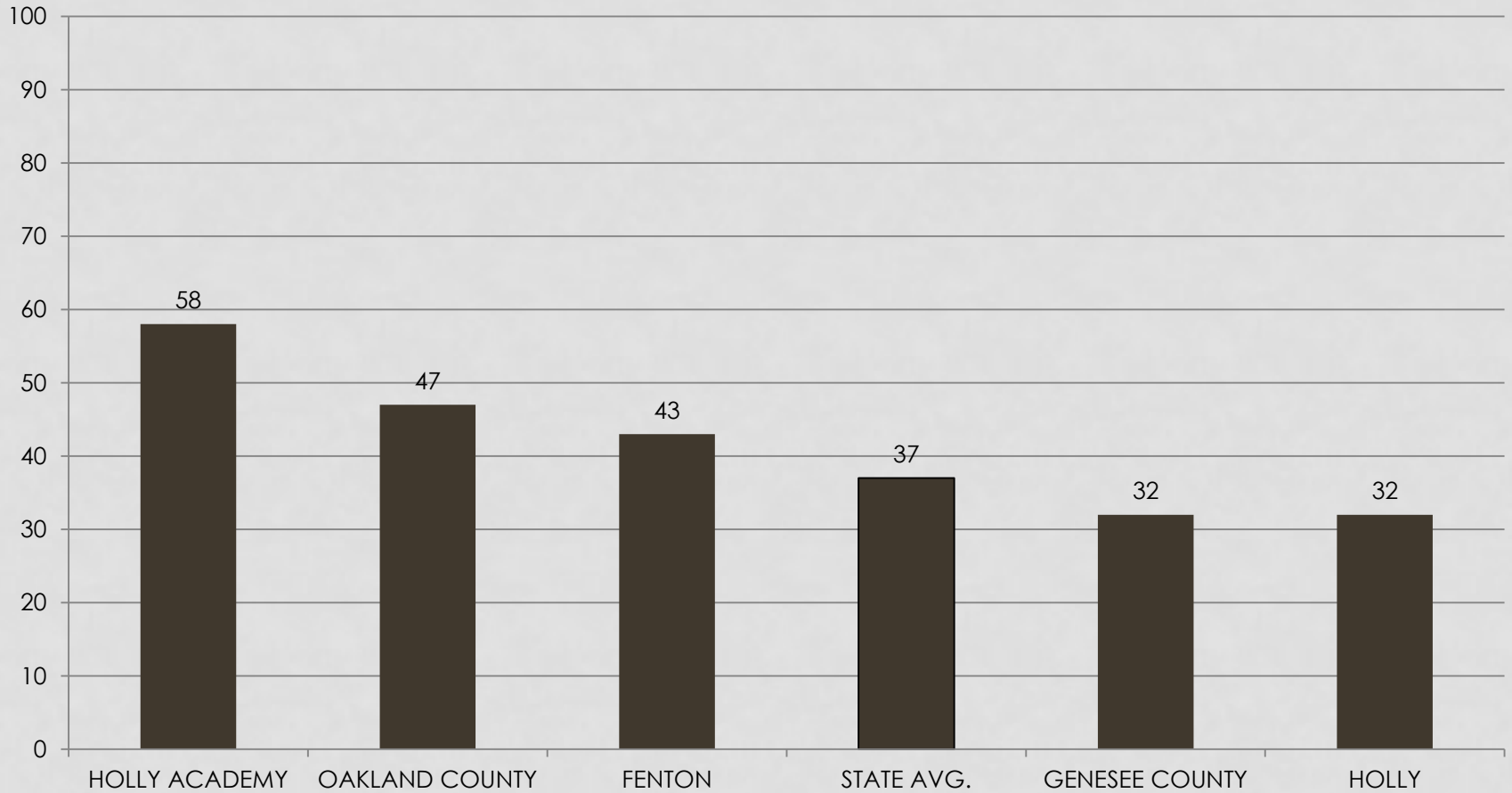
WHY IS IT “GOOD TO BE A HUSKY”?

- Of the 294 charter schools in Michigan, HA has ranked between number four and number eight in state assessment scores over the last 10 years
- Forty-six percent of our 8th grade students placed into honors level or advanced high school classes this fall
- Our teaching staff is phenomenal!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Our students are the best!!!!!!!!!!

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITE COMPARISON

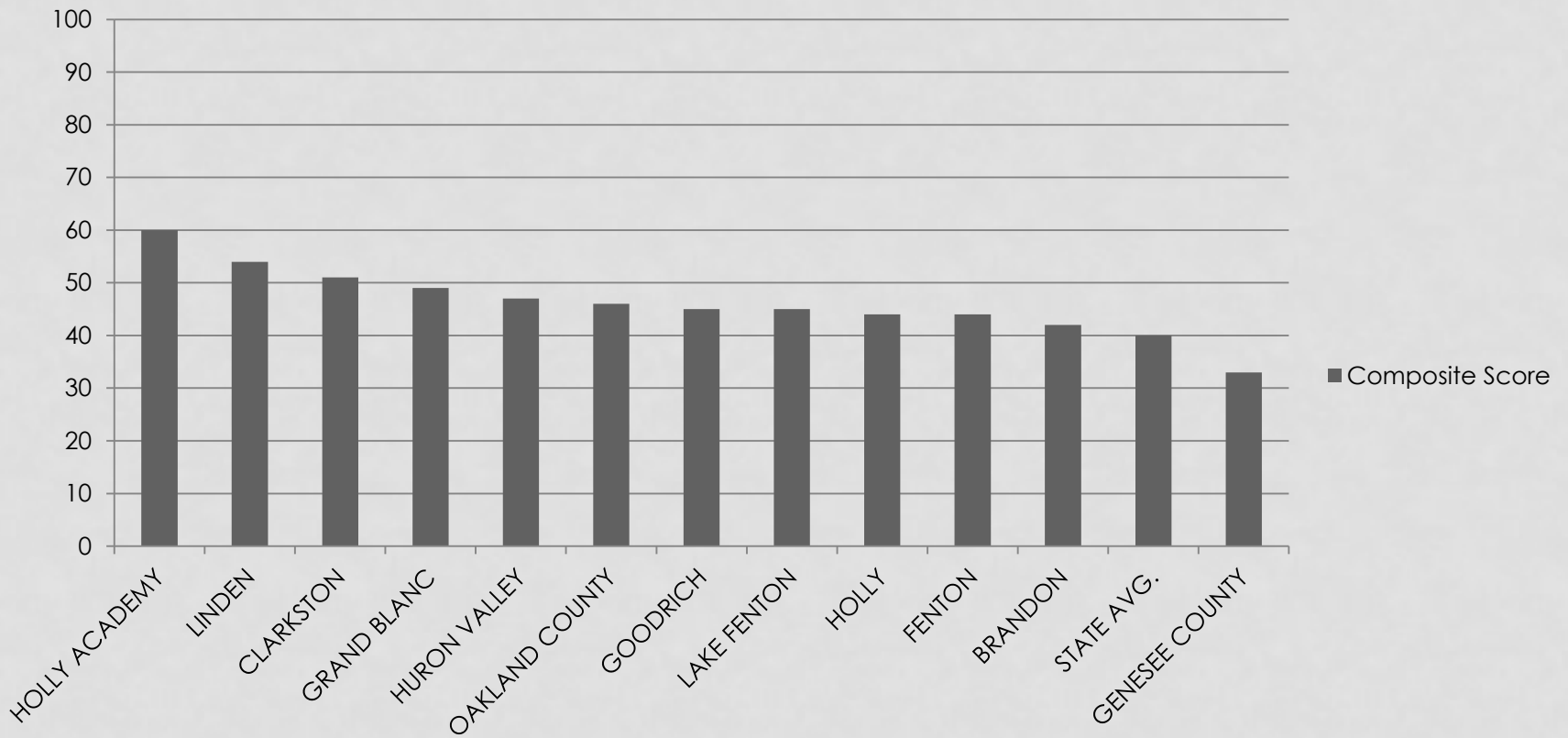


MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPOSITE COMPARISON



COMPOSITE SCORE COMPARISON

Composite Score



OAKLAND COUNTY COMPARISON

English Language Arts

Top 10

District Name	% students at or above benchmark:
Holly Academy	75.1
Troy School District	73.6
Rochester Community SD	71.8
Birmingham Public Schools	71.2
Lake Orion Community Schools	70.3
Novi Community School District	70
Bloomfield Hills Schools	69.4
Alex-Marie Manoojian School	62.6
South Lyon Community Schools	62.2
Berkley School District	61.9

Math

Top 10

District Name	% students at or above benchmark:
Novi Community SD	75.8
Rochester Community SD	70.2
Troy School District	69.1
Birmingham Public Schools	64.6
Bloomfield Hills Schools	64.3
Lake Orion Community Schools	59.5
Berkley School District	57.4
Walled Lake Consolidated Schls.	55.2
South Lyon Community Schools	53.2
Clarkston Community SD	52

Social Studies

Top 10

District Name	% students at or above benchmark:
Holly Academy	50.4
Novi Community School District	48.2
South Lyon Community Schools	45.7
Rochester Community SD	45.4
Troy School District	45.3
Lake Orion Community Schools	43.4
Bloomfield Hills Schools	42.9
Birmingham Public Schools	40.4
Berkley School District	40.3
Walled Lake Consolidated Schls.	39.3

District Name	% students at or above benchmark:
Hazel Park City SD	20
Crescent Academy	17.4
Momentum Academy	16.5
Pontiac City School District	15.2
Oak Park City SD	14.3
Pontiac Academy for Excellence	11.7
Bradford Academy	10.8
Frederick Douglass Intl. Academy	10.1
Arts and Tech. Acad. of Pontiac	9.9
Great Lakes Academy	8.9

Bottom 10

District Name	% students at or above benchmark:
Crescent Academy	8.1
Jefferson International Academy	8.1
Oak Park City SD	8
Pontiac Academy for Excellence	5.6
Sarah J. Webber Media Arts Acad.	<5%
Great Lakes Academy	<5%
Arts and Tech. Acad. of Pontiac	<5%
Bradford Academy	<5%
Frederick Douglass Intl. Academy	<5%
Keys Grace Academy	<5%

Bottom 10

District Name	% students at or above benchmark:
Pontiac City School District	<5%
Hazel Park City SD	<5%
Oak Park City SD	<5%
Sarah J. Webber Media Arts Acad.	<5%
Pontiac Academy for Excellence	<5%
Great Lakes Academy	<5%
Dr. Joseph F. Pollack ACE	<5%
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Bottom 14

QUESTIONS?



Power of the Pack!