

Midyear Loss of High School Students: Concerns about the Same Low-Performing RSD High Schools, and About Charter Schools That Remove Students

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At the 2009-10 midyear count in New Orleans schools, high schools decreased enrollment by 131 students. The schools with the greatest student loss continued to be John McDonogh and Joseph Clark Senior High Schools, which have been under state control for five years. Surprisingly, three charter schools, Sojourner Truth, Miller-McCoy and International High, had equally as great of a midyear loss of high school students. Education and crime are directly related. Cities with higher percentages of completers have lower percentages of crime. Losing high school students during midyear only fuels crime.

Summary of Findings:

The two findings of this research are:

(1) The traditional high schools, under state control, have not improved within the last five years, as significant numbers of high school students continue to leave during the school year, and

(2) The open admission charter high schools, which were designed to retain and educate the at-risk, have simply removed many of them.

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## **Calculating Student Loss within a School Year**

The LA Department of Education (DOE) collects official student enrollment data twice during a school year, on October 1<sup>st</sup> and on February 1<sup>st</sup>.<sup>i</sup> Using this data, the 2009-10 enrollment count was recorded for Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) and Recovery School District (RSD) schools containing students in grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12.<sup>ii</sup> The data revealed that charter and traditional schools, collectively, lost 181 high school students between the two counts. During that same period, two alternative schools increased enrollment by fifty (50) students.<sup>iii</sup> Thus, of the 181 students, if 50 were transferred to the alternative schools, the whereabouts of 131 students still remained dubious. Unfortunately, the DOE does not release data that can be used by researchers to determine the fate of the remaining 131 students, nor does the DOE report

this information.<sup>iv</sup> Some of the 131 probably graduated midyear or moved. Still, the loss of 131 high school students during the course of the school year is significant enough to require further analysis.

During the 2009-10 school year, a total of 27 schools enrolled students in grades 9-12, or in a portion of those grades.<sup>v</sup> Of those schools, 8 were OPSB schools (6 charter and 2 traditional schools), and 19 were RSD schools (10 charter and 9 traditional schools). (See Table 1 below). Each school system also had one alternative school. Additionally, the Youth Study Center, a correctional detention center, was operated by the OPSB, and the New Orleans Career Academy, a computer-based certification program, was operated by the RSD. Since these schools are distinguished from the traditional and charter schools, they are not included in this calculation. (See Appendix A)

Table 1

| <b>Schools with Grades 9,10, 11 and/or 12</b> |             |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>2009-10</b>                                | <b>OPSB</b> | <b>RSD</b> |
| Charter                                       | 6           | 10         |
| Traditional                                   | 2           | 9          |
| Total High Schools                            | 8           | 19         |

### **Ranking Schools by Loss of Students during the School Year**

Of the 27 schools with grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12, twenty (20) schools lost students during the midyear, while seven (7) schools gained students. The total loss of 229 students by the 20 schools was offset by the gain of 45 students from the other 7 schools. The schools, and the losses and gains for each, are listed below in Table 2, and are ranked in accordance with gain or loss.

Table 2

| <b>Total Enrollment in Grades 9,10, 11 and/or 12</b> |        |                                           |             |             |            |          |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|------------------------|
| <b>2009-10</b>                                       |        |                                           |             |             |            |          |                        |
| No                                                   | Code   | School                                    | Oct 1, 2009 | Feb 1, 2010 | Difference | % Change | Traditional or Charter |
| 1                                                    | 383001 | Sojourner Truth Academy                   | 183         | 167         | -16        | -9%      | Charter-RSD            |
| 2                                                    | 396002 | Joseph S. Clark Senior High School        | 284         | 262         | -22        | -8%      | Traditional-RSD        |
| 3                                                    | 396042 | International High School                 | 100         | 92          | -8         | -8%      | Charter-RSD            |
| 4                                                    | 384001 | Miller-McCoy Academy                      | 197         | 184         | -13        | -7%      | Charter- RSD           |
| 5                                                    | 396011 | John McDonogh Senior High School          | 545         | 506         | -39        | -7%      | Traditional- RSD       |
| 6                                                    | 396026 | G. W. Carver High School                  | 432         | 416         | -16        | -4%      | Traditional- RSD       |
| 7                                                    | 036043 | Benjamin Franklin High School             | 609         | 593         | -16        | -3%      | Charter- OPSB          |
| 8                                                    | 036088 | McDonogh #35 Senior High School           | 814         | 789         | -25        | -3%      | Traditional-OPSB       |
| 9                                                    | 395007 | Algiers Technology Academy                | 347         | 336         | -11        | -3%      | Charter RSD            |
| 10                                                   | 036096 | Eleanor McMain Secondary School           | 563         | 553         | -10        | -2%      | Traditional-OPSB       |
| 11                                                   | 389001 | Abramson Science & Technology Charter Sch | 88          | 86          | -2         | -2%      | Charter RSD            |
| 12                                                   | 395005 | O.P. Walker Senior High School            | 857         | 837         | -20        | -2%      | Charter RSD            |
| 13                                                   | 396007 | Fredrick A. Douglass High School          | 291         | 284         | -7         | -2%      | Traditional- RSD       |
| 14                                                   | 396016 | Rabouin Career Magnet High School         | 295         | 290         | -5         | -2%      | Traditional- RSD       |

|                            |        |                                               |     |          |      |      |                  |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|----------|------|------|------------------|
| 15                         | 396017 | Sarah Towles Reed Senior High School          | 585 | 573      | -12  | -2%  | Traditional- RSD |
|                            |        |                                               |     | Subtotal | -229 |      |                  |
| 16                         | 036064 | Edna Karr Secondary School                    | 843 | 842      | -1   | 0%   | Charter- OPSB    |
| 17                         | 036079 | Lusher Charter School                         | 417 | 415      | -2   | 0%   | Charter- OPSB    |
| 18                         | 036163 | New Orleans Charter Science and Math HS       | 373 | 372      | -1   | 0%   | Charter- OPSB    |
| 19                         | 036035 | Warren Easton Senior High School              | 849 | 846      | -3   | 0%   | Charter-OPSB     |
| 20                         | 391001 | Dr.M.L.K. Charter School For Science & Tech   | 64  | 64       | 0    | 0%   | Charter -RSD     |
|                            |        |                                               |     |          |      |      |                  |
| 21                         | 396036 | Excel Academy                                 | 68  | 83       | +15  | +22% | Traditional- RSD |
| 22                         | 382001 | New Orleans Charter Science & Math Academy    | 151 | 161      | +10  | +7%  | Charter- RSD     |
| 23                         | 396043 | Greater Gentilly High School                  | 206 | 212      | +6   | +3%  | Traditional- RSD |
| 24                         | 397001 | Sophie B. Wright Inst. Of Academic Excellence | 101 | 104      | +3   | +3%  | Charter-RSD      |
| 25                         | 036073 | Priestley School of Architecture/Construction | 308 | 313      | +5   | +2%  | Charter- OPSB    |
| 26                         | 300003 | Thurgood Marshall Early College High School   | 377 | 382      | +5   | +1%  | Charter-RSD      |
| 27                         | 396004 | Walter L. Cohen High School                   | 373 | 377      | +4   | +1%  | Traditional- RSD |
|                            |        |                                               |     | Subtotal | +48  |      |                  |
| Difference: 229 – 48 = 181 |        |                                               |     |          | -181 |      |                  |

### **Disproportionate Decline in RSD High School Students**

At both the October 1<sup>st</sup> and the February 1<sup>st</sup> student counts, 46% of the high school students were enrolled in OPBS schools and 54% were enrolled in RSD schools. Yet, the RSD schools accounted for over 71% of the decline in the high school student enrollment. Fewer high school students exited from the OPBS schools. (See Table 3)

Table 3

|                       | Oct 1,<br>2009 | %of total<br>enrollment | Feb 1,<br>2010 | %of total<br>enrollment | Difference | %of total<br>difference | %<br>Decline |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| OPSB Charters         | 3399           | 33%                     | 3381           | 33%                     | -18        | 10%                     |              |
| OPSB Traditional      | 1377           | 13%                     | 1342           | 13%                     | -35        | 19%                     |              |
| <b>Total OPSB</b>     | <b>4776</b>    |                         | <b>4723</b>    | <b>46%</b>              |            |                         | <b>29%</b>   |
| RSD Charters          | 2465           | 24%                     | 2413           | 24%                     | -52        | 29%                     |              |
| RSD Traditional       | 3079           | 30%                     | 3003           | 30%                     | -76        | 42%                     |              |
| <b>Total RSD</b>      | <b>5544</b>    |                         | <b>5416</b>    | <b>54%</b>              |            |                         | <b>71%</b>   |
| Total of OPBS and RSD | 10320          |                         | 10139          |                         | -181       |                         | 100%         |

### **Five Schools with Highest High School Enrollment Loss**

**Traditional RSD Schools: John McDonogh, Joseph Clark**

**Charter RSD Schools: Sojourner Truth, Miller-McCoy, International High**

Five RSD schools had the greatest loss of high school student enrollment for the 2009-10 year. Two were traditional schools and three were charter schools. (Table 4 below)

Table 4

| Total Enrollment in Grades 9,10, 11 and/or 12 |        |                                    | 2009-10     |             | Grades 9-12 Only |          |                        |
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**The Traditional Schools:**

**No Improvement in Joseph Clark and John McDonogh after Five Years**

The traditional schools, Joseph S. Clark Sr. High and John McDonogh Sr. High, had significant midyear declines in student enrollment prior to the State Takeover. Each school continues to have among the lowest performance scores in the state. In 2004-05, Joseph S. Clark High School had a School Performance Score of 14.6, and in 2009-10 the score continued to be low at 22.8. In 2004-05, John McDonogh had a School Performance Score of 25.1, and in 2009-10, it continued to be low at 32.2.<sup>vi</sup>

The data suggests that the Recovery School District has been equally as unsuccessful as the Orleans Parish School Board with Clark and McDonogh schools. During the five years of the state takeover, the Recovery School District has tried unsuccessfully to charter these schools. Chartering the schools, though, would not have guaranteed improvement.

**The Charter Schools:**

**Sojourner Truth, Miller McCoy and International High – Removed Numerous At- Risk Students**

The three charter schools that lost numerous high school students at midyear were: Sojourner Truth, Miller-McCoy, and International High. The significant midyear loss of high school students from these charter schools is contrary to the purpose for which charter schools were authorized under Louisiana law.<sup>vii</sup> A primary purpose, with regard to both state and federal law, is to educate at-risk students who would otherwise fail and drop-out.<sup>viii</sup>

**Sojourner Truth:**

Sojourner Truth opened in the 2008-09 school year and had no SPS that year, as scores are not generally given in the first year. The School Performance Score for Sojourner Truth was 53.5 in 2009-10.

Sojourner Truth opened with a 9<sup>th</sup> grade class only. In October 2008, 108 students were in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class, by February 2009, the number had declined to 103 students. All of the 103 9<sup>th</sup>

grade students did not make it to 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2009, as there were only 96 students for the October 2009 count. Again the number was reduced to 73 by the February 2010 count. Then again, these 73 10<sup>th</sup> graders did not all make it to 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2010, as there were only 66 students in the count for October 2010. (See Table 5.)

Table 5

| <b>Sojourner Truth</b>    | 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>2008-09 | Of the 103 9 <sup>th</sup><br>graders only | 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>2009-10 | Of the 83 10 <sup>th</sup><br>graders, only | 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>2010-11 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> Count | 108                              | 87 made it to                              | 87                                | 66 made it to                               | 66                                |
| Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Count | 103                              | 10 <sup>th</sup> grade                     | 83                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> grade.                     |                                   |
| Loss                      | -5                               |                                            | -4                                |                                             |                                   |

Students entering Sojourner Truth the following year, in 2009-10, experienced the same fate. Ninety-six (96) students entered the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and by the February count, there were only 94 students. Of the 94 students, only 88 entered the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in October 2010.<sup>ix</sup>

These calculations assume that the 103 9<sup>th</sup> graders in school at the end of the year were the same 9<sup>th</sup> graders who entered 10<sup>th</sup> grade the following year. Since there were only 87 10<sup>th</sup> graders that following year, 16 of the 9<sup>th</sup> graders did not make it to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Similarly, of the 83 10<sup>th</sup> graders at the end of the following year, only 66 were in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade the next year. Perhaps, the students could have failed rather than dropped out. If this were the case, it would be equally alarming. Until the LA Department of Education decides to release this site level “exit reason” data, an accurate rendering will never be determined.

In summary, the entering 108 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2008-09 diminished, within two years, to 66 11<sup>th</sup> graders in 2010-11.

Sojourner Truth school, as several other charter schools, has extended its authority to expel students, which could account for the loss of so many students. State law establishes the reasons for expulsion, or permanent removal, of students. Expulsions are authorized by state law for extreme behaviors, such as, drugs, weapons and gang fighting.<sup>x</sup> However, Sojourner Truth has extended its authority regarding expulsions, allowing students to be expelled for such behaviors as “cheating for the third time.”<sup>xi</sup>

In addition, Sojourner Truth has granted itself the authority to remove students from school for reasons not cited by the LA Department of Education in their identification of “exit code reasons.” For example, Sojourner Truth has granted itself the authority to remove students if their parents do not attend the parents meetings scheduled by the school.<sup>xii</sup>

## **Miller-McCoy**

For its opening 2008-09 school year, Miller-McCoy actually had a School Performance Score of 67.7. Most schools are not given a SPS in their first year of operation. The School Performance Score increased to 69.5 in 2009-10.

In its first year, Miller McCoy had 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students only. In the following year, the school added the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, and then, in the next year, added the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. This article focuses on the high school grades.

In October 2008, 117 students were in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class, and by February 2009, the number was reduced to 113 students. These 113 9<sup>th</sup> grade students did not all make it to 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2009, as there were only 100 students for the October 2009 count. Again, the number was reduced to 95 by the February 2010 count. And again, these 95 10<sup>th</sup> graders did not all make it to 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2010, as there were only 82 students in the count for October 2010. (See Table 6.)

Table 6

| <b>Miller McCoy</b>       | 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>2008-09 | Of the 113 9 <sup>th</sup><br>graders, only | 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>2009-10 | Of the 95 10 <sup>th</sup><br>graders, only | 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>2010-11 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> Count | 117                              | 100 made it to                              | 100                               | 82 made it to                               | 82                                |
| Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Count | 113                              | 10 <sup>th</sup> grade                      | 95                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> grade.                     |                                   |
| Lost                      | -4                               |                                             | -5                                |                                             |                                   |

In summary, the entering 117 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2008-09 diminished, within two years, to 82 11<sup>th</sup> graders in 2010-11.

Miller-McCoy has extended its authority to remove students through expulsion. State law establishes the causes of student behavior that warrant expulsion, or permanent removal from school. Such causes are for extreme behaviors, such as, drugs, weapons and gang fighting. However, Miller-McCoy has granted itself authority to expel students for such behaviors as cutting class or detention, disrupting class, cheating, being disrespectful, and misbehaving inside or outside of class.<sup>xiii</sup>

Again, the reasons for the decline in the student enrollment cannot be fully determined until the DOE releases “exit reason” data from its Student Information System (SIS). However, Miller-McCoy is a charter school, with an explicit purpose to educate, not to remove, at-risk youth.

## **International High School**

During its first year of operation, 2009-10, the International High school went from 100 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in October, 2009 to 92 students in February, 2010. For the current 2010-11 school year, the DOE has recorded only the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> count and has not yet recorded the February 1<sup>st</sup> count to determine if the loss of students midyear has continued. Also, the DOE has changed the school code of the International High School for the years 2009-10 and 2010-11.<sup>xiv</sup>

### **Conclusions and Observations**

Prior to the State Takeover, traditional high schools experienced significant midyear losses of high school students. These losses have continued in two of New Orleans' most troubled high schools, even with the five-year intervention of the state through the Recovery School District. The two traditional high schools cited herein were not converted to charter schools, the reform plan of the RSD. However, three RSD schools, which were converted to charters, still experienced significant midyear high school student losses. These charter schools have granted themselves authority to expel students for causes not authorized by state law, which could be reason for decreased enrollment. In addition, at least one charter school authorizes the removal of students for parent failure to participate in meetings. Whatever the causes for midyear high school student losses, these causes deserve to be studied and the trend reversed. Midyear loss not only contributes to lower high school completion rates, but contributes to increased crime in the community.

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APPENDIX A

OPSB High Schools (Schools with Grades 9,10, 11 and/or 12) 2009-10 GRADES 9-12 ONLY REPORTED							
No	Code	School	Oct 1, 2009	Feb 1, 2010	Difference	% Change	Traditional or Charter
1	036035	Warren Easton Senior High School	849	846	-3	0%	Charter
2	036043	Benjamin Franklin High School	609	593	-16	-3%	Charter
3	036064	Edna Karr Secondary School	843	842	-1	0	Charter
4	036073	Priestley School of Architecture/Construction	308	313	+5	+2%	Charter
5	036079	Lusher Charter School	417	415	-2	0	Charter
6	036088	McDonogh #35 Senior High School	814	789	-25	-3%	Traditional
7	036096	Eleanor McMain Secondary School	563	553	-10	-2%	Traditional
8	036132	Youth Study Center	14	11	-3	-21%	Traditional
9	036157	The Alternative Learning Institute	69	100	+31	+45%	Traditional
10	036163	New Orleans Charter Science and Math HS	373	372	-1	0	Charter

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5	389001	Abramson Science & Technology Charter School	197	86	-2	-2%	Charter
6	391001	Dr.M.L.K. Charter School For Science & Tech	64	64	0	0	Charter
7	395005	O.P. Walker Senior High School	857	837	-20	-2%	Charter
8	395007	Algiers Technology Academy	347	336	-11	-3%	Charter
9	396002	Joseph S. Clark Senior High School	284	262	-22	-8%	Traditional
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14	396017	Sarah Towles Reed Senior High School	585	573	-12	-2%	Traditional
15	396022	Schwarz Alternative School	54	73	+19	+35%	Traditional
16	396026	G. W. Carver High School	432	416	-16	-4%	Traditional
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21	397001	Sophie B. Wright Inst. Of Academic Excellence	101	104	+3	+3%	Charter

APPENDIX B

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No	Code	School	Oct 1, 2009	Feb 1, 2010	Difference	% Change	Traditional or Charter
1	036157	The Alternative Learning Institute	69	100	+31	+45%	Traditional

Juvenile Detention: Youth Study Center

OPBS High Schools (Schools with Grades 9,10, 11 and/or 12) 2009-10 GRADES 9-12 ONLY REPORTED							
No	Code	School	Oct 1, 2009	Feb 1, 2010	Difference	% Change	Traditional or Charter
1	036132	Youth Study Center	14	11	-3	-21%	Traditional

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RSD- Alternative School

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No	Code	School	Oct 1, 2009	Feb 1, 2010	Difference	% Change	Traditional or Charter
1	396022	Schwarz Alternative School	54	73	+19	+35%	Traditional

RSD- Other

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No	Code	School	Oct 1, 2009	Feb 1, 2010	Difference	% Change	Traditional or Charter
1	396045	New Orleans Career Academy	59	69	+10	+17%	Traditional

Endnotes

ⁱ La Dept of Education website, Data and Reports, Student Information System.

ⁱⁱ DOE, Student Enrollment Data, Zipped Excel: Multiple Statistics, Oct. 1, 2009, by site, Grades K-12 only. DOE, Student Enrollment Data, Zipped Excel: Multiple Statistics, Feb. 1, 2009, by site, Grades K-12 only. See, also, Appendix A.

ⁱⁱⁱ *Ibid.* See, also, Appendix B.

^{iv} LA Department of Education: Data Collections Systems, Student Information System, SIS User Guide 2010-11 version 10.7, Element Name: Exit Reason Code, Code Values.

^v Appendices A and B

^{vi} Graduation rates and assessment scores determine each high school's SPS (School Performance Scores). See LA DOE website, Data and Reports.

^{vii} La.R.S.17:3971 et.seq. "It is the intention of the legislature that the best interests of at-risk pupils shall be the overriding consideration in implementing the provisions of this Chapter (on charter schools)." La. R.S. 17:3972(A)

^{viii} No Child Left Behind: Public Law 107-110, Part B, Public Charter Schools

^{ix} For 2010-11, only the Oct 1st count has been released by the LA Department of Education.

^x La.R.S.17:416; Discipline of Pupils: Suspension, Expulsion.

^{xi} Sojourner Truth Academy Student Handbook: "social Justice and College Preparation for Youth and Community Empowerment, see: consequences for "Cheating Violations" and "Parent/ Guardian Contract: Parent Meetings."

^{xii} *Ibid.*

^{xiii} Miller McCoy Academy for Mathematics and Business: College Preparatory Charter School: Family Handbook 2010-11, Disciplinary Policies.

^{xiv} International High School – Change of School Code. 2009-10 School Code: 396042. 2010-11 School Code: 344001. School Codes are assigned by the LA Department of Education.