

Spending Impact of Student Performance – A Rural Perspective
Data Sources and Methodology
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

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School district data demonstrating enrollment and proficiency on the grade 3 and grade 8 Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) were compiled for all school districts. This was combined with data showing the district adequacy targets and state funding needed to achieve adequacy under the new state education formula. District expenditures to determine the percent the district spends as compared to the adequacy target were also included.

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