Nearly Half of All Elementary Students Are Now Enrolled in Highly-Rated Schools

The increased number of students at 4 and 5 STAR schools in SY18-19 was largely driven by elementary students living in nearly every ward

Elementary student enrollment was a major driver of the nearly 8,500 additional students at 4 and 5 STAR schools across the city in SY18-19 compared to SY17-18 (see Edsight #8). The increased number of students in PK3 to 5 at highly-rated schools represented nearly two-thirds (64%) of the overall increase. The gain in middle grade enrollment at 4 and 5 STAR schools accounted for 24% of the 8,500 student increase, while high school grades accounted for the remaining 12%.

About the STAR Framework

The STAR Framework is part of the Office of the State Superintendent's (OSSE) DC School Report Card, along with over 150 other data elements. Each school is given an overall star rating, with one star being the lowest and five being the highest. SY18-19 (2019 STAR) was the second year of STAR Framework ratings.

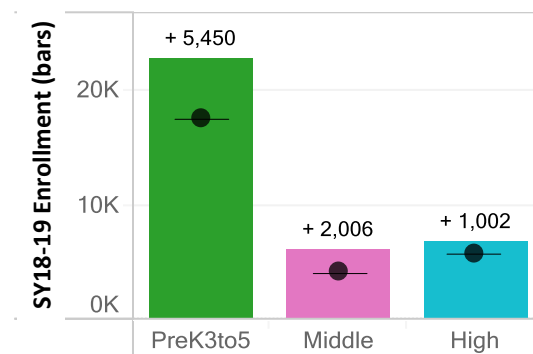### Enrollment at 2019 STAR Highly-Rated Schools by Grade Band

Citywide, 22,884 audited students in elementary grades (PK3 to 5) were enrolled at 4 and 5 STAR schools in SY18-19. This additional 5,450 audited students over the SY17-18 enrollment represents an increase of 10 percentage points in the share of all elementary grade students enrolled at highly-rated schools from 33% in SY17-18 to 43% in SY18-19.

Audited enrollment in middle grades (6 to 8) at highly-rated schools also increased substantially, from 4,061 in SY17-18 to 6,067 in SY18-19, a net increase of over 2,000 students. The share of middle grade students attending 4 and 5 STAR schools jumped 11% from 28% in SY17-18 to 39% in SY18-19.

A little more than 1,000 additional high school students enrolled at 4 and 5 STAR schools in SY18-19, reaching 6,713 students. The share of high school students attending 4 and 5 STAR schools increased 7% from 33% in SY17-18 to 40% in SY18-19.

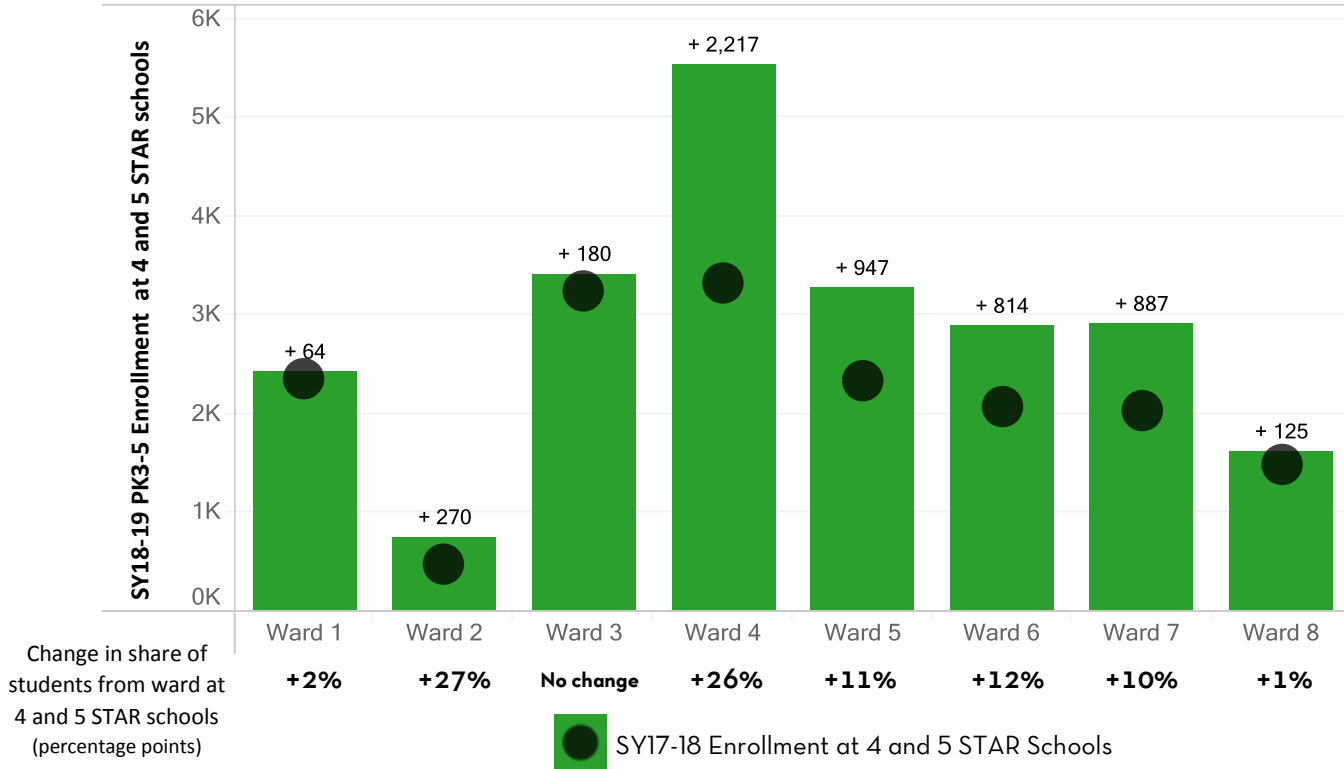### Citywide Enrollment at 4 and 5 STAR Schools by Grade Band, SY17-18 to SY18-19

SY17-18 Enrollment at 4 and 5 STAR Schools

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Elementary Enrollment at 4 and 5 STAR Schools by Student's Home Ward, SY17-18 to SY18-19

SY18-19 PK3-5 Enrollment at 4 and 5 STAR schools

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
Enrollment change	+ 64	+ 270	+ 180	+ 2,217	+ 947	+ 814	+ 887	+ 125

Change in share of students from ward at 4 and 5 STAR schools (percentage points)

Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
+2%	+27%	No change	+26%	+11%	+12%	+10%	+1%

● SY17-18 Enrollment at 4 and 5 STAR Schools

Notes: Share of PK3-5 students from student's home ward; denominator includes students attending unrated schools as well as schools rated 1,2, and 3 STAR. Citywide and Ward totals are not the same because the ward breakdown excludes 126 PK3 to 5 students at 4+ STAR rated schools who were not able to be geocoded in SY17-18, and 72 PK3-5 students at 4+ STAR rated schools who were not geocoded in SY18-19.

Sources: OSSE, DC School Report Card, 2018 and 2019; OSSE Audited Enrollment, SY17-18 and 18-19

Improvement in Elementary Grades by Student Home Ward

Many students attend school in a different ward than they live so we distinguish between school ward and student home ward. The number of audited elementary students enrolled at highly-rated schools grew in every student home ward. Ward 4 saw the largest number increase, with 2,217 more PK3 to 5 students living in the ward enrolled at 4+ STAR rated schools across the city. Ward 1 saw the smallest number increase.

Several wards saw double-digit increases in the share of elementary students attending highly-rated schools. The share of audited elementary students living in Ward 2 and attending 4+ STAR schools anywhere in the city jumped from 44% to 71% and those living in Ward 4 rose from 41% to 67%. The share of elementary students from Wards 5, 6, and 7 increased at least 10 percentage points each to 42%, 49%, and 30%, respectively.

The share did not change for students from Ward 3, where nearly every elementary student attend highly rated schools (97%). And it increased only slightly for students living in Ward 1 to 56% and Ward 8 to 13%.

For more information on the STAR Framework and the DME's methodology visit: EdScape and The DC School Report Card

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