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**Attachments:** Grad Rates New Simulations 17 and 18.xls

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Lowell,

Below and attached are information that was provided by Ed Croft in response to your request:

The attached file that shows the school grades assigned under two of our major recent simulations, along with the federal grad rate, the modified 5-year federal rate, and the percent scoring at or above grade level on reading. Note that the five-year modified rate is usually higher than the four-year rate, but that isn't always the case because the rates are calculated using two different years' cohorts. The five-year rate is a follow-up the previous year's four-year rate. If a school had a really low four-year rate in the previous year, the school's current five-year rate could be lower than the school's current four-year rate.

Each of these simulations applies the reading performance threshold of 25% at or above grade level to earn a grade higher than "F."

Data users can sort the provided reading percentages to determine how many schools would go from a passing grade to an "F" if the reading performance threshold were changed. We provided the information in this format for Lowell in case he wants to run different scenarios on his own.

Thanks,

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