**Study of School-Level Expenditure (SSLE) Data, 2008-09:**

**Dataset Documentation**

November 30, 2011

This dataset contains data on school-level expenditures that were reported by states in response to a requirement under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)*. All states were required to report school-level expenditures for the 2008–09 school year for all districts that received Title I Part A funds under *ARRA*. States and districts were asked to provide a school-by-school listing, including both Title I and non-Title I schools, showing four types of expenditures: total personnel salaries for all school-level instructional and support staff; salaries for instructional staff; salaries for teachers; and non-personnel expenditures (if available).

States were asked to report school-level expenditures from state and local funds only (i.e., excluding expenditures from federal program funds) and to exclude expenditures for special education, adult education, school nutrition programs, summer school, preschool, and employee benefits. Most states reported that they were able to submit school expenditure data that were consistent with the above specifications, but some states indicated some divergence from these preferred specifications. Consequently, **the data collected through this study are not consistently defined across all states and districts, and are best used to examine resource patterns within districts rather than across districts.**

The dataset file is named “SSLE Analysis Dataset” and contains the schools that were included in the analyses conducted in the U.S. Department of Education report, *Comparability of State and Local Expenditures Among Schools Within Districts: A Report From the Study of School-Level Expenditures*, and policy brief, *The Potential Impact of Revising the Title I Comparability Requirement to Focus on School-Level Expenditures*. This dataset includes 82,993 schools in 13,225 districts.

Some schools that were included in state data submissions for this study were excluded from the analyses conducted for the above reports. These schools were excluded for one of two reasons: 1) the reported expenditures included federal funds, or 2) the reported per-pupil expenditures were either very low (less than $1,000 per pupil) or very high (more than $30,000 per pupil) and were presumed to be inaccurately reported or to reflect unusual circumstances. A datafile containing the reported data for these excluded schools is available upon request (by contacting Stephanie Stullich, U.S. Department of Education, [stephanie.stullich@ed.gov](mailto:stephanie.stullich@ed.gov)).

For more detailed information on study methodology and data quality issues, see the full report issued from this study (U.S. Department of Education, 2011, *Comparability of State and Local Expenditures Among Schools Within Districts: A Report From the Study of School-Level Expenditures*).

**Technical Documentation**

FILE NAME = SSLE Analysis Dataset 11-30-11.xlsx, school-level analysis file

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The file contains data for the school year 2008-09 sorted by the NCES assigned school identification code (NCES\_ID). Data are available in two formats: Excel spreadsheet (.xlsx) and fixed width text files (.txt).

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Variable Start End Data

Name Order Position Position Type Description

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NCES\_ID 1 1 15 AN Unique NCES public school identifier (7-digit NCES agency ID + 5-digit NCES school ID).

FIPST 2 16 17 AN American National Standards Institute (ANSI) state code.

01 = Alabama 02 = Alaska 04 = Arizona

05 = Arkansas 06 = California 08 = Colorado

09 = Connecticut 10 = Delaware 11 = District of Columbia

12 = Florida 13 = Georgia 15 = Hawaii

16 = Idaho 17 = Illinois 18 = Indiana

19 = Iowa 20 = Kansas 21 = Kentucky

22 = Louisiana 23 = Maine 24 = Maryland

25 = Massachusetts 26 = Michigan 27 = Minnesota

28 = Mississippi 29 = Missouri 30 = Montana

31 = Nebraska 32 = Nevada 33 = New Hampshire

34 = New Jersey 35 = New Mexico 36 = New York

37 = North Carolina 38 = North Dakota 39 = Ohio

40 = Oklahoma 41 = Oregon 42 = Pennsylvania

44 = Rhode Island 45 = South Carolina 46 = South Dakota

47 = Tennessee 48 = Texas 49 = Utah

50 = Vermont 51 = Virginia 53 = Washington

54 = West Virginia 55 = Wisconsin 56 = Wyoming

72 = Puerto Rico

Field\_1 3 20 24 AN 2 letter state abbreviation.

AL = Alabama AK = Alaska AZ = Arizona

AR = Arkansas CA = California CO = Colorado

CT = Connecticut DE = Delaware DC = District of Columbia

FL = Florida GA = Georgia HI = Hawaii

ID = Idaho IL = Illinois IN = Indiana

IA = Iowa KS = Kansas KY = Kentucky

LA = Louisiana ME = Maine MD = Maryland

MA = Massachusetts MI = Michigan MN = Minnesota

MS = Mississippi MO = Missouri MT = Montana

NE = Nebraska NV = Nevada NH = New Hampshire

NJ = New Jersey NM = New Mexico NY = New York

NC = North Carolina ND = North Dakota OH = Ohio

OK = Oklahoma OR = Oregon PA = Pennsylvania

RI = Rhode Island SC = South Carolina SD = South Dakota

TN = Tennessee TX = Texas UT = Utah

VT = Vermont VA = Virginia WA = Washington

WV = West Virginia WI = Wisconsin WY = Wyoming

PR = Puerto Rico

Field\_2 4 25 34 AN NCES local education agency (LEA) ID (7 digit district code).

Field\_3 5 35 99 AN LEA (district) name.

Field\_4 6 100 109 AN NCES school ID (5 digit code).

NOTE: NCES school ID is a unique number within an LEA. By combining Field\_2 with Field\_4, each school can be uniquely identified within the total file (see NCES\_ID above).

Field\_5 7 110 174 AN School name.

Field\_7 8 175 194 N Personnel salaries at school level - total.

Field\_8 9 195 214 N Personnel salaries at school level - instructional staff only.

Field\_9 10 215 234 N Personnel salaries at school level - teachers only.

Field\_10 11 235 254 N Non-personnel expenditures at school level.

Field\_11 12 255 274 N Student enrollment.

PPE\_SCH 13 275 294 N Per-pupil expenditure - total personnel salaries.

PPTOT\_SCH 14 295 314 N Per-pupil expenditure - personnel + non-personnel.

TitleI\_Flag 15 315 334 AN TitleI eligibility:

Title I = School was Title I Schoolwide Eligible-Title I Targeted Assistance Program, Title I Schoolwide School, or Title I Targeted Assistance School

non-Title I = School was Not a Title I School, Title I Schoolwide Eligible School, or Title I Targeted Assistance Eligible School- No Program.

SchoolLevel 16 335 354 AN School level (EDFacts)

Elementary = Low grade = PK through 03; high grade = PK through 08

Middle = Low grade = 04 through 07; high grade = 04 through 09

High = Low grade = 07 through 12; high grade = 12 only

Non Standard = Any other configuration not falling within the above three categories, including ungraded)

SPR 17 360 363 N School poverty rate (EDFacts), ranges from 0 to 1.

Membership0809 18 375 394 N Number enrolled (EDFacts). The reported total membership of the school.

TotFRL0809 19 395 414 N Number free lunch eligible and reduced-price lunch eligible students (EDFacts).

SchoolType0809 20 419 449 AN School type (EDFacts)

Regular school

Special education school

Vocational school

Other/alternative school

Reportable Program

CharterStatus0809 21 450 470 AN Charter school status (EDFacts). A school that provides free elementary and/or secondary education to eligible students under a specific charter granted by the state legislature or other appropriate authority.

Yes

No

Not applicable

STATUS08 22 474 476 N School operational status (CCD 08-09)

1 = School was operational at the time of the last report and is currently operational.

2 = School has closed since the time of the last report.

3 = School has been opened since the time of the last report.

4 = School was operational at the time of the last report but was not on the CCD list at that time.

5 = School was listed in previous year’s CCD school universe as being affiliated with a different education agency.

6 = School is temporarily closed and may reopen within 3 years.

7 = School is scheduled to be operational within 2 years.

8 = School was closed on previous year’s file but has reopened.

GSLO08 23 479 482 AN School low grade offered. The following codes are used:

UG = Ungraded

PK = Prekindergarten

KG = Kindergarten

01-12 = 1st through 12th grade

N = School had no students reported

UG and N each occur only in isolation from other codes. When one of these

does occur, it is both the lowest (GSLO) and the highest (GSHI) grade.

GSHI08 24 484 487 AN School high grade offered. The following codes are used:

UG = Ungraded

PK = Prekindergarten

KG = Kindergarten

01-12 = 1st through 12th grade

N = School had no students reported

UG and N each occur only in isolation from other codes. When one of these does occur, it is both the lowest (GSLO) and the highest (GSHI) grade.