

School District of Beloit Data Tool

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Student Demographics

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Teacher Demographics




Teacher Turnover



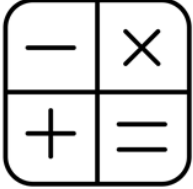
District Finances




Student Participation




Forward Exam




ACT



Open Enrollment



Data Notes



Glossary of Terms



School District of Beloit Data Tool

- Interactive data on Beloit teachers, students, and finances over time
 - Students: Demographics, Participation, Forward Exam, ACT, Open Enrollment
 - Teachers: Demographics, Turnover
 - Finances
- Compare SDB's metrics to those in statewide and local peer districts
 - Statewide: enrollment between 1,900 and 20,000; at least 54% economically disadvantaged students; at least 55% of revenue via state aid
 - Green Bay, Janesville, Manitowoc, Menasha, Milwaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, South Milwaukee, West Allis-West Milwaukee
 - Local: districts near Beloit
 - Beloit Turner, Clinton, Delavan-Darien, Edgerton, Evansville, Janesville, Milton, Parkview, The Lincoln Academy (included for metrics where data on charter schools are available)
- Data come from Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and Wisconsin Policy Forum analysis



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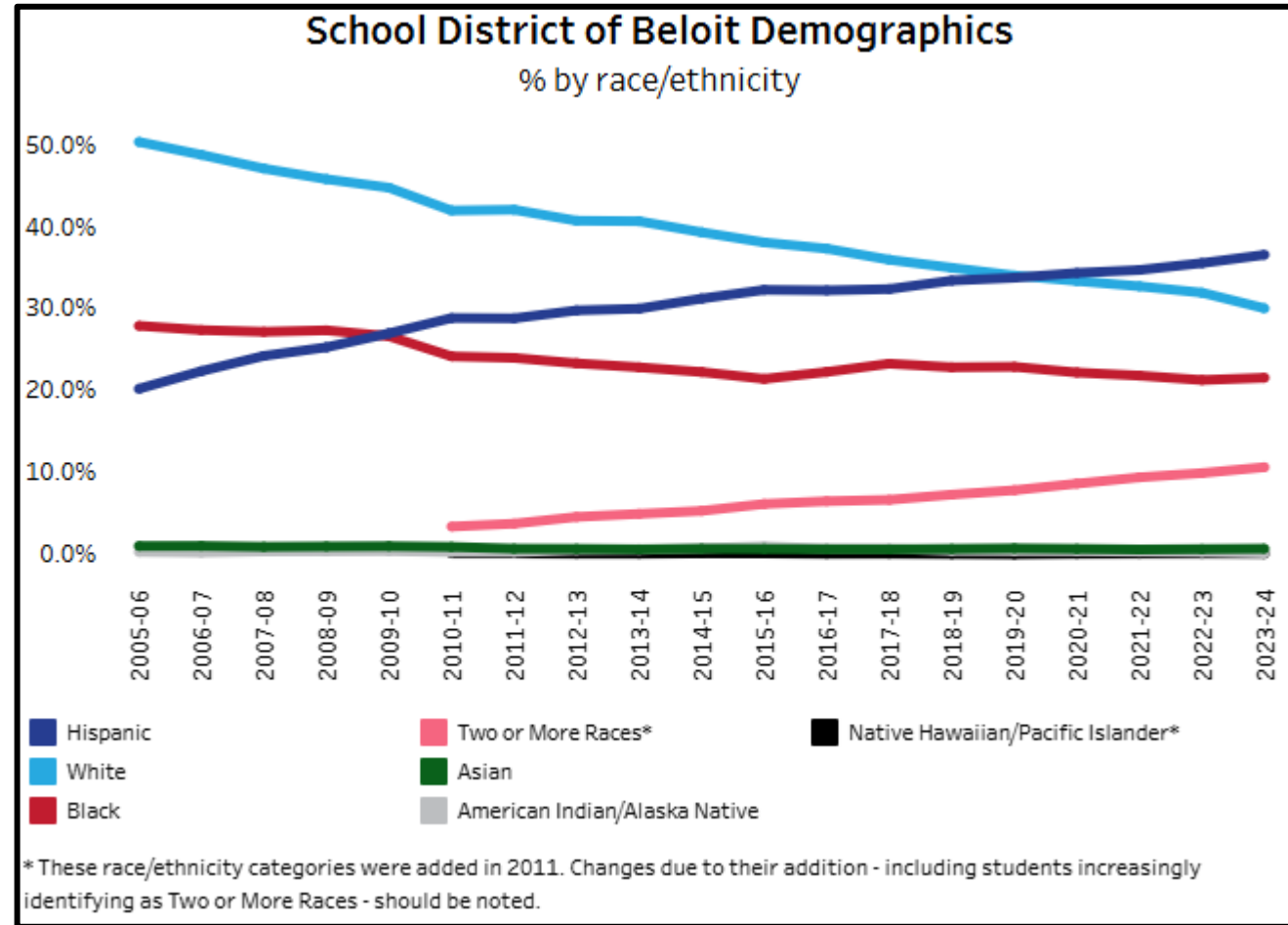


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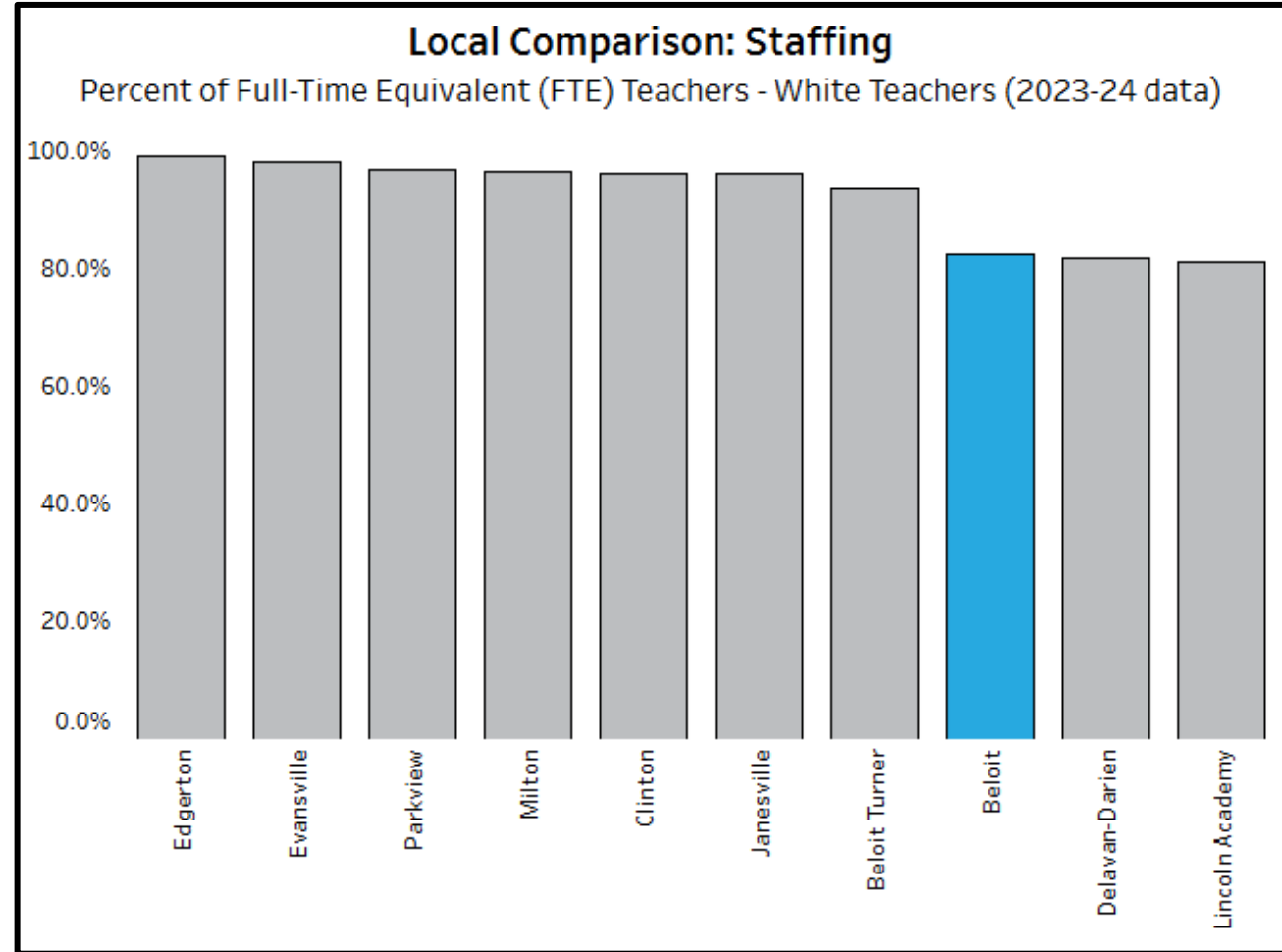
Key Findings: Student Demographics

- Total enrollment has fallen substantially
- Shares of students of color and English learners rising
- More students of color, economically disadvantaged students, and English learners than most statewide and local peer districts



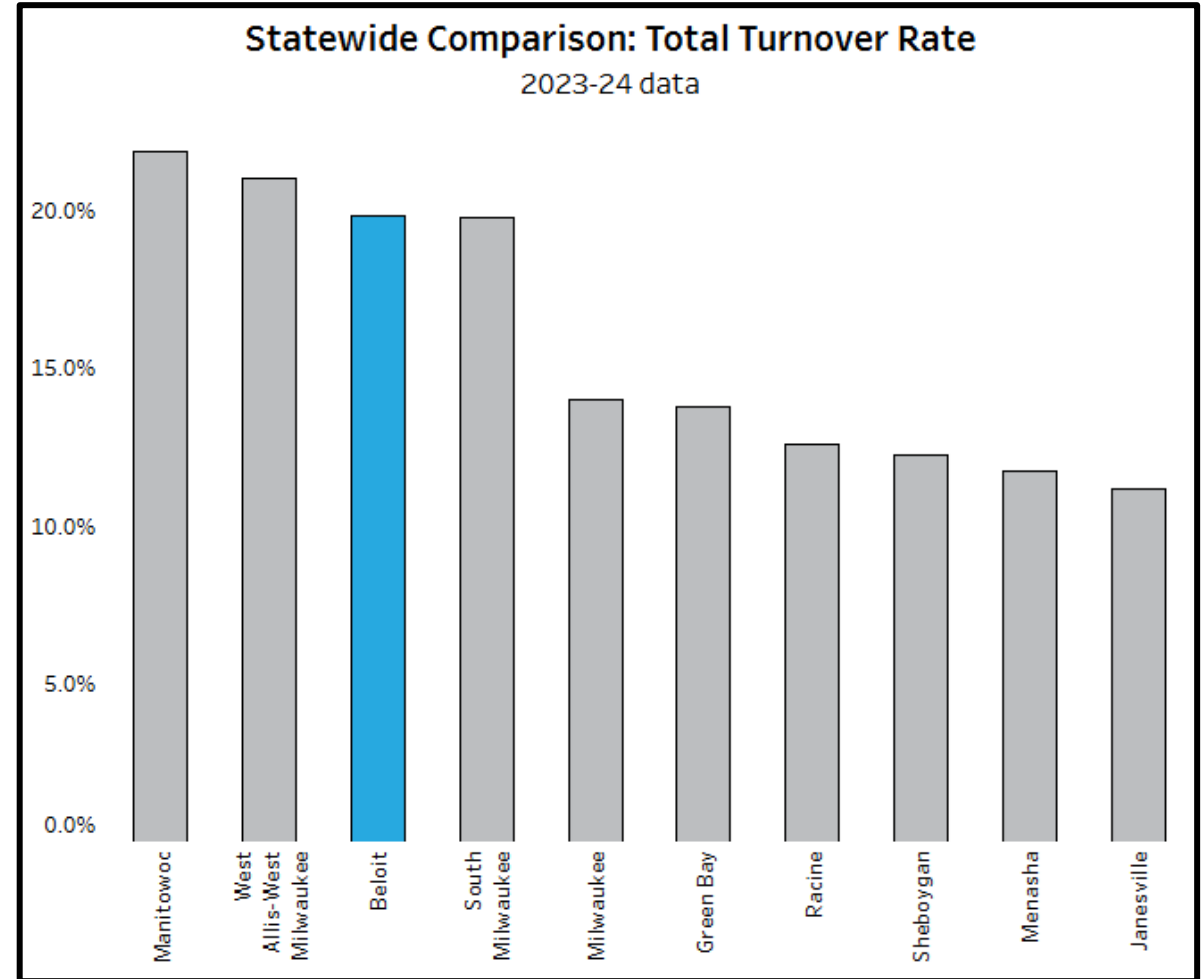
Key Findings: Teacher Demographics

- More teachers of color than many statewide and local peer districts
- Salary/benefits rising, but growth below rate of inflation since 2009-10
- Staffing levels drop, average years of experience remain steady



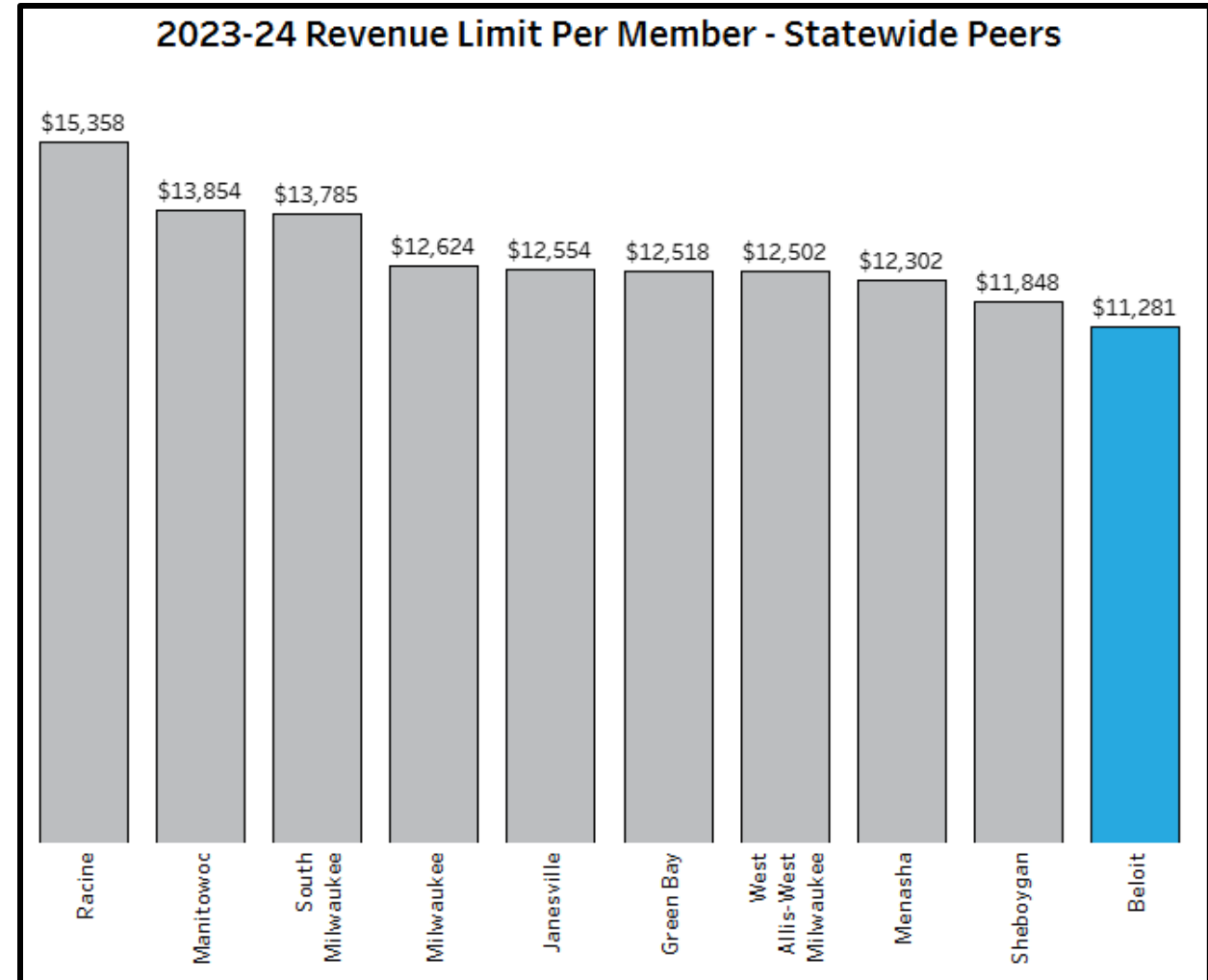
Key Findings: Teacher Turnover

- SDB loses more teachers to other districts than it gains from them
- SDB loses more teachers to other professions or retirements than to other districts
- Highest levels of turnover in 2022-23 and 2023-24, mirroring statewide data; total turnover rate above state average in every year
- Highest rate of total turnover among local peers, third-highest for statewide peers



Key Findings: District Finances

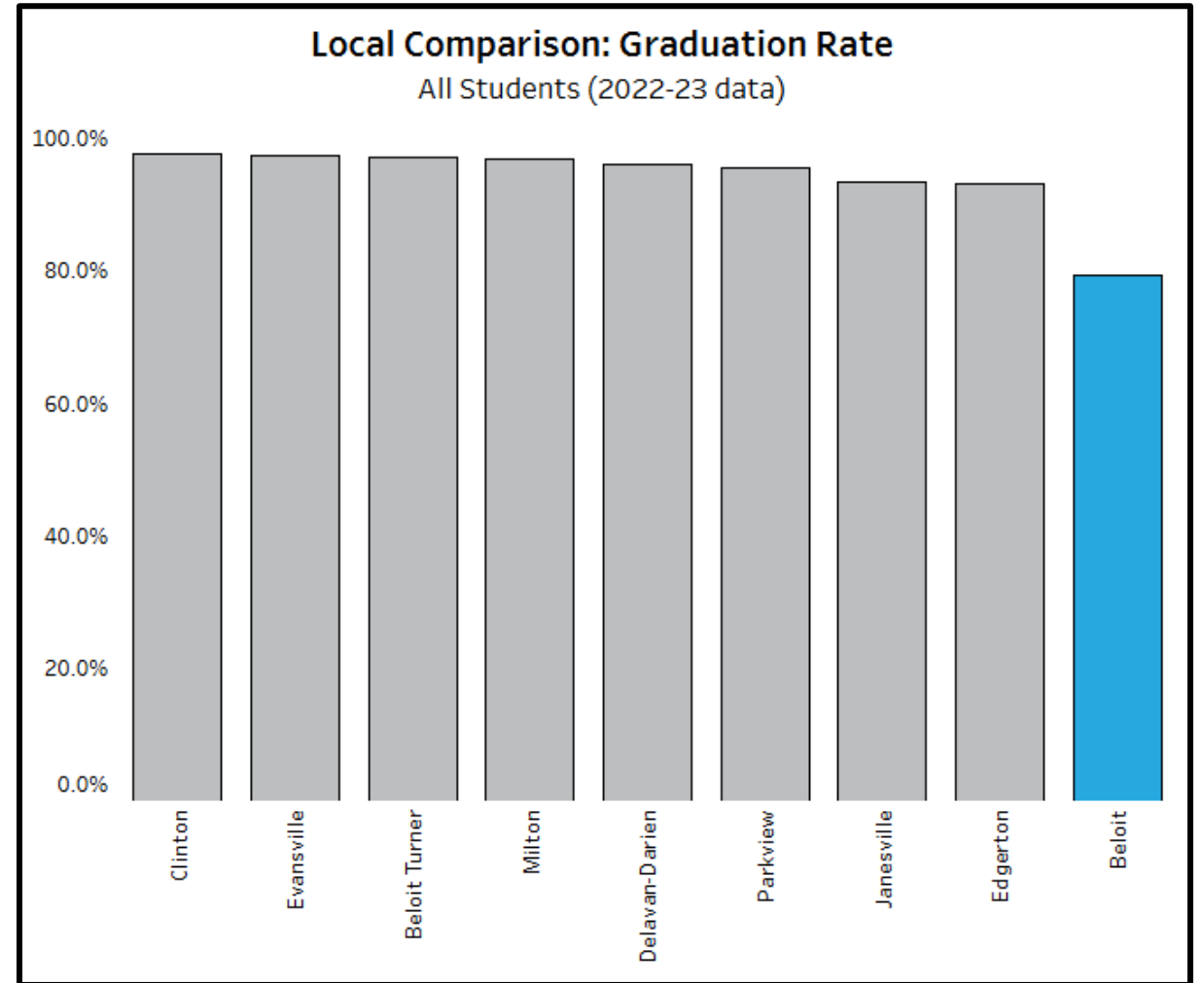
- SDB revenue limit (property taxes plus general state aid per student) below state average and all state peers, toward bottom of local peers
- SDB receives much more in state aid, and levies much less in property taxes than state averages
- Higher per pupil amounts spent on pupil services and instructional staff services than state averages
- Higher levels of total operating spending than all local peers and nearly all statewide peers due to state and federal aid and student need



Key Findings: Student Participation

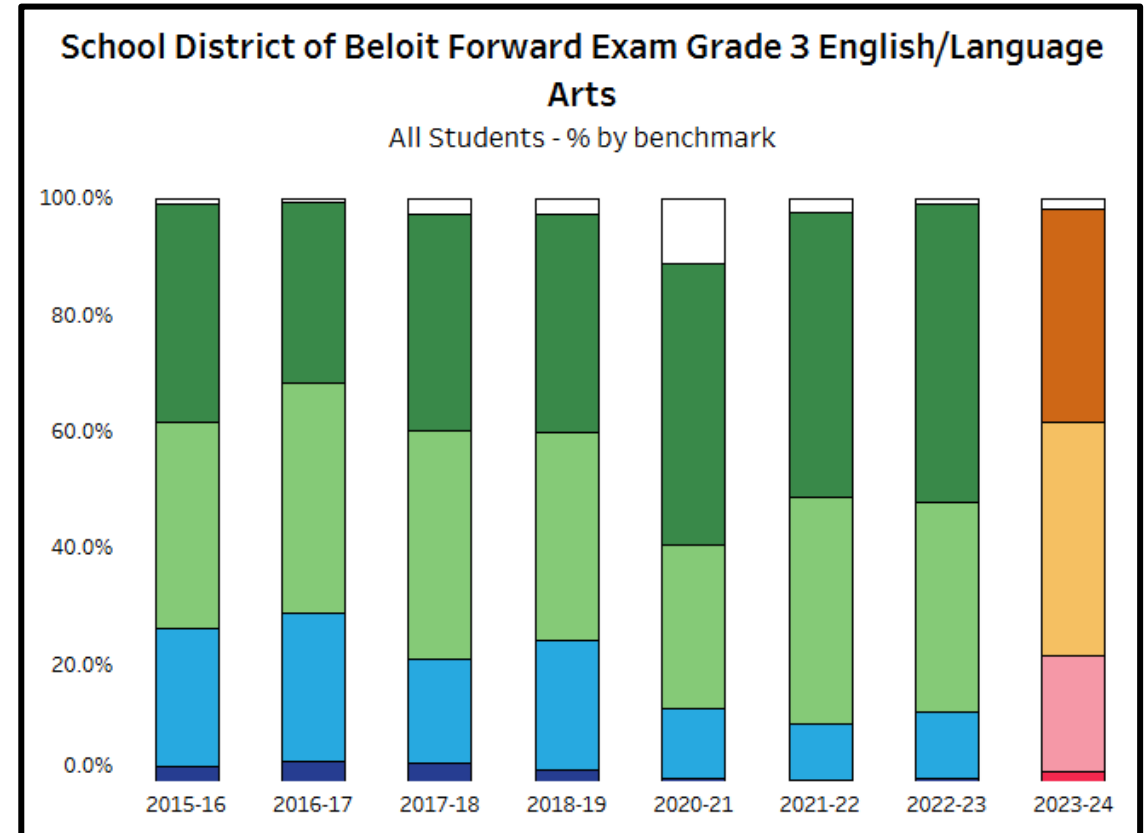
- Attendance and absenteeism rates worse than historic levels, but improving since the onset of COVID
- Dropout rates highest on record, driven by rates for white students
- SDB ranks last in attendance, absenteeism, dropout rate, and graduation rate among local peers

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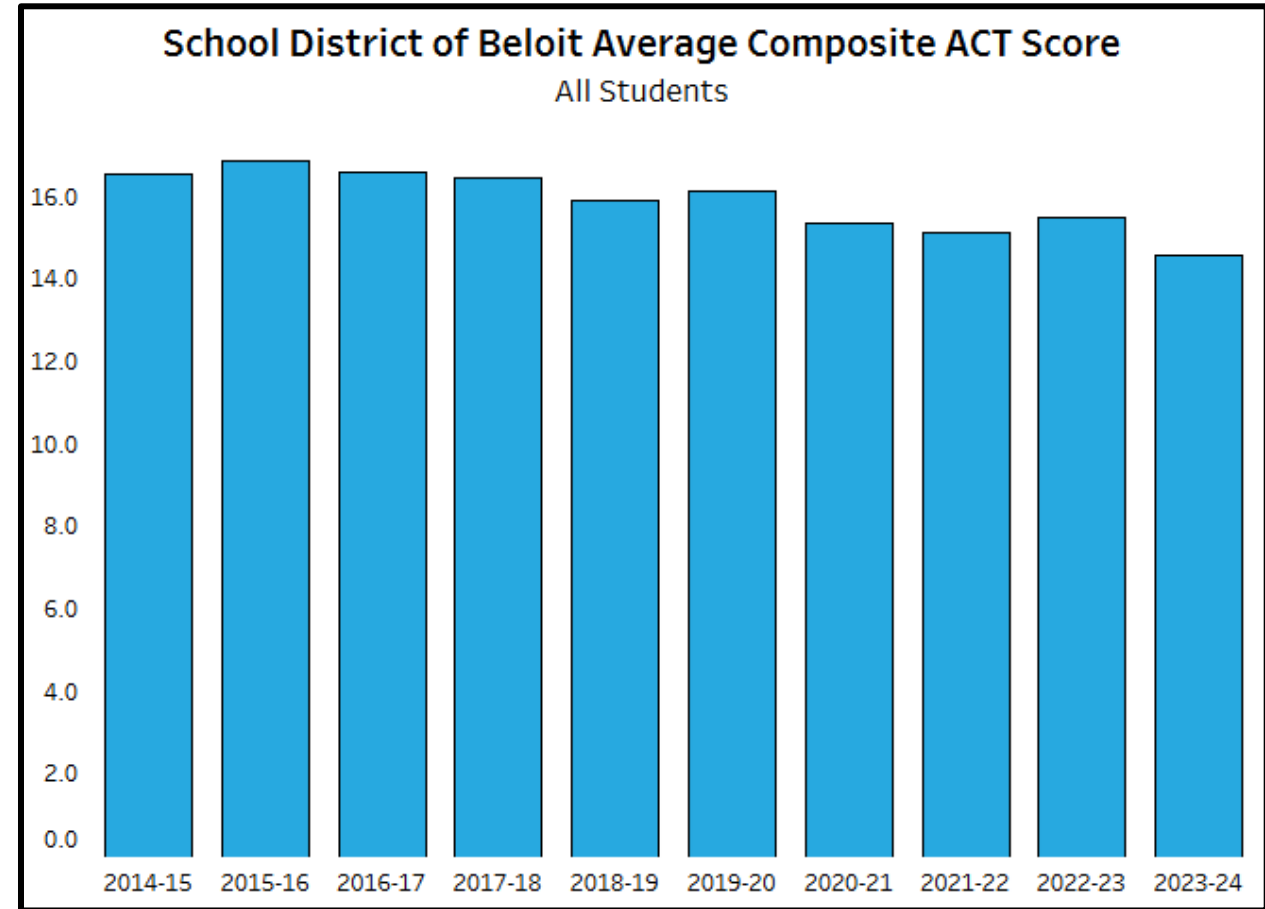
Key Findings: Forward Exam

- DPI changed Forward Exam standards for 2023-24 school year, making comparisons to past years not possible
- Prior to 2023-24, student outcomes had not recovered to pre-pandemic levels
- SDB ranks low compared to local peers, bottom half compared to state peers across most demographic groups and grade levels



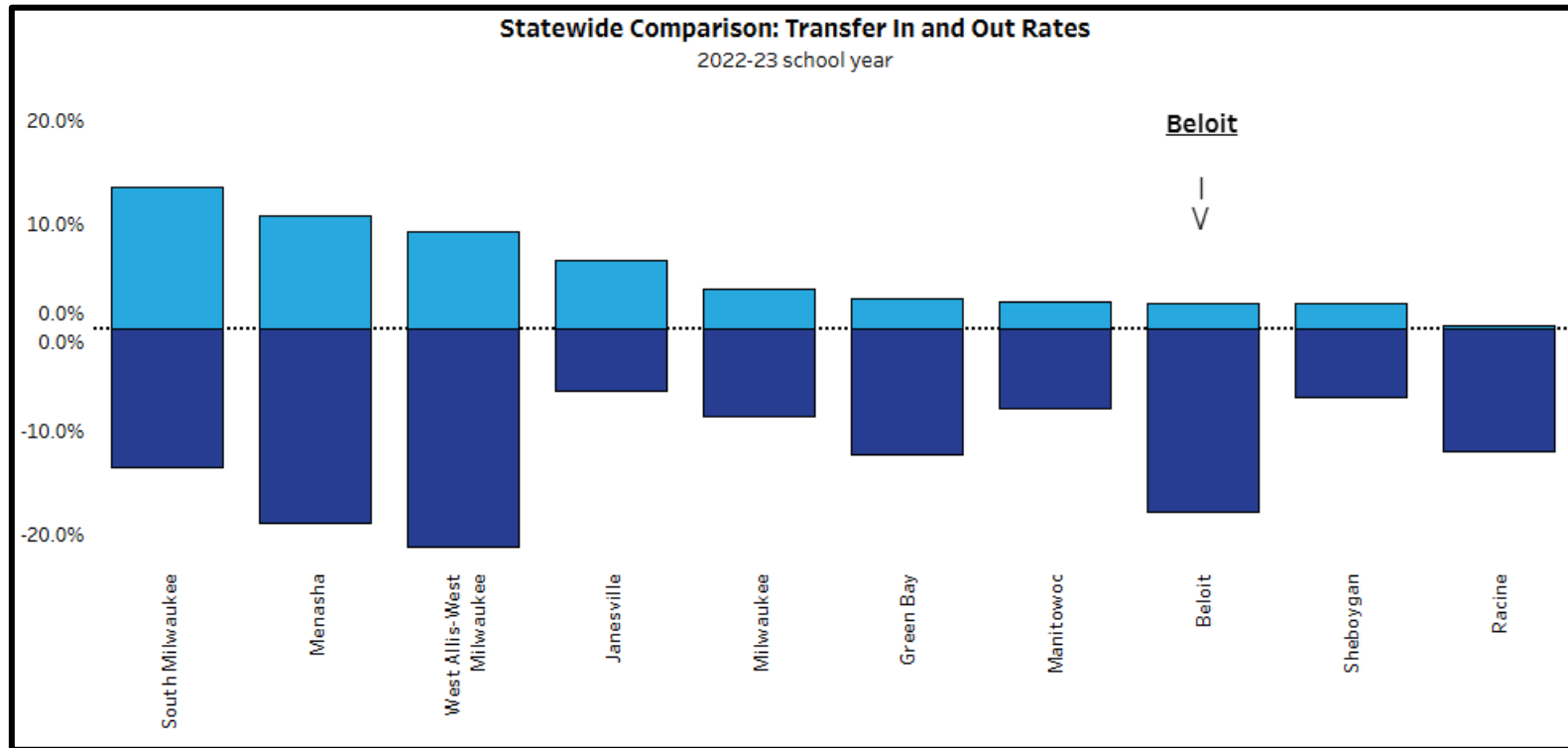
Key Findings: ACT

- Caution advised due to high non-testing rate
- SDB's composite ACT score average has fallen in recent years
- 2023-24 average composite score of 14.6 was lowest among all state and local peers
- College readiness higher for English and reading than math or science



Key Findings: Open Enrollment

- Transfers out of SDB have increased over time, while transfers in increased in 2013-14 and have since steadied
- Most negative net transfer rate among statewide peers, second-most negative among local peers



Questions?

