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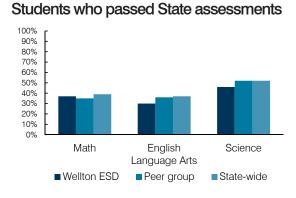
Making a Positive Difference

Wellton Elementary School District Performance Audit—Fiscal Year 2017 September 2019



Yuma County Rural district Kindergarten through 8th grade Students attending: 205 Number of schools: 1

School letter grade: A



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Total operational spending—\$2 million (\$9,752 per pupil)

Instructional—51.8%	(\$5,054	per pupil)
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Noninstructional—48.2% (\$4,698 per pupil)

Operational overview	Measure	Wellton ESD	Peer average
Administration—very efficient			
The District spent less on administration primarily because it was efficiently staffed and spent less on salaries and benefits. The District also served 41 percent fewer students, so its administrative spending was spread across fewer students. Despite this, the District still spent less per student, further indicating an efficient administrative program (see page 2).	Cost per pupil	\$1,099	\$1,231
Plant operations—reasonably efficient	Cost per square foot	\$5.86	\$6.81
The District spent less per square foot but more per pupil because it operated more square footage per student. The District has limited options to reduce its square footage because it operates only 1 school. Further, the District has experienced a 44 percent decline in enrollment since fiscal year 2009, and it has been proactive in closing space it no longer uses, including an entire wing of classrooms.	Cost per pupil	\$1,538	\$1,125
	Square feet per pupil	262	153
Food service—very efficient			
The District spent less on food service because it employed efficient practices to keep its food spending low, resulting in a self-supporting program with revenues exceeding costs (see page 2).	Cost per meal	\$2.85	\$3.41
Transportation—improvements needed to ensure safety			
The District did not sufficiently ensure school bus passengers' safety and welfare because it could not demonstrate compliance with the State's	Cost per mile	\$2.92	\$2.60
<i>Minimum Standards for School Buses and School Bus Drivers</i> (Minimum Standards) (see page 2). The District's transportation program was smaller than peer districts', and we did not identify any opportunities for improved efficiencies despite higher spending.	Cost per rider	\$1,698	\$1,363