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OPINION: NJ students need more opportunity. Expand the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program

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New Jersey boasts some of the best schools in the entire country, yet the latest statewide test scores show that a majority of public school students are not meeting critical learning benchmarks. In fact, only 52.2% of students tested at or above expectations on the English language arts portion of the statewide New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for the 2023-2024 school year, and only 39.6% of students were at or above grade level for math.

Even more disturbing: The data showed that students in urban areas and poorer communities suffer from a dramatic achievement gap, despite receiving an influx of state education funding. For example, according to the *Asbury Park Press*, last year 94% of Little Silver sixth graders met or exceeded the sixth-grade math standards, yet only 15% of sixth graders in the nearby community of Long Branch met those same standards.

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