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Which New York City schools serve the highest-need and lowest-need students?

The charts below show how many of the city's highest-need students are enrolled in each district and charter school in each of the city's Community School Districts. The charts were created using a formula adapted from the Bloomberg administration's progress reports' "peer index."

Schools on the left side of the chart serve the largest proportions of high-need students; schools on the right side serve the smallest proportions in their district.

Charter schools are highlighted in red, traditional public schools in blue and the horizontal red line represents the average student need in the district (meaning schools below the red line serve a smaller proportion of high-need students than the average school in their district)

Updated Peer Index

These data charts use an updated version of the Bloomberg DOE's "peer index" formula to rank schools based on their students' level of need using data from the new School Quality Reports. The index incorporates demographic information - such as the percent of students in a given school who live in poverty, are homeless or in temporary housing, or have disabilities - into a single value to determine which schools serve the most high-needs students.

The DOE's original peer index was useful, but since its creation additional information has become publicly available for elementary and K-8 students. Specifically, ways to capture the percentage of special education students who have needs that are so great that they require very small classes and other intensive services (referred to as "self-contained" students). Like poverty and overall special education status, as well as prior test scores, this information gives us a good indication of the challenges that students and schools face. Therefore, for elementary and K-8 schools, the original peer index has been refined to take advantage of this newly released public data about levels of student need from the School Quality Reports to indicate which schools serve the highest-need students.

Elementary/K-8:

The DOE's original peer index formula for elementary schools was based on schools' enrollments of the following categories of students, and given the following weights:

- English Language Learners: 10%
- Total Special Education Students (not broken down by levels of need): 30%
- Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch: 30%
- Black or Hispanic Students: 30%

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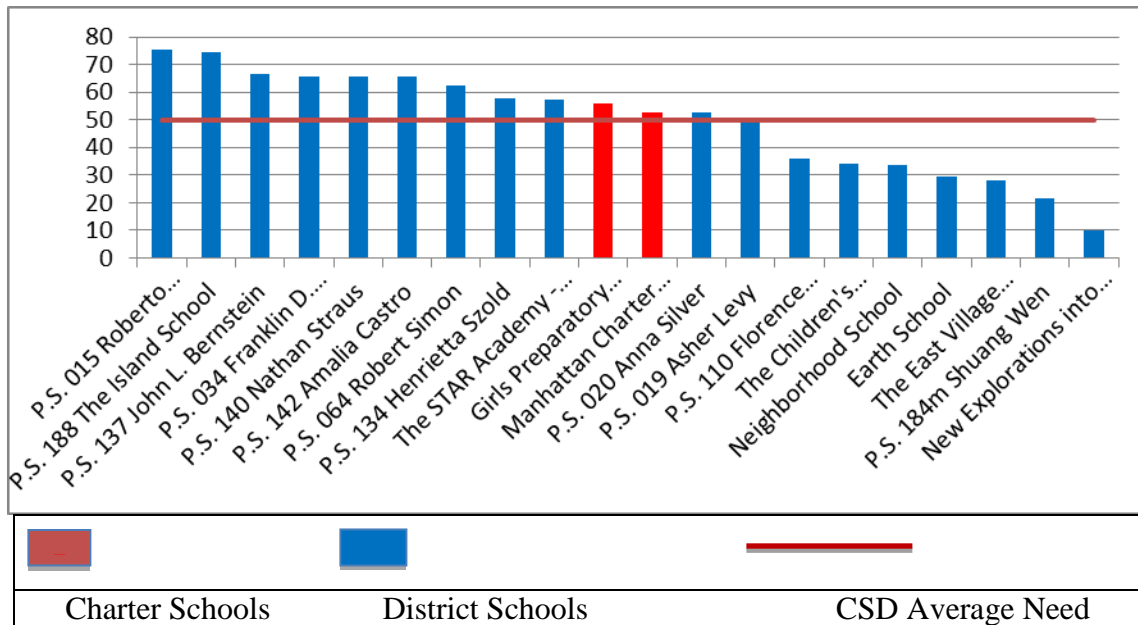
In this updated version, we have taken advantage of improved specificity in the data to provide a better sense of school’s enrollments of the highest-need students (noting special education students with disabilities that were so severe they had a right to be placed in “self-contained” classes). The updated formula uses the Nov. 2014 data released by the NYC DOE and following categories and weights:

- Total Special Education Students (not broken down by levels of need): 20%
- Special Education Students who require self-contained classrooms: 20%
- Students Eligible for Free Lunch and/or Temporary Housing: 30%
- Black or Hispanic Students: 30%

Community School District 1 Elementary & K-8 Schools

Highest Need

Lowest Need

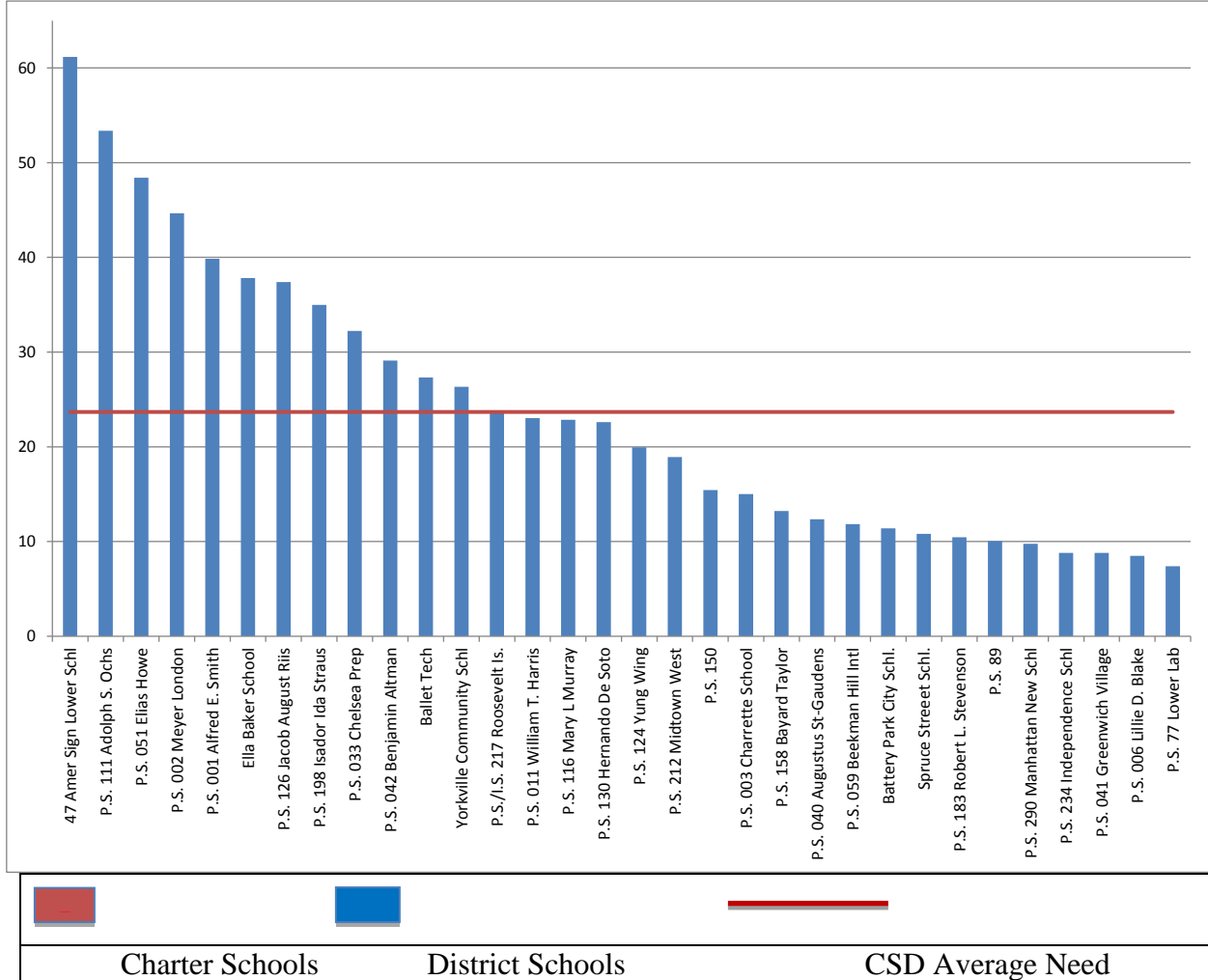


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Elementary & K-8 Schools**

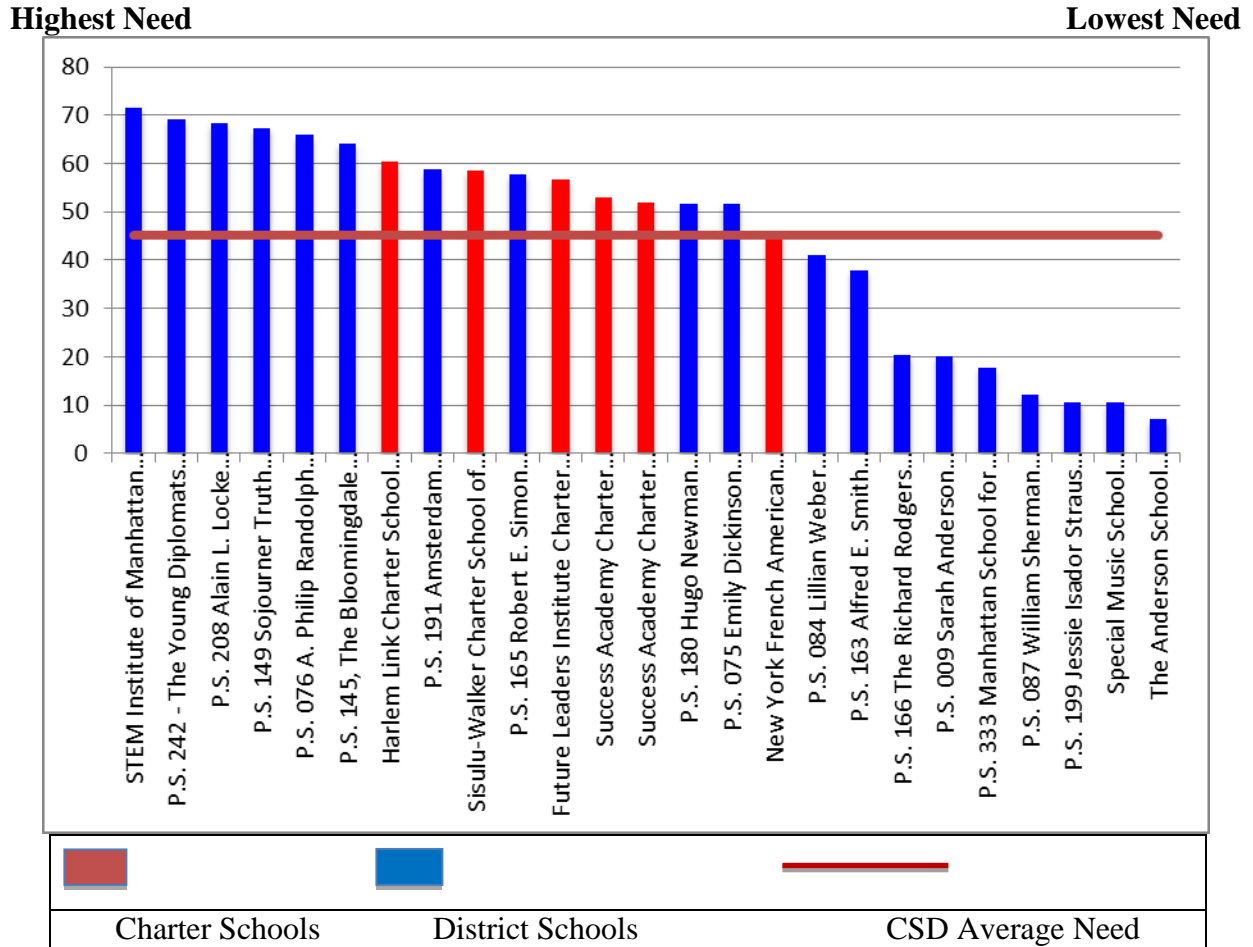
Highest Need

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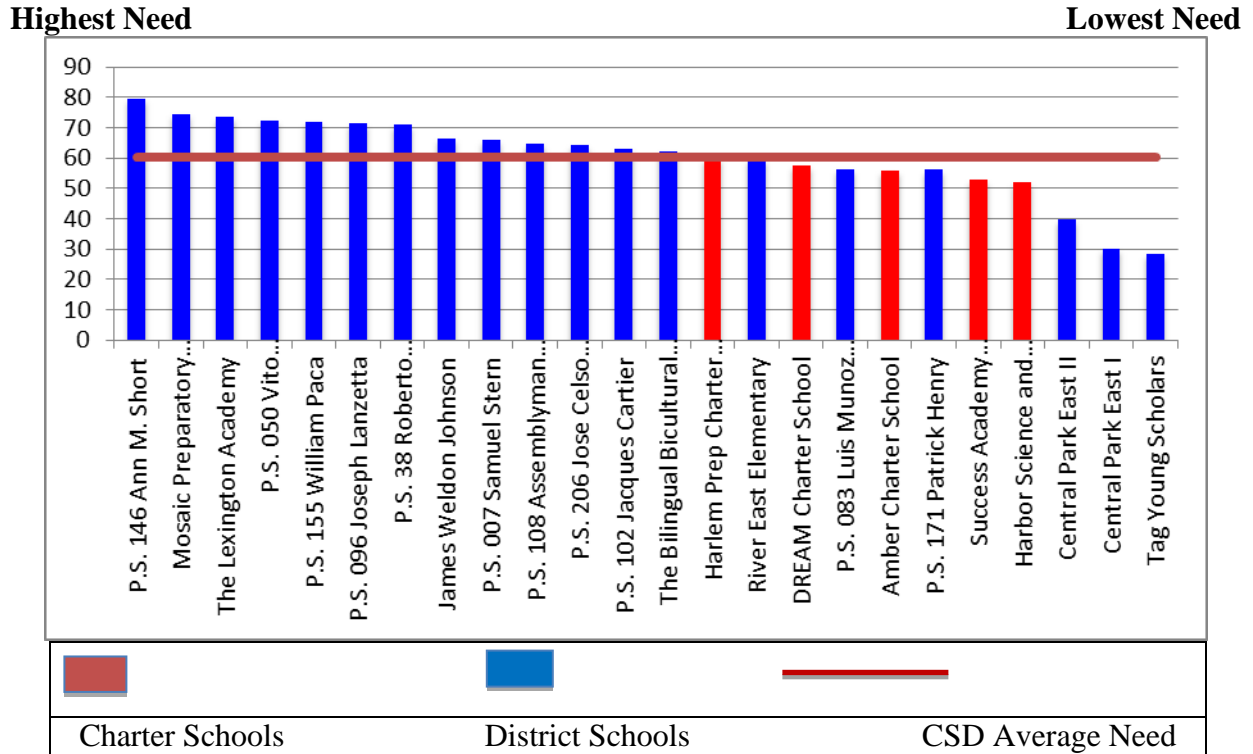
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Elementary & K-8 Schools**



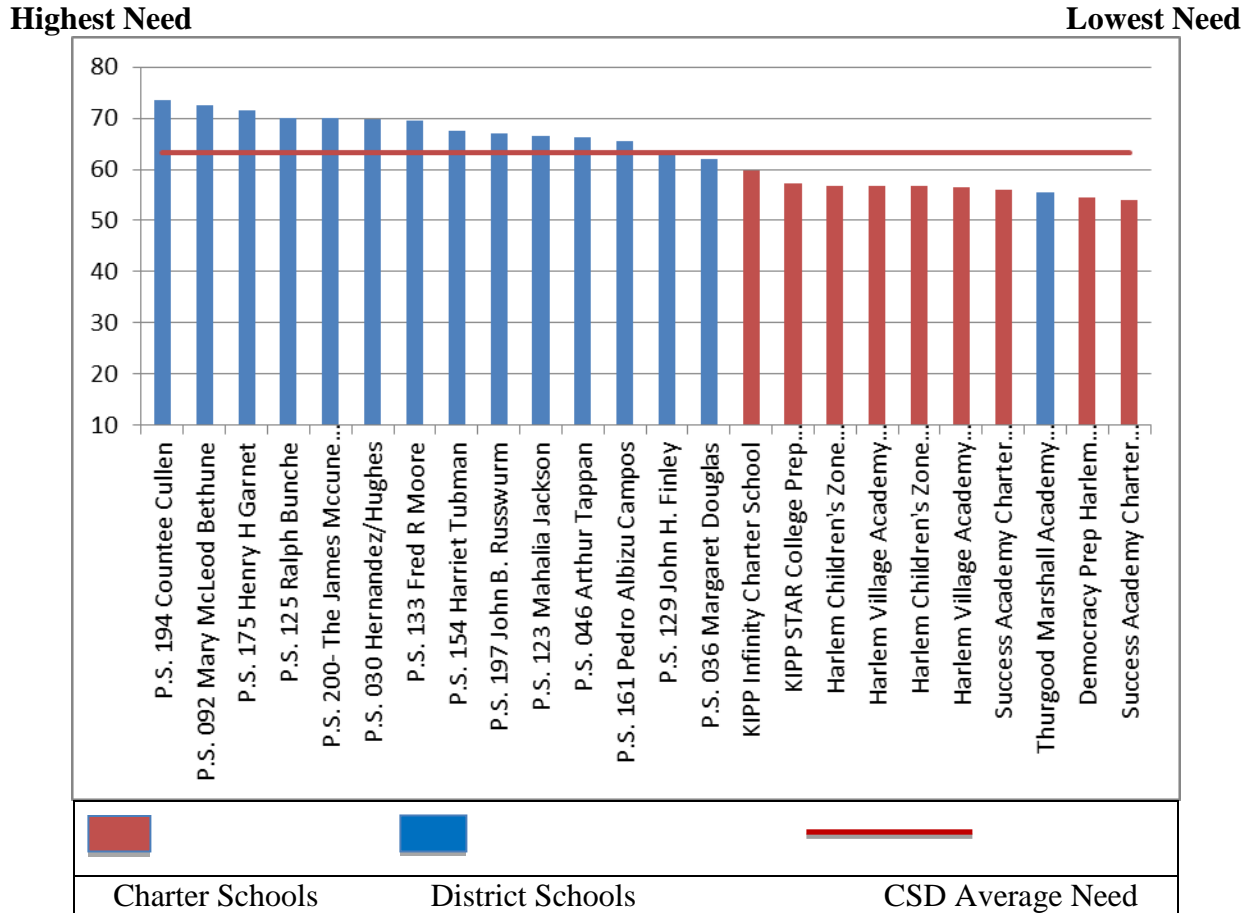
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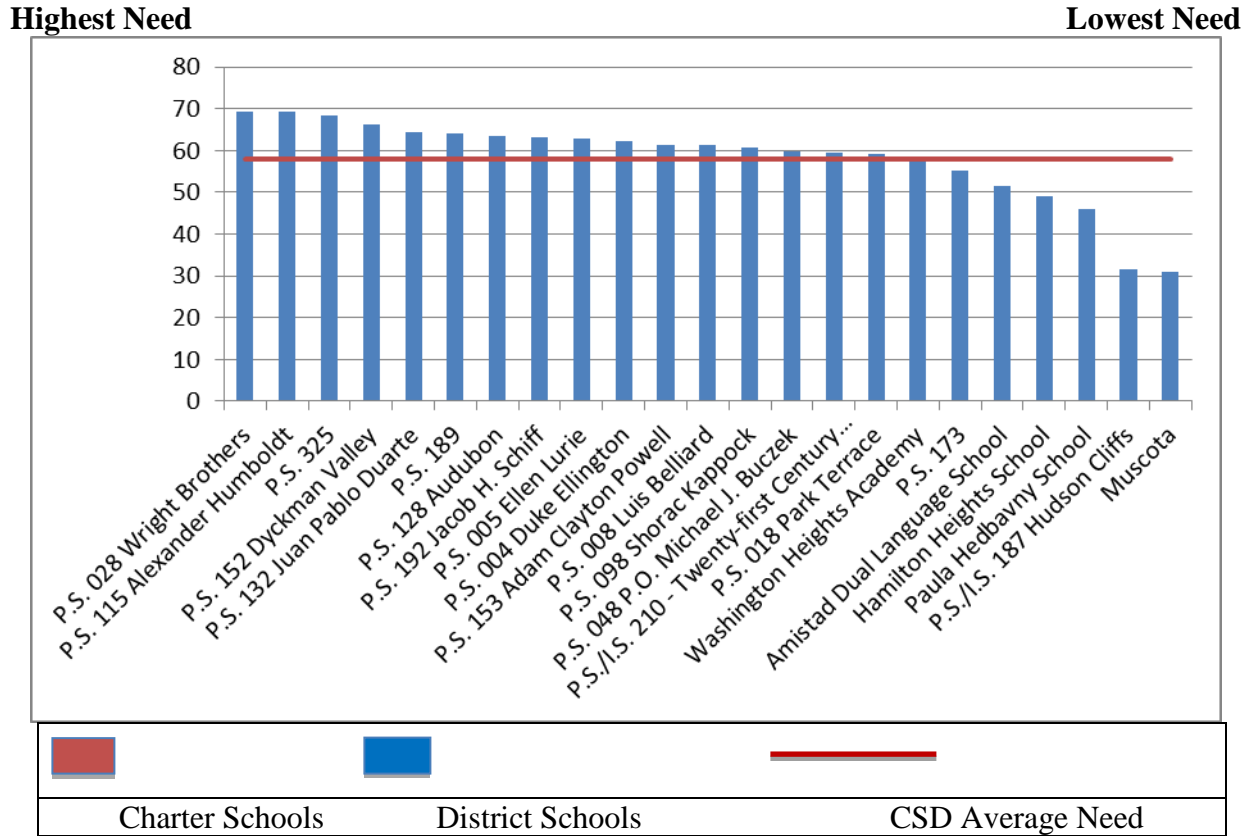
Community School District 5
Elementary K-8 Schools



The following schools as of Jan. 23, 2014, appear in NYC DOE databases as middle schools: Harlem Village Academy Leadership Charter School, Democracy Prep Harlem Charter School, Harlem Village Academy Charter School, and KIPP STAR College Prep Charter School, all in Community School District 5; Brooklyn Prospect Charter School in Community School District 15; and KIPP AMP Charter School in Community School District 17.

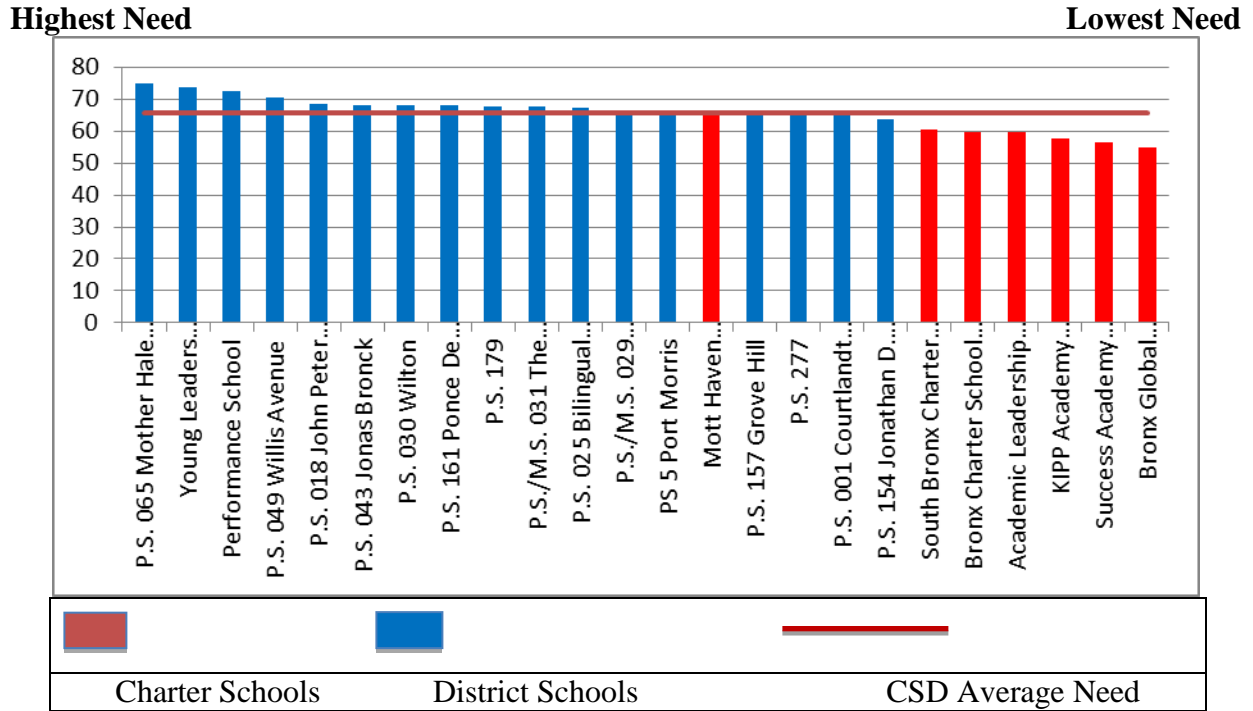
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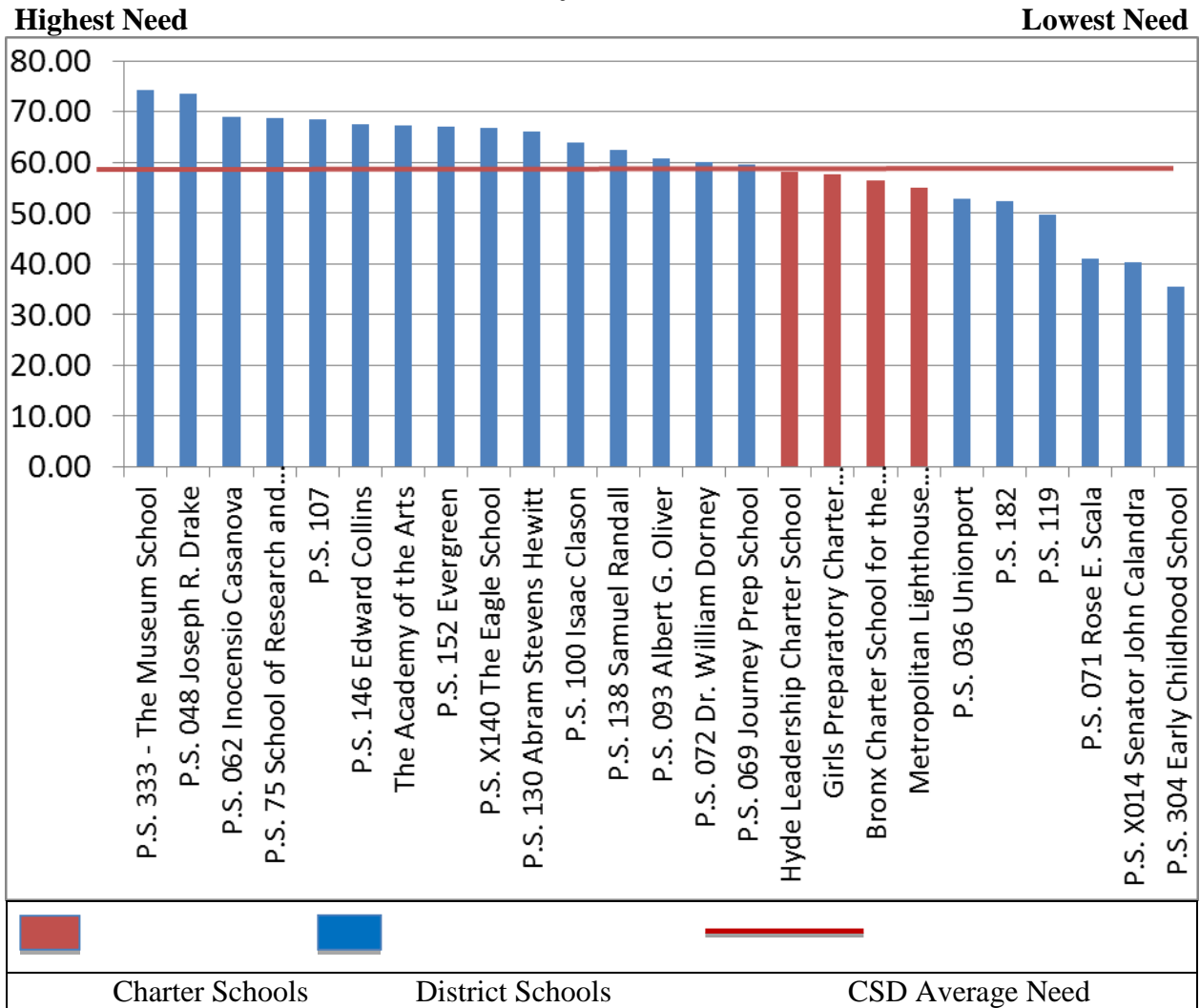
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Elementary & K-8 Schools**



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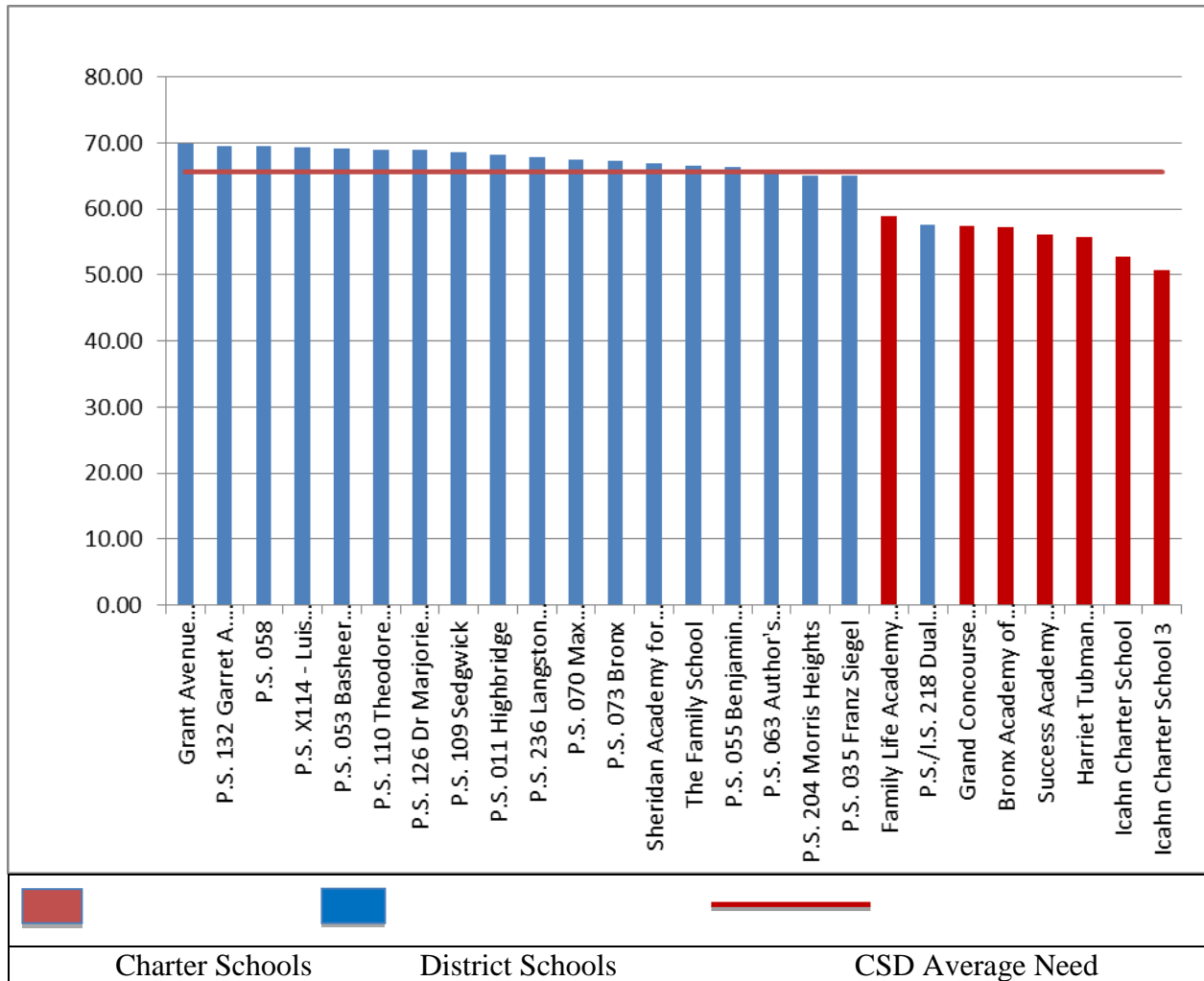


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Elementary & K-8 Schools

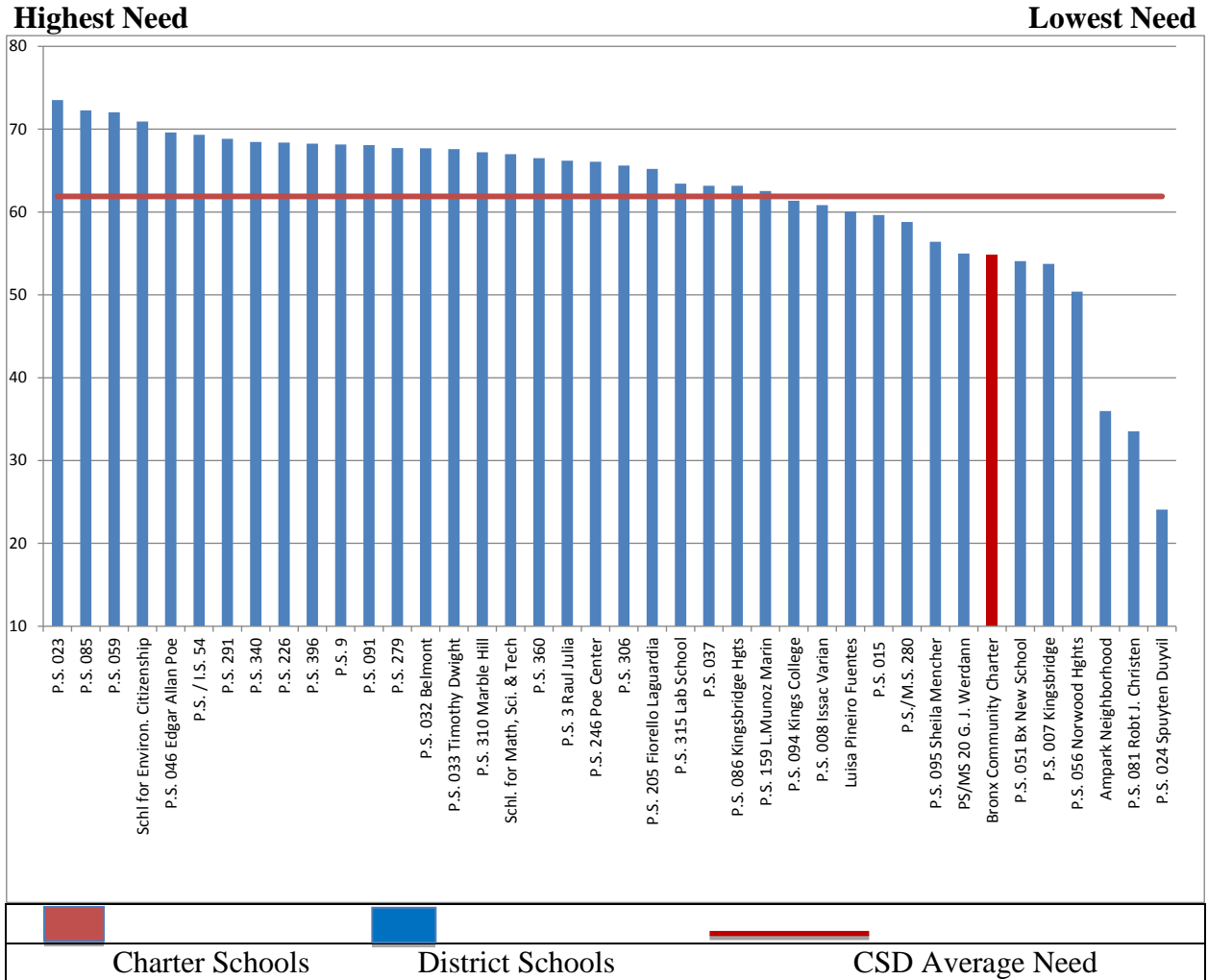
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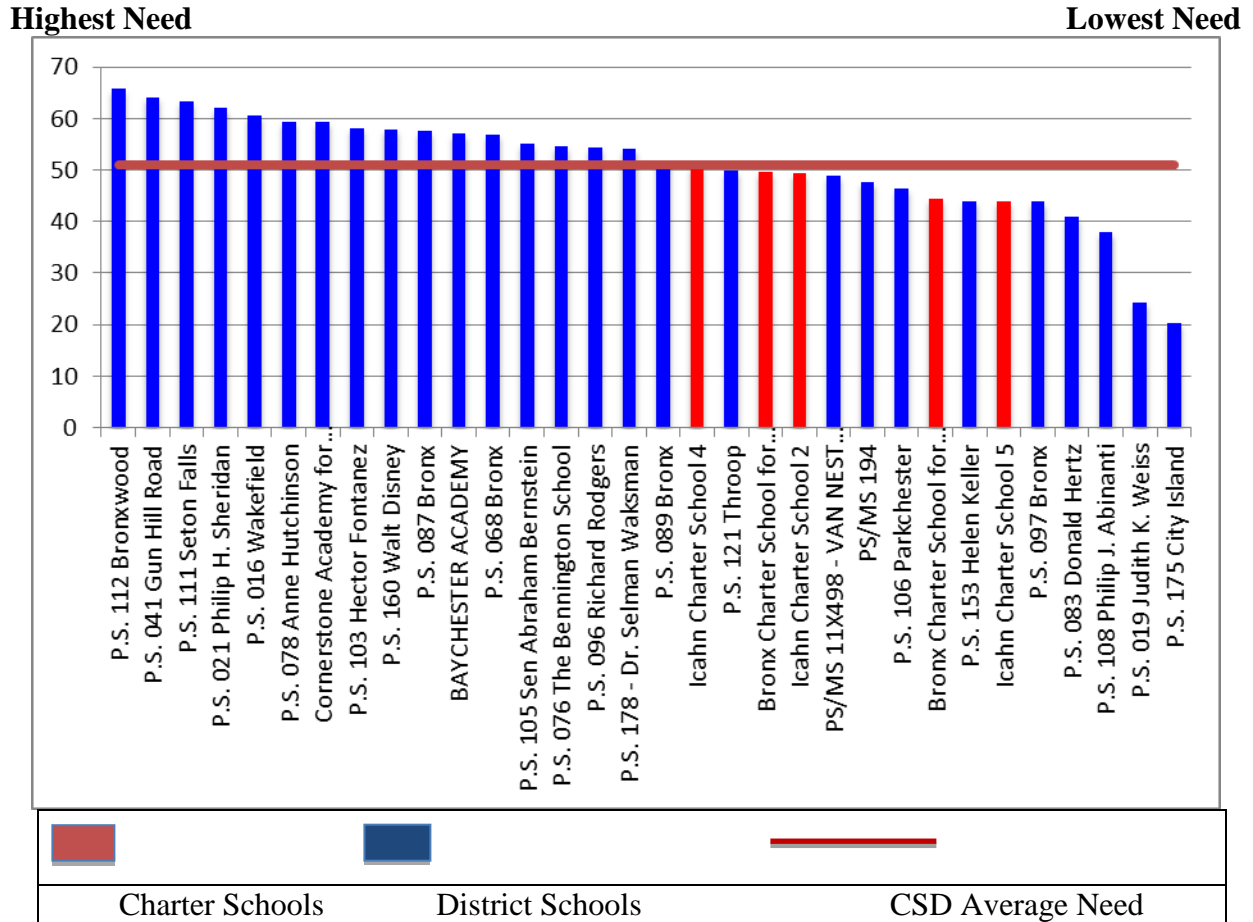
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Elementary & and K-8 Schools**



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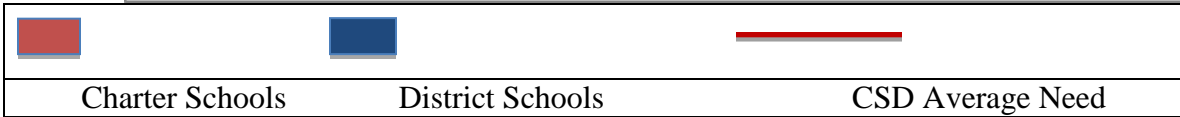
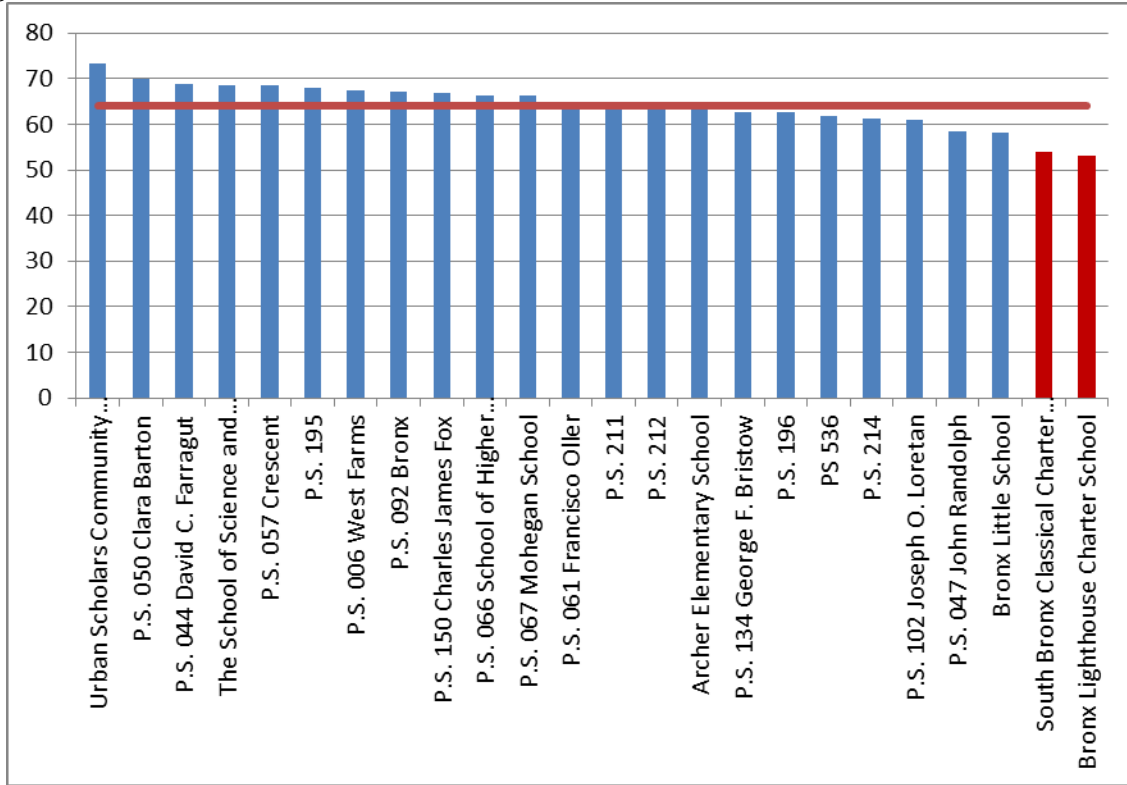
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Elementary & K-8 Schools**

Highest Need Lowest Need

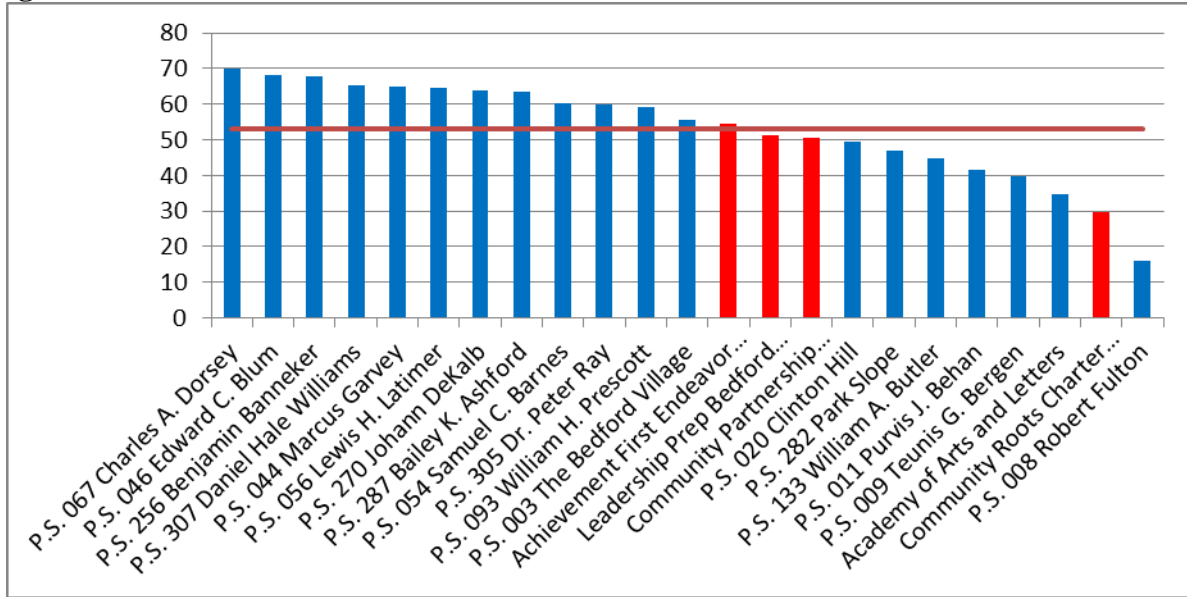


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Elementary & K-8 Schools**

Highest Need

Lowest Need

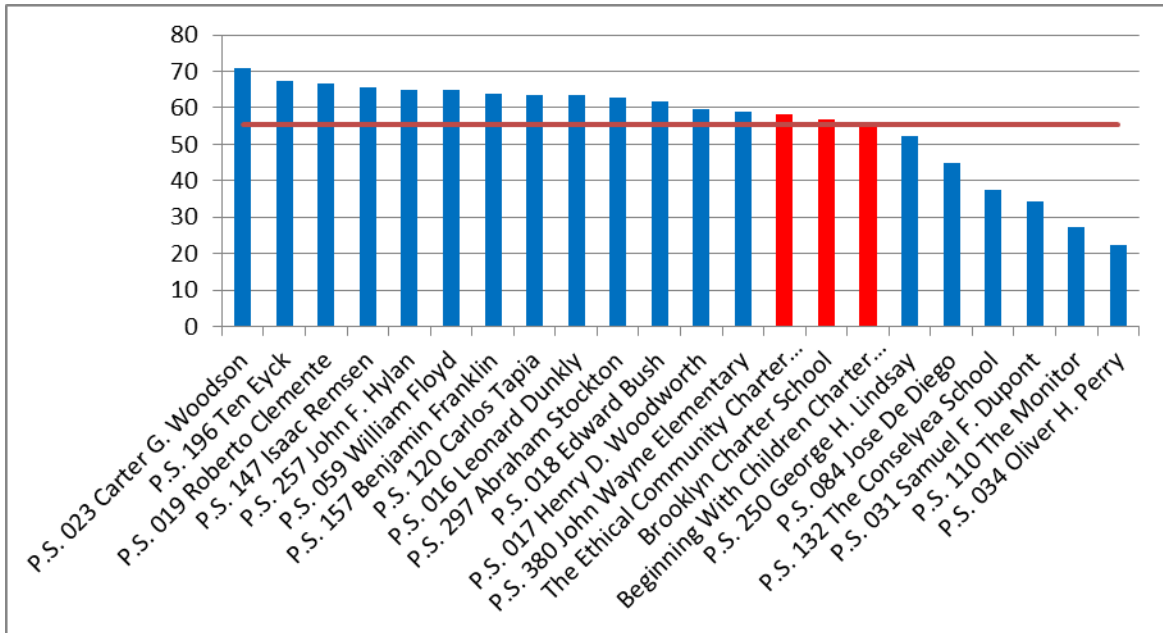


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Elementary & K-8 Schools**

Highest Need

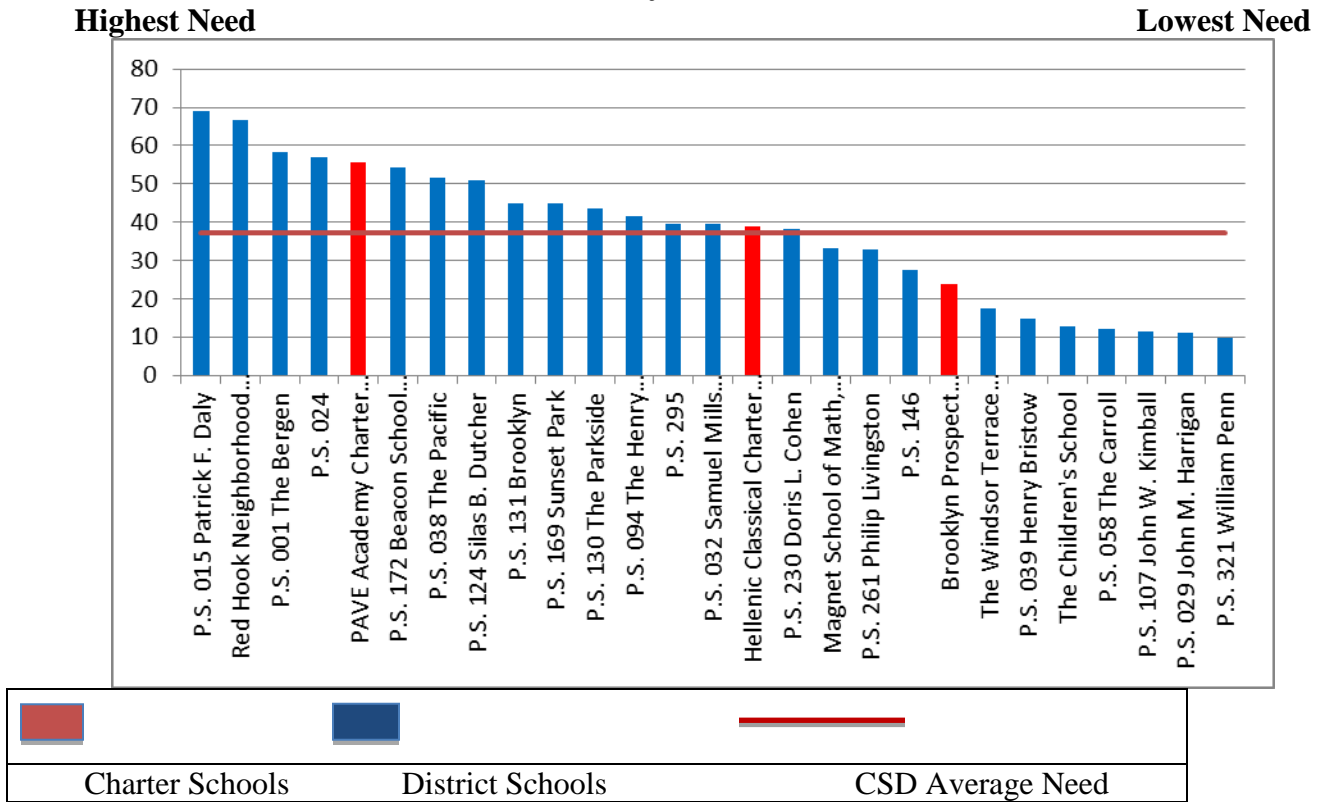
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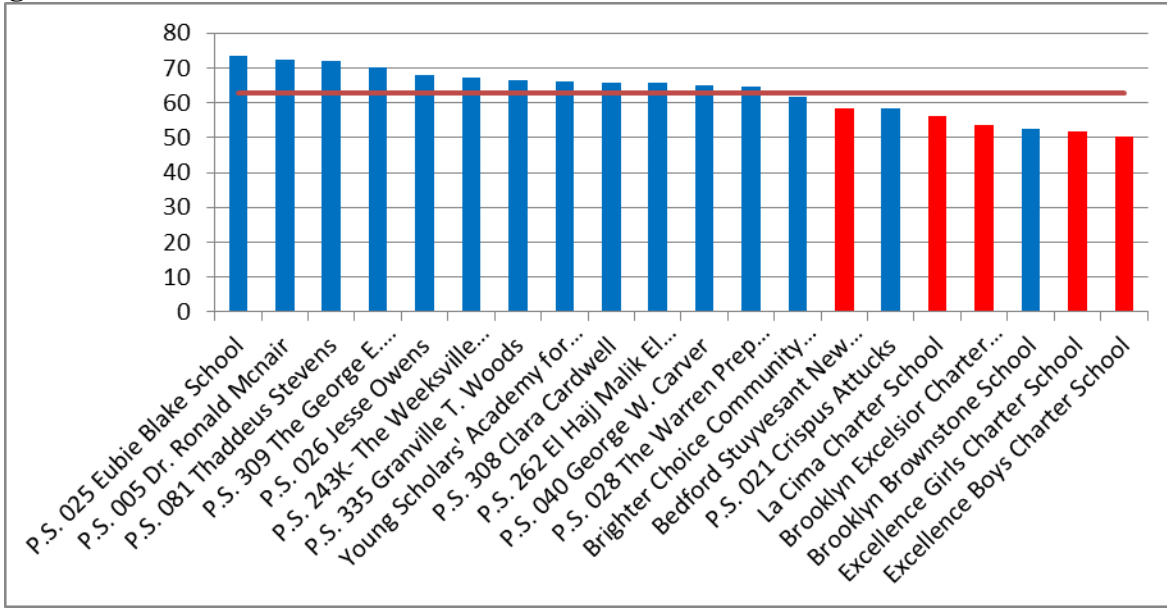
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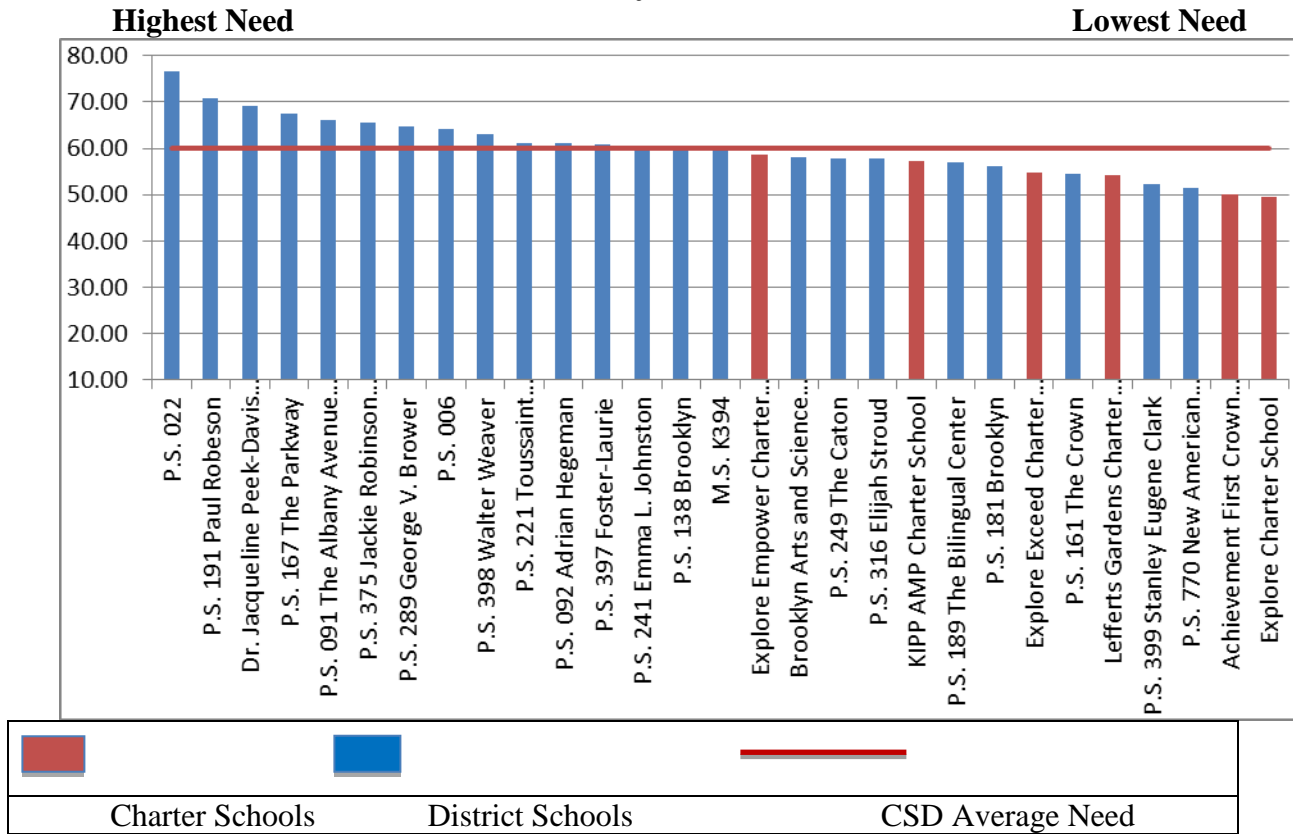
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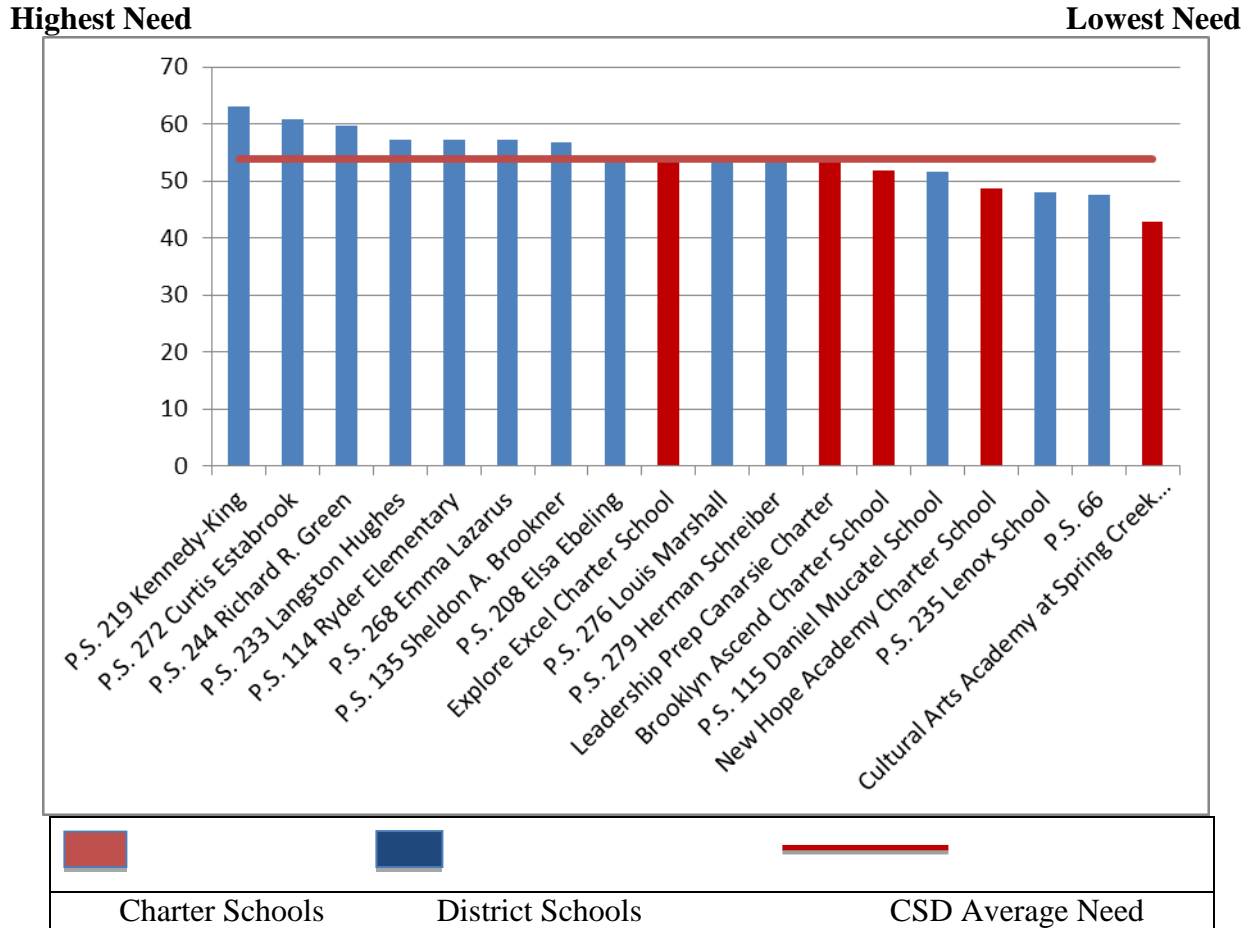
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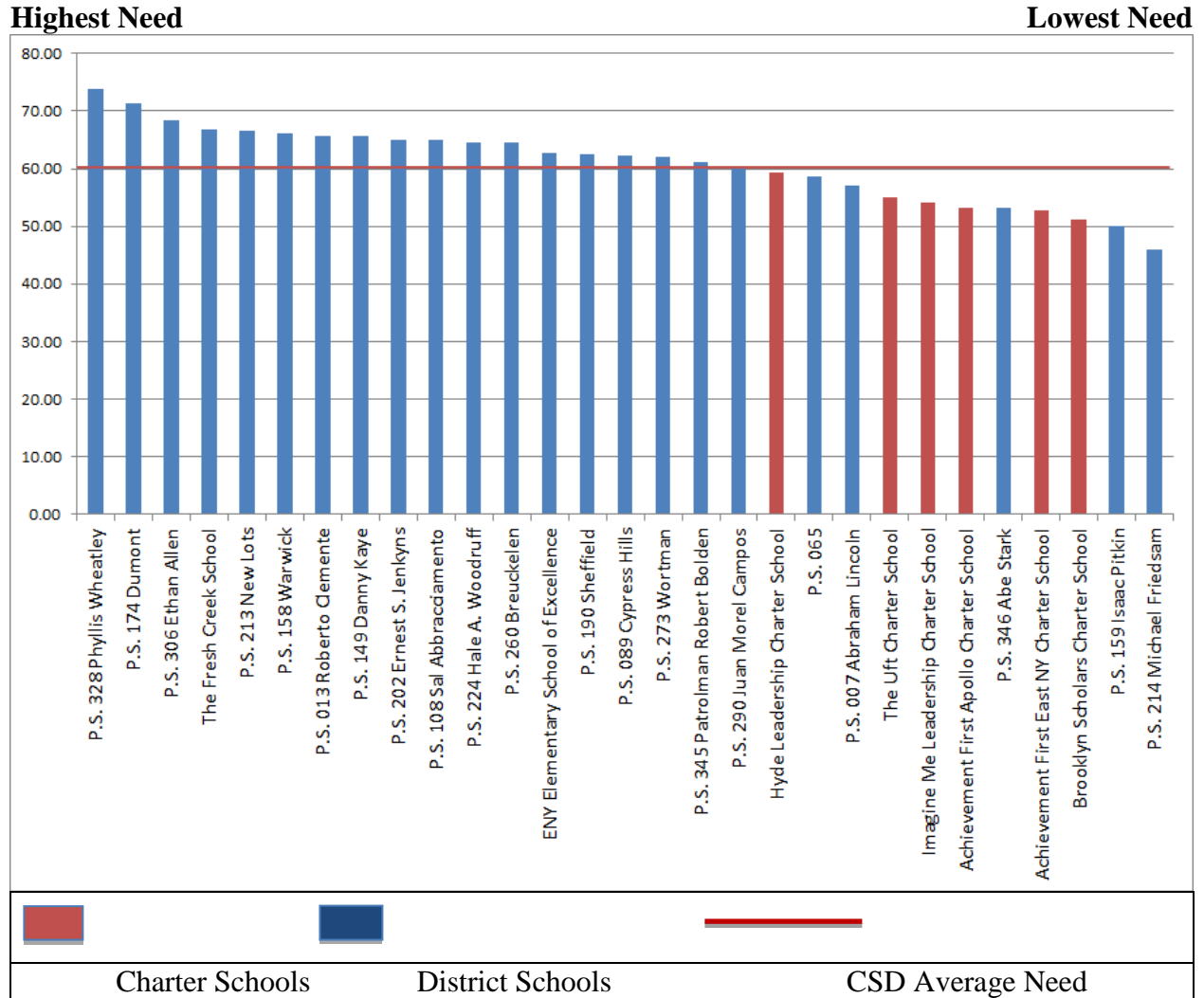
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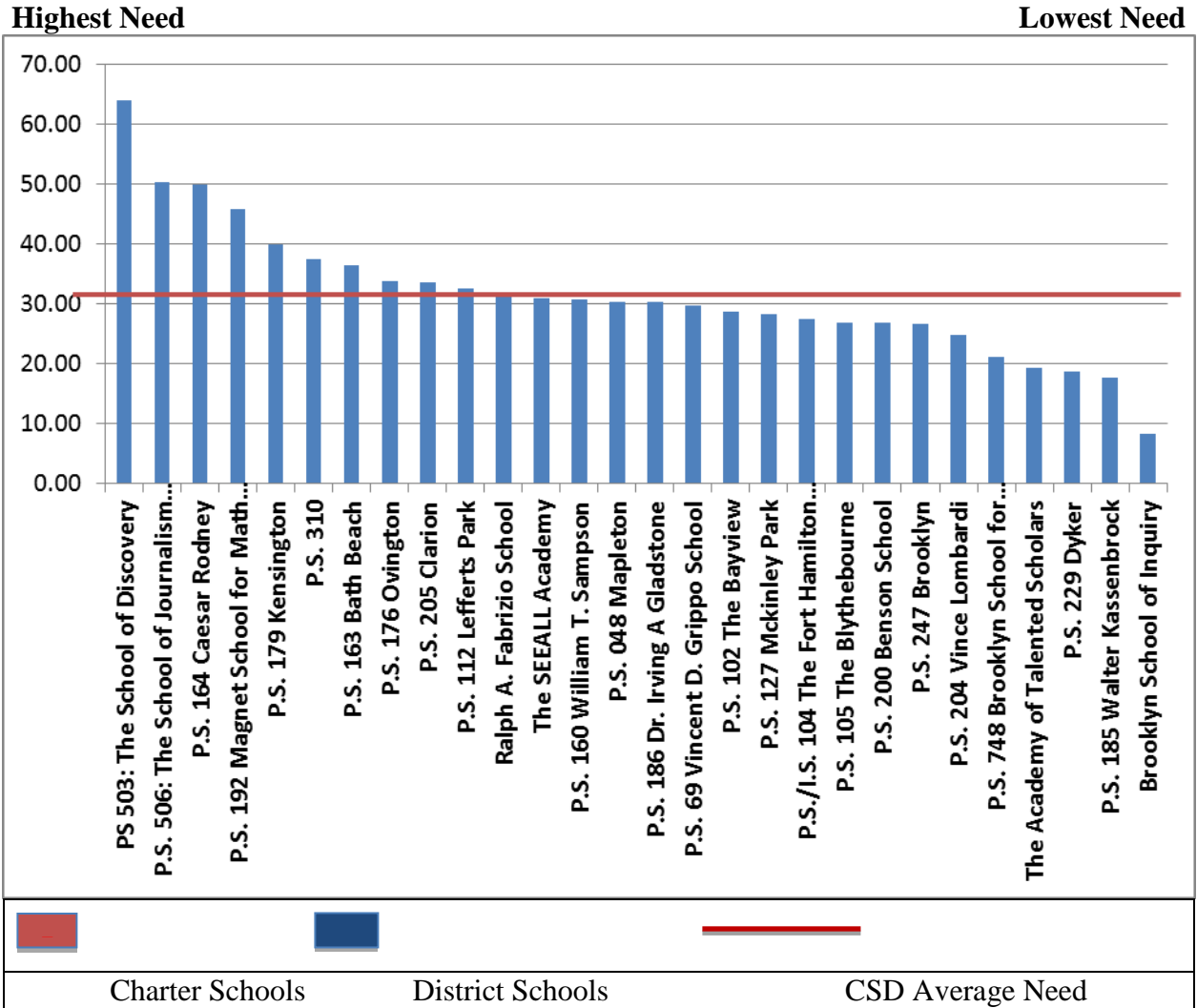
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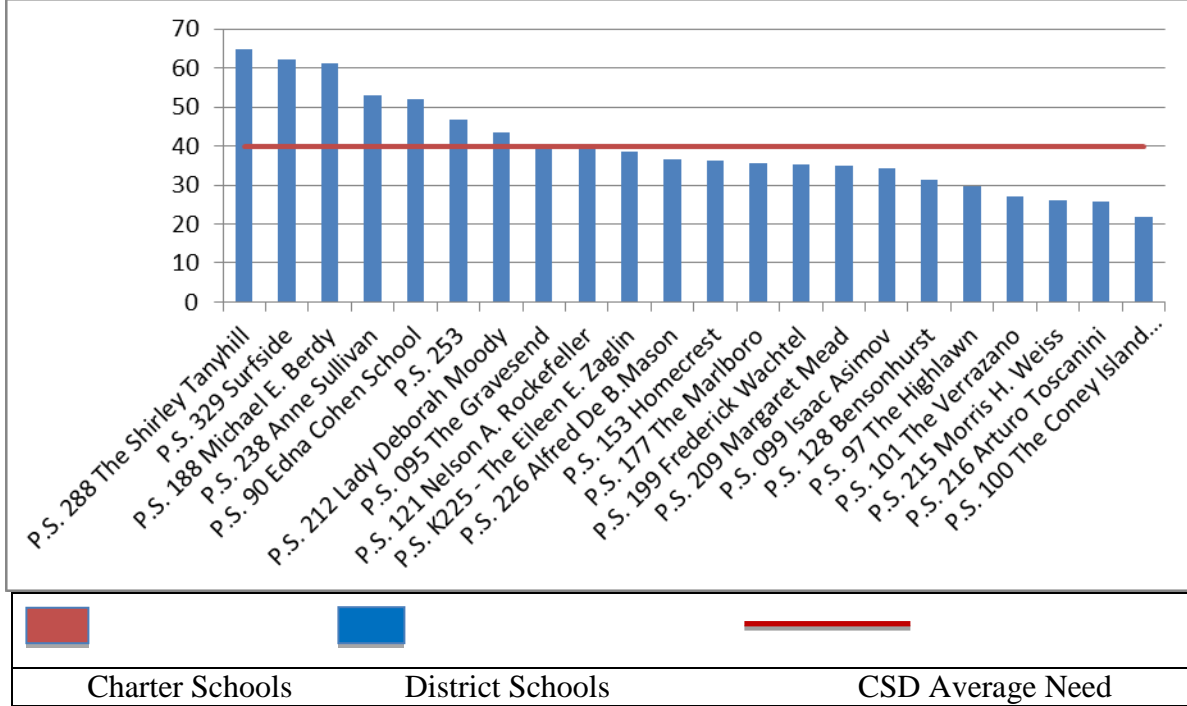


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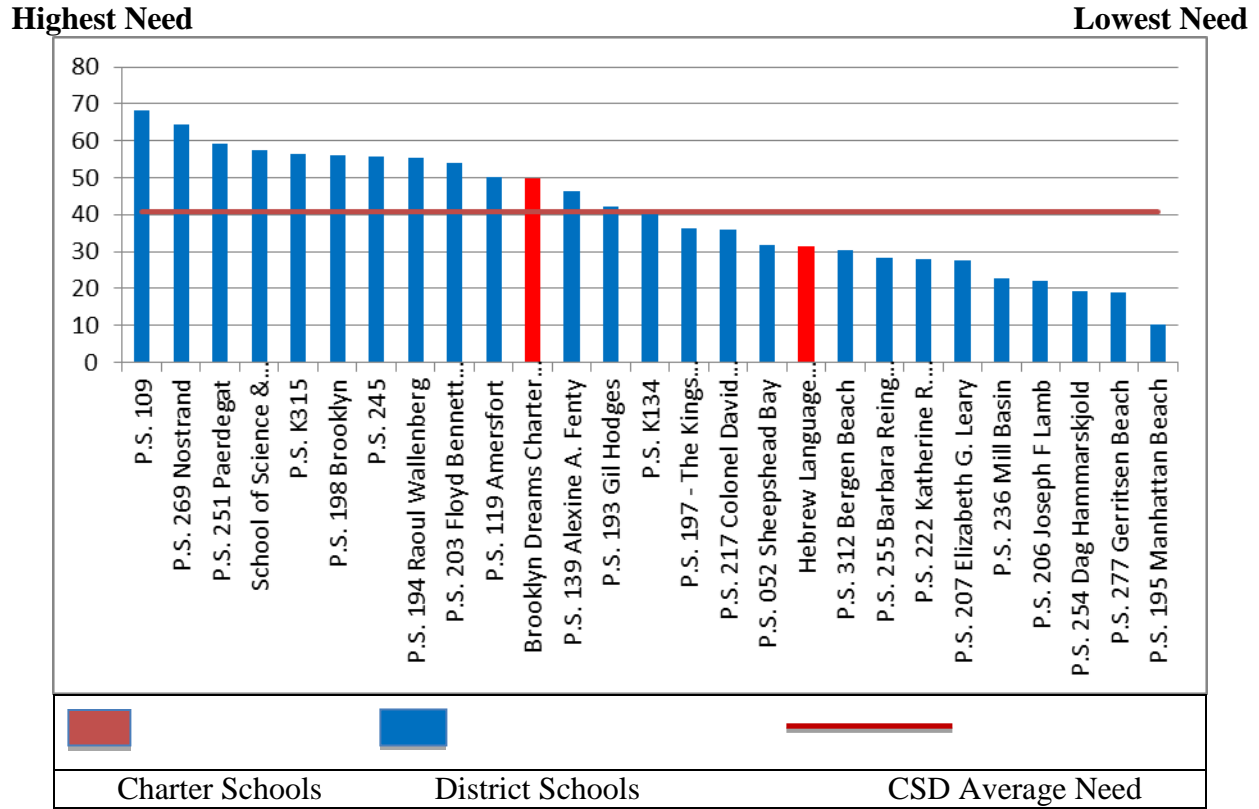
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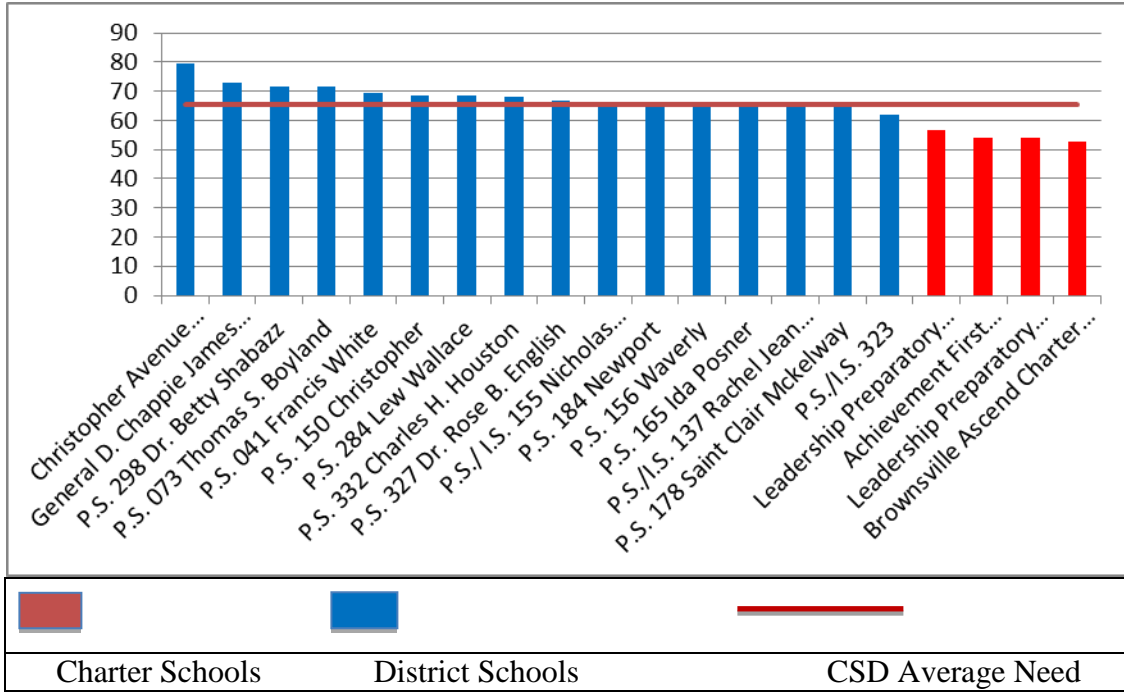


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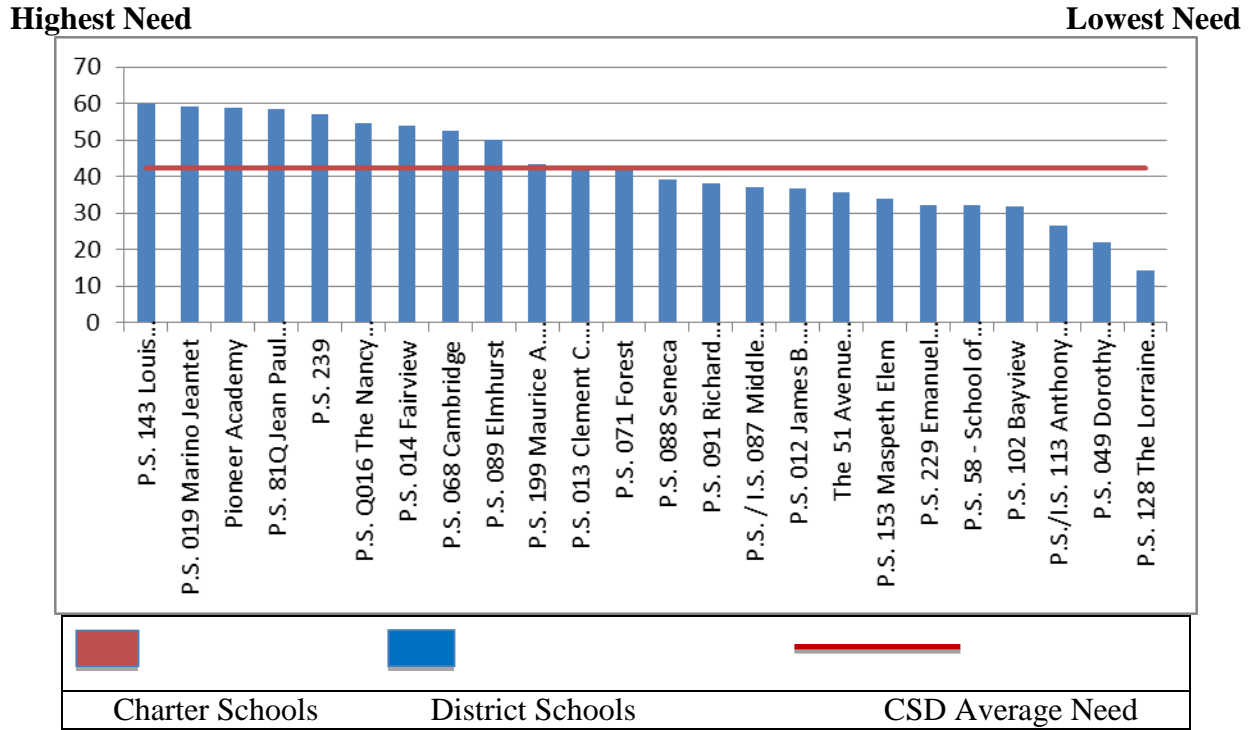
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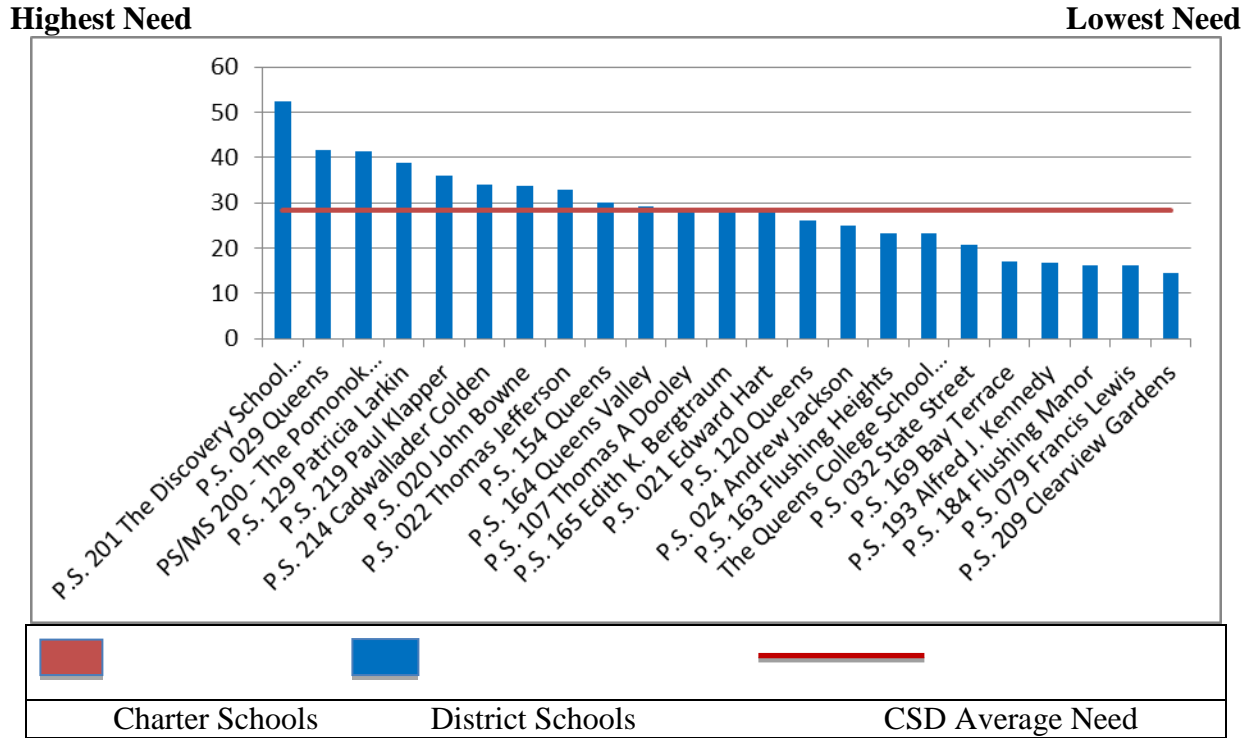
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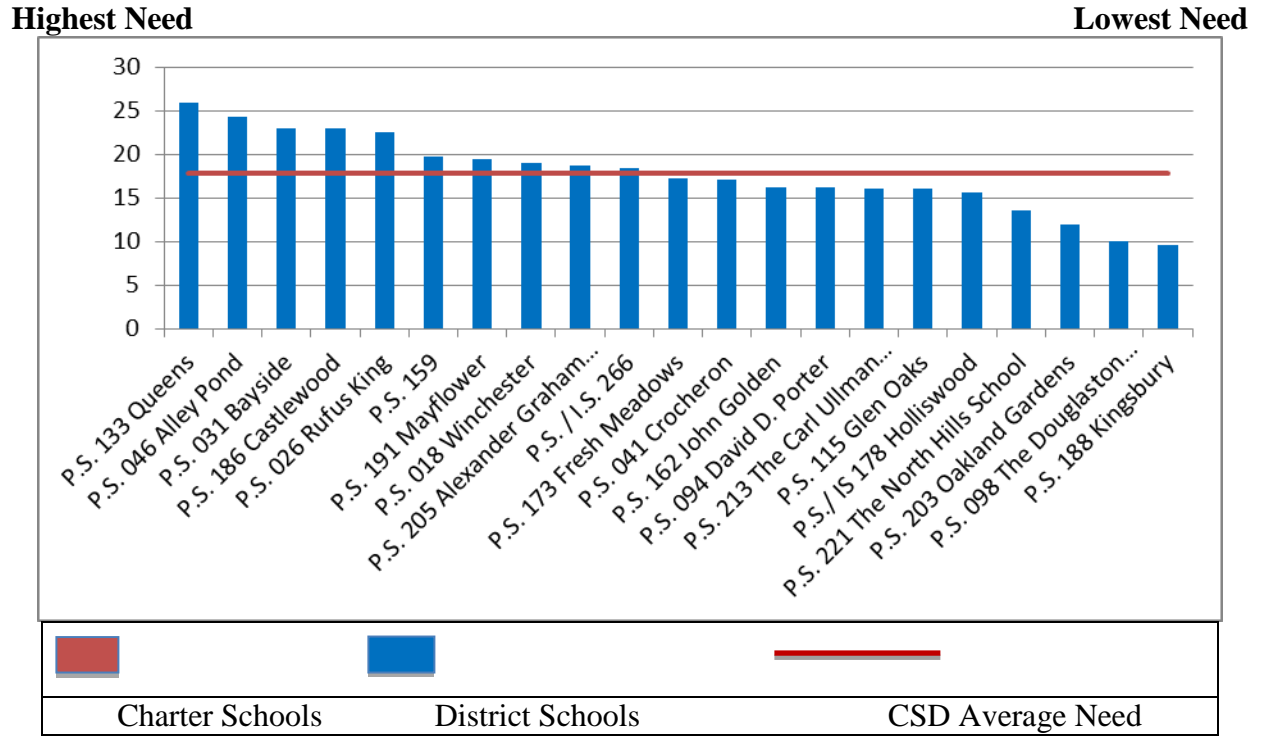
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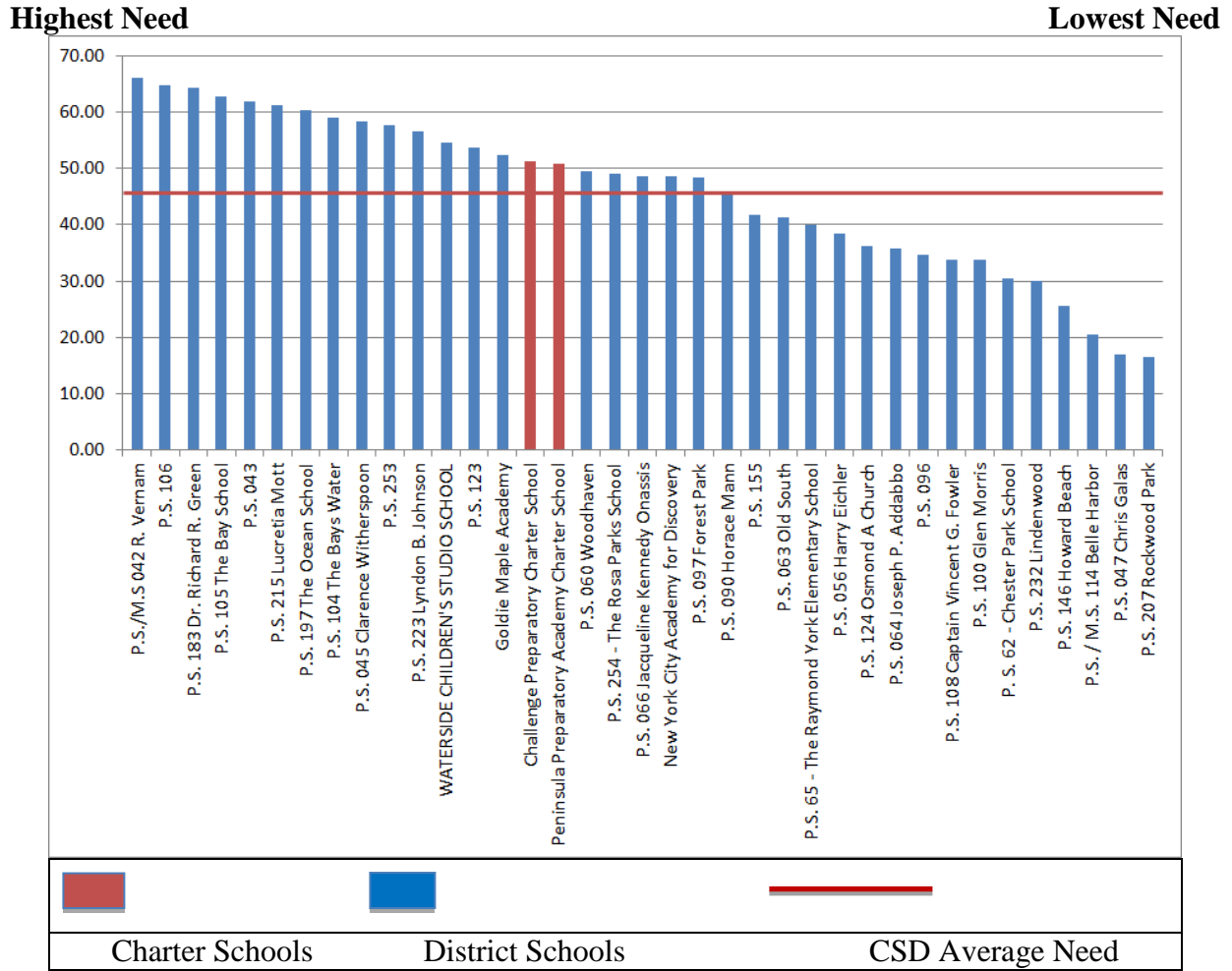
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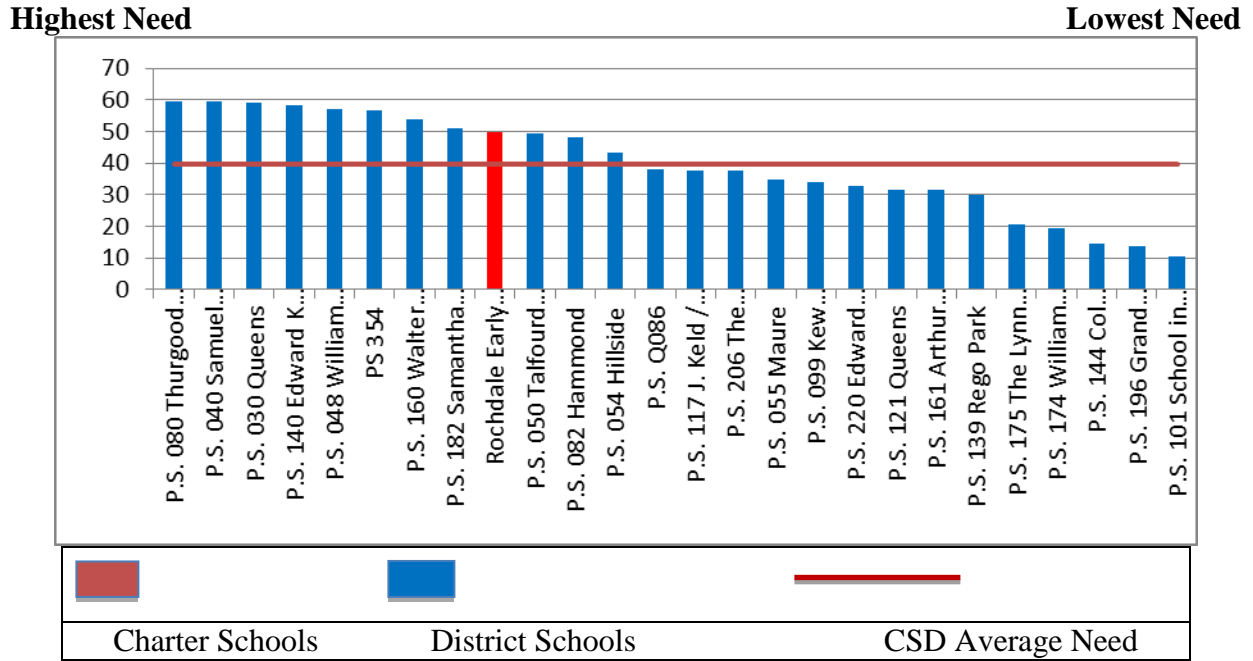
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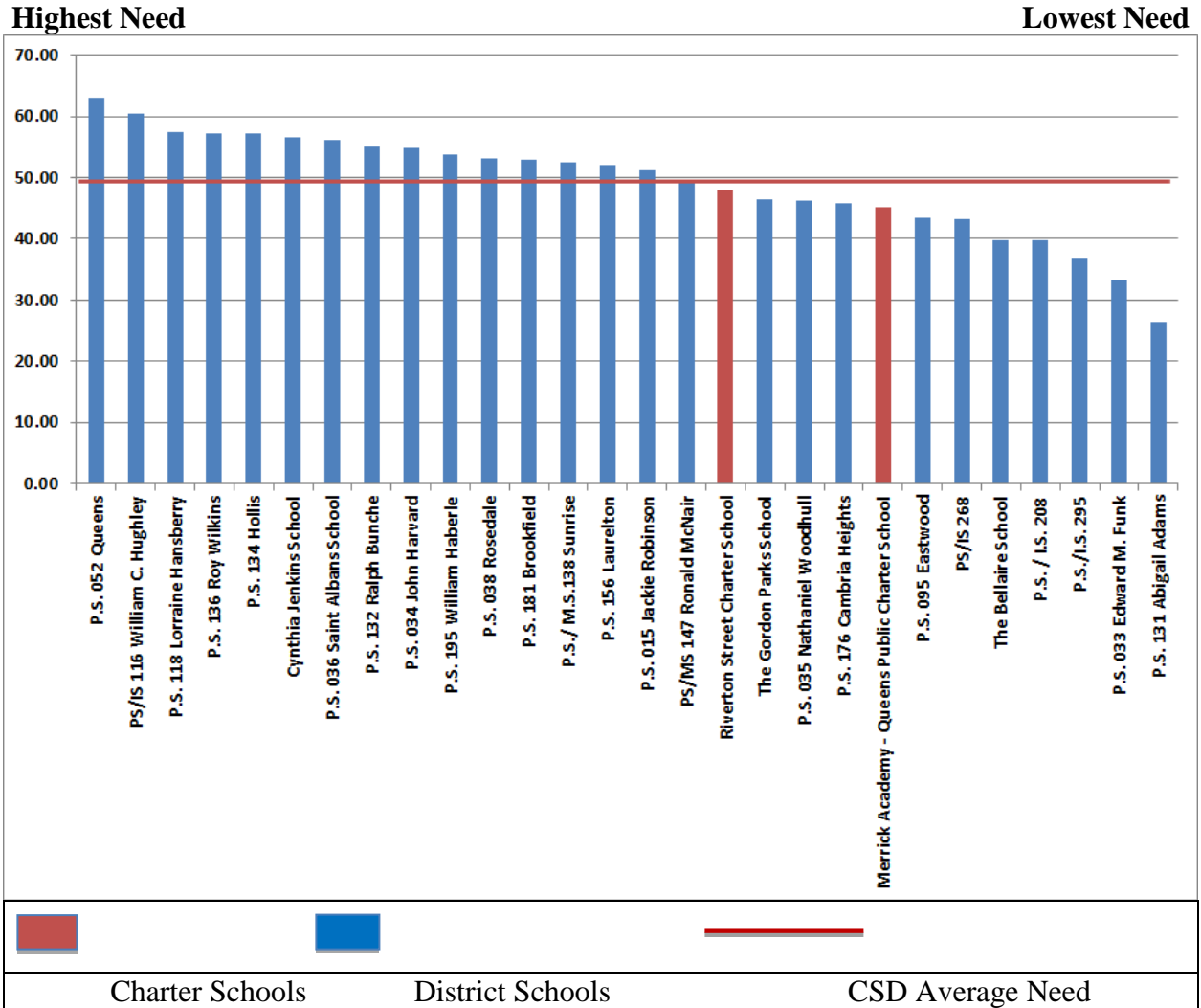
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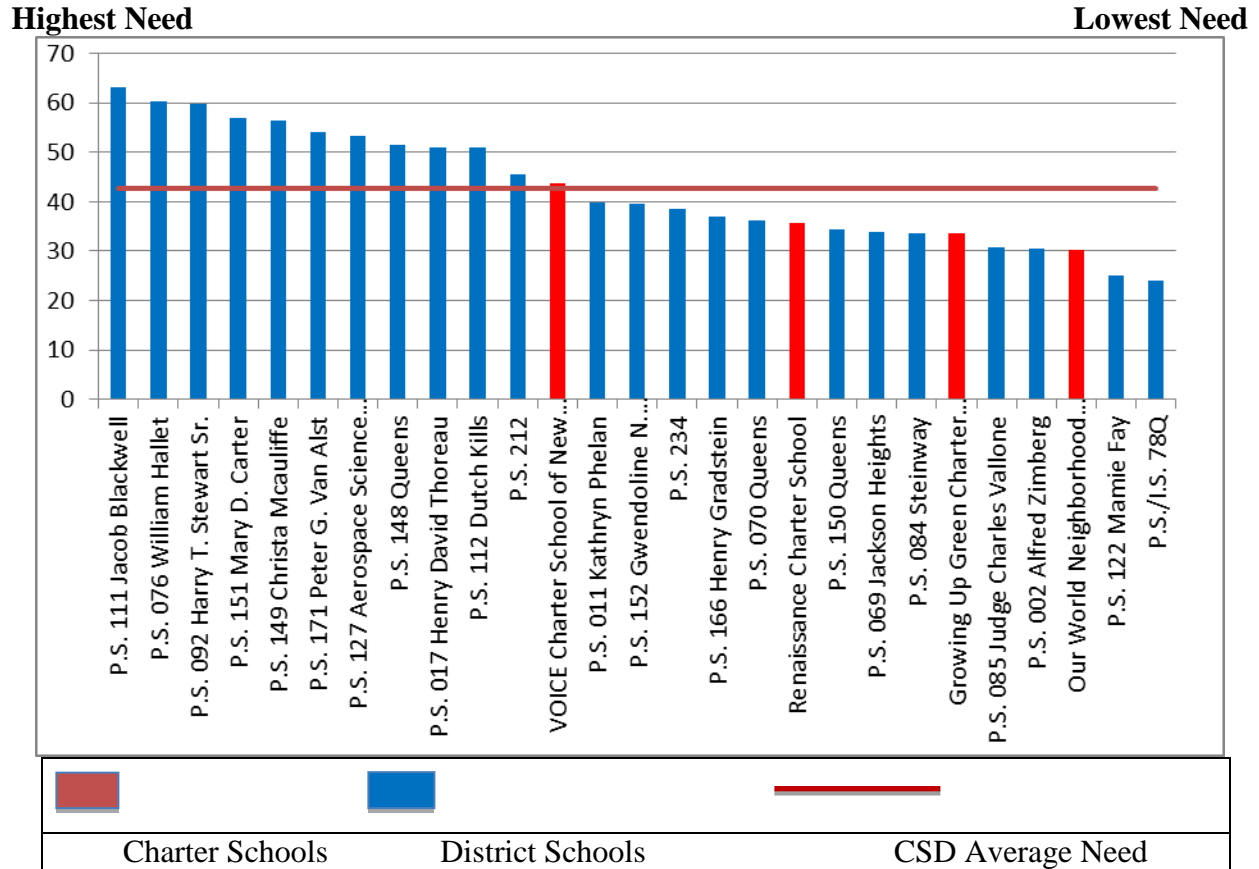
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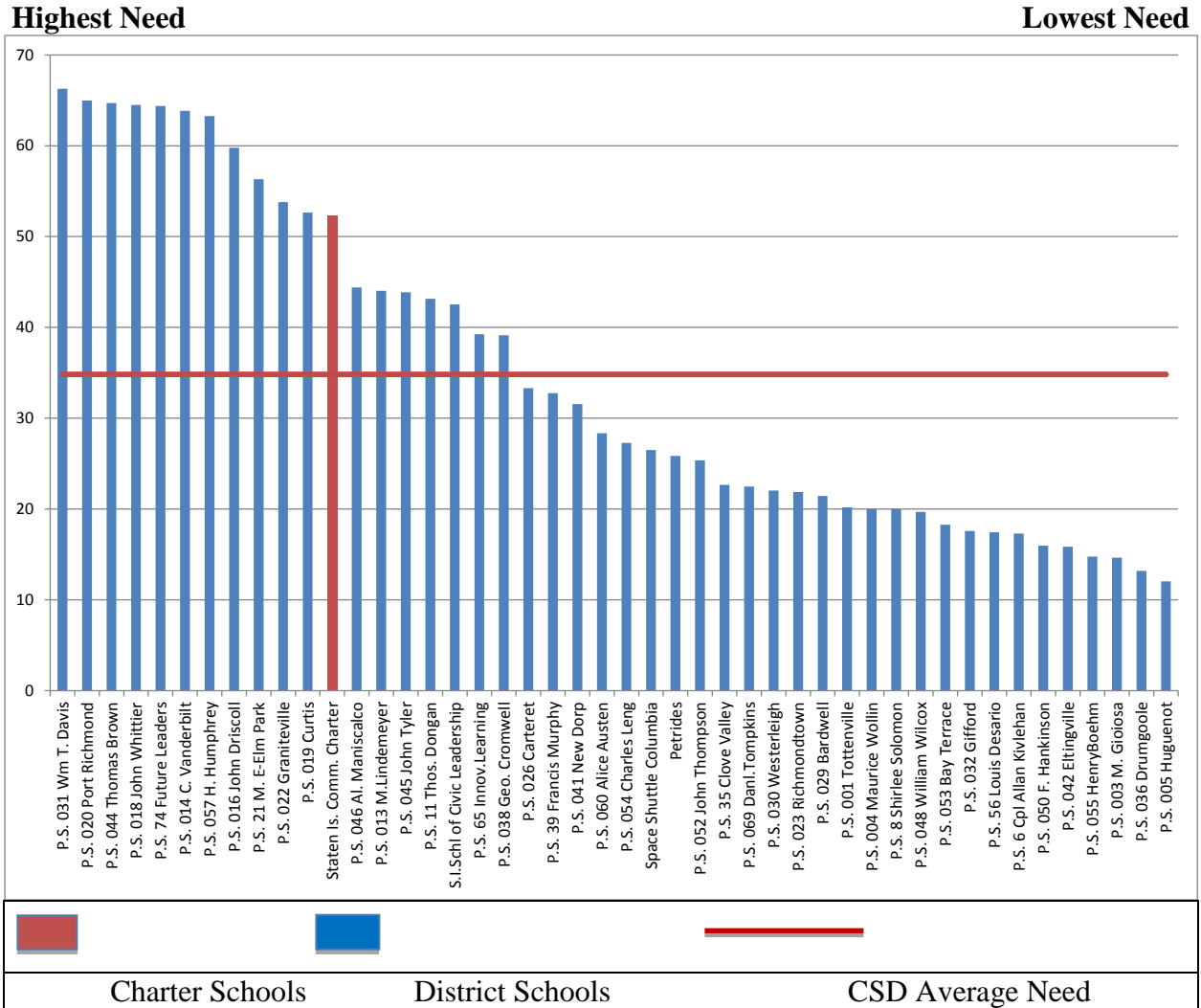
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**Community School District 32
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Highest Need

Lowest Need

