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Educational Outcomes in NC

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### As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

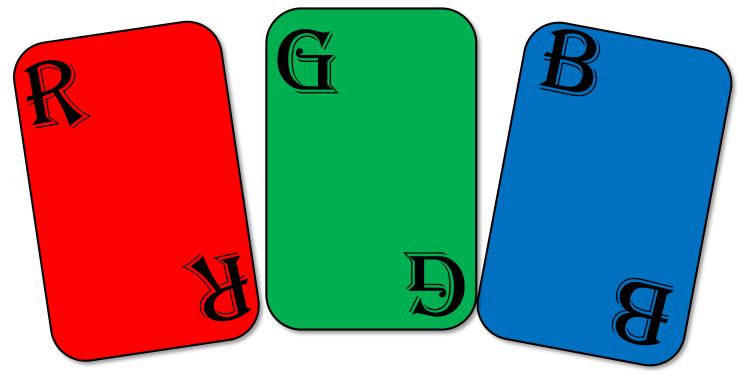
- Rock Star
- Pro Athlete
- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Doctor or Nurse
- Computer Scientist
- Astronaut
- Physicist or Chemist
- Marine Biologist





## An Educator's Purpose

Why are we here?





## 3 Cards = 3 Schools

### Every child's schooling experience

Card #1 = Elementary school experience





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### Every child's schooling experience

Card #2 = Middle school experience





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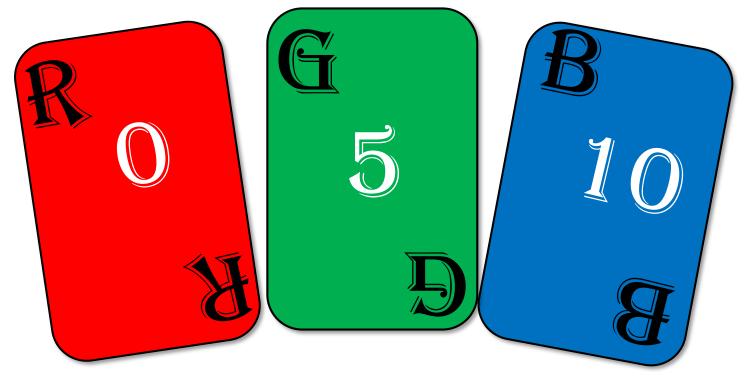
#### Every child's schooling experience

Card #3 = High school experience





## Add 'em up! How did you do?





## Add 'em up!

Will you reach your dreams?

#### **Total Points Needed**



Dropout	0 - 9
Graduate High School	10 - 14
Enroll in College	15 - 19
Graduate in 4 years	20-24
Graduate w/ a STEM degree	25-30



## Add 'em up!

Will you reach your dreams?

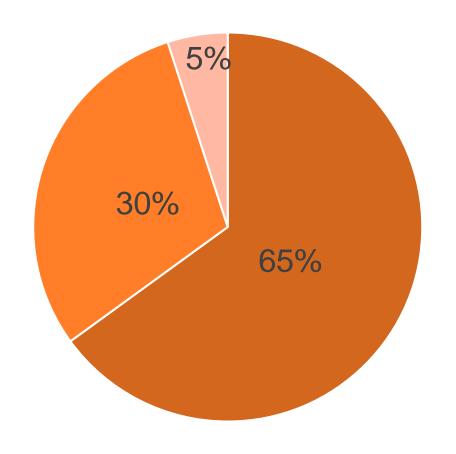
#### Real results for NC

Average Dropout Rate in NC across grades 1-12	2%
Percent of NC students who graduate HS in 4 years	86%
Percentage of NC HS grads who enroll in some postsecondary ed	57%
Percent of NC postsecondary students who graduate with some	
degree (Associates or Undergraduate) in 4 years	51%
Percent of NC college graduates who earn a STEM-related degree	46%



#### Teachers Matter

Teachers have the largest impact on student learning growth

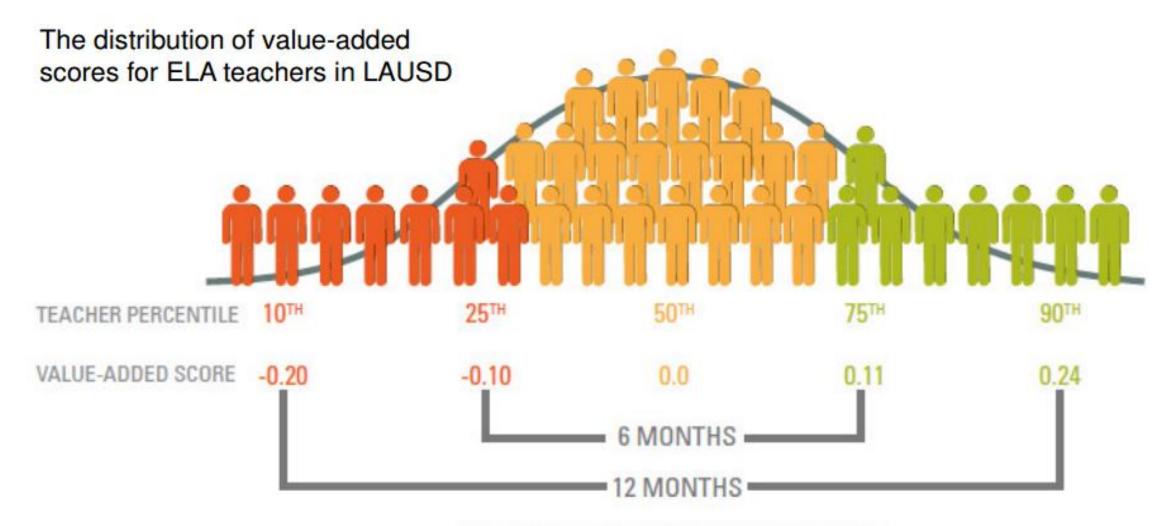


- Teacher Impact
- School Impact
- District Impact



Source: SAS

## Differences in teacher effectiveness account for large differences in student learning growth

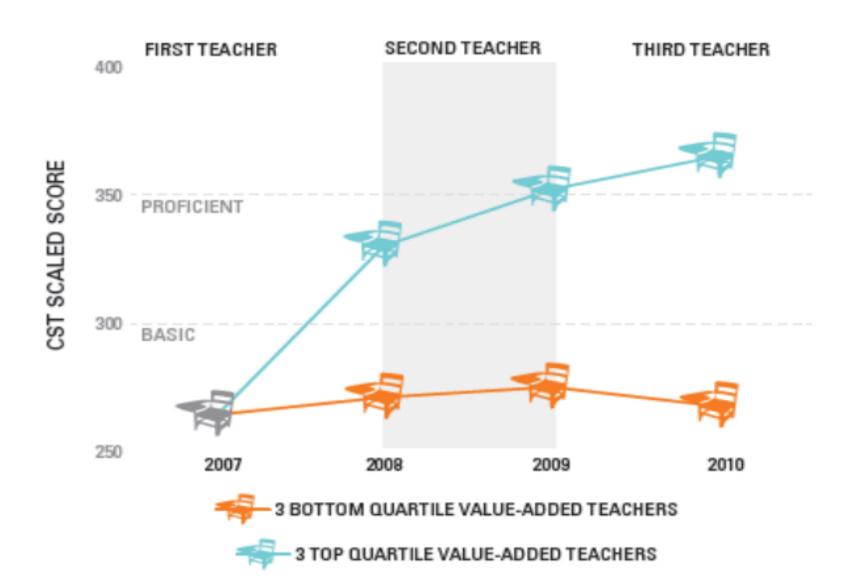


Source: The Education Trust

MONTHS OF STUDENT LEARNING

#### Cumulative effects of teacher quality on student outcomes

CST math proficiency trends for second-graders at 'Below Basic' or 'Far Below Basic' in 2007 who subsequently had three consecutive high or low value-added teachers



Source: The Education Trust

#### Leaders Matter



"Leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school."

Leithwood, Anderson, and Wahlstrom, 2004



## CONCLUSION

Teachers and leaders MATTER.

School systems have the ability to change the course of student outcomes.