

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Ethnic Diversity of Students in Bernards Twp. Public Schools - 2006 - 2014

Ethnic composition of students in Bernards Township Public Schools (BTPS) in recent years has followed a consistent pattern. In the eight years since 2006, total Public School Student (PSS) increased only 271 (5.0%). All increase in PSS has been in ethnic minority students, up **749 (76.0%)**. Number of *White* students reduced 479 (-10.8%). The largest *Minority* growth has been in students of *Asian* descent, an increase of 572 (69.7%). Total of all *Other Ethnic* groups increased 749 (75.6%).

The number of *White* public school students (PSS) peaked at **4,485** in 2008 when they comprised **79.9%** of the student body. At that time, *Asian* ethnic students totaled **931** and composed **16.6%** of total students. *Other Ethnic* PSS groups combined totaled **199** or **3.5%**. *Asian* ethnic students now (2014) total **1,393** or **24.4%** of the current student body. Numbers of ethnic *White* PSS have reduced by **518** and are **69.5%** of the PSS body.

The following graphs display ethnic diversity changes in the eight years since 2006:

Graph 1a. PSS Total and major Ethnic grouping - 2006 through 2014.

Graph 1b. Student ethnicity as a percent of total students - 2006 through 2014.

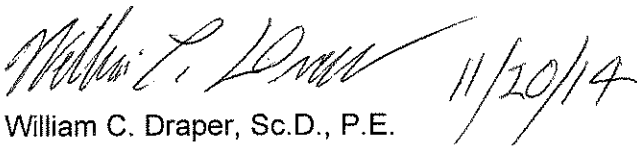
Graphs 2. Percent change from 2006 in number of students in Ethnicity Groupings - 2007 through 2014.

Graph 3a. 2007 Student Ethnicity percentages for Total of Grades K - 5, Wm Annin MS, Ridge High, and All Schools Total.

Graph 4a. 2007 Student Ethnicity percentages for Neighborhood Schools: Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner, Mt. Prospect, and Oak Street.

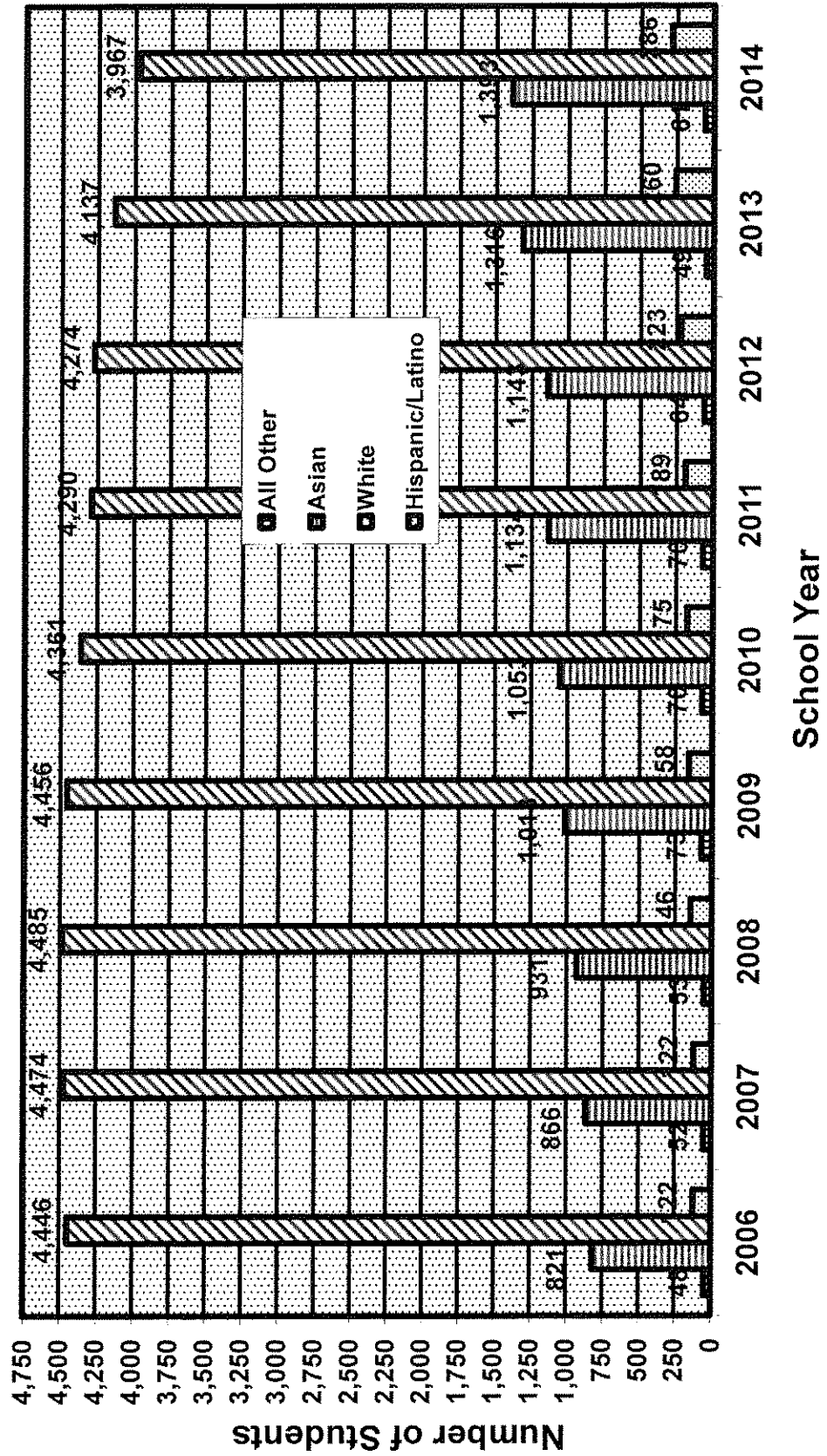
Graphs 3b & 4b, Graphs 3c & 4c, Graphs 3d & 4d, Graphs 3e & 4e, Graph 3f & 4f, Graph 3g & 4g, and Graph 3h & 4h are repeats of year 2007 displays for year 2008 thru 2014.

While English is the primary language spoken in **88.9%** of PSS homes, an additional **45** languages are principle in the remaining homes of PSS. Five (**5**) Chinese languages are spoken as primary language in **3.3%** of PSS homes, twelve (**12**) Indian languages are spoken as primary language in **2.7%** of PSS homes, ditto Korean **1.0%**, Spanish **1.7%**, Portugese **0.4%** and Russian in **0.4%**. The remaining **20** languages are principle in the remaining **1.6%** PSS homes.


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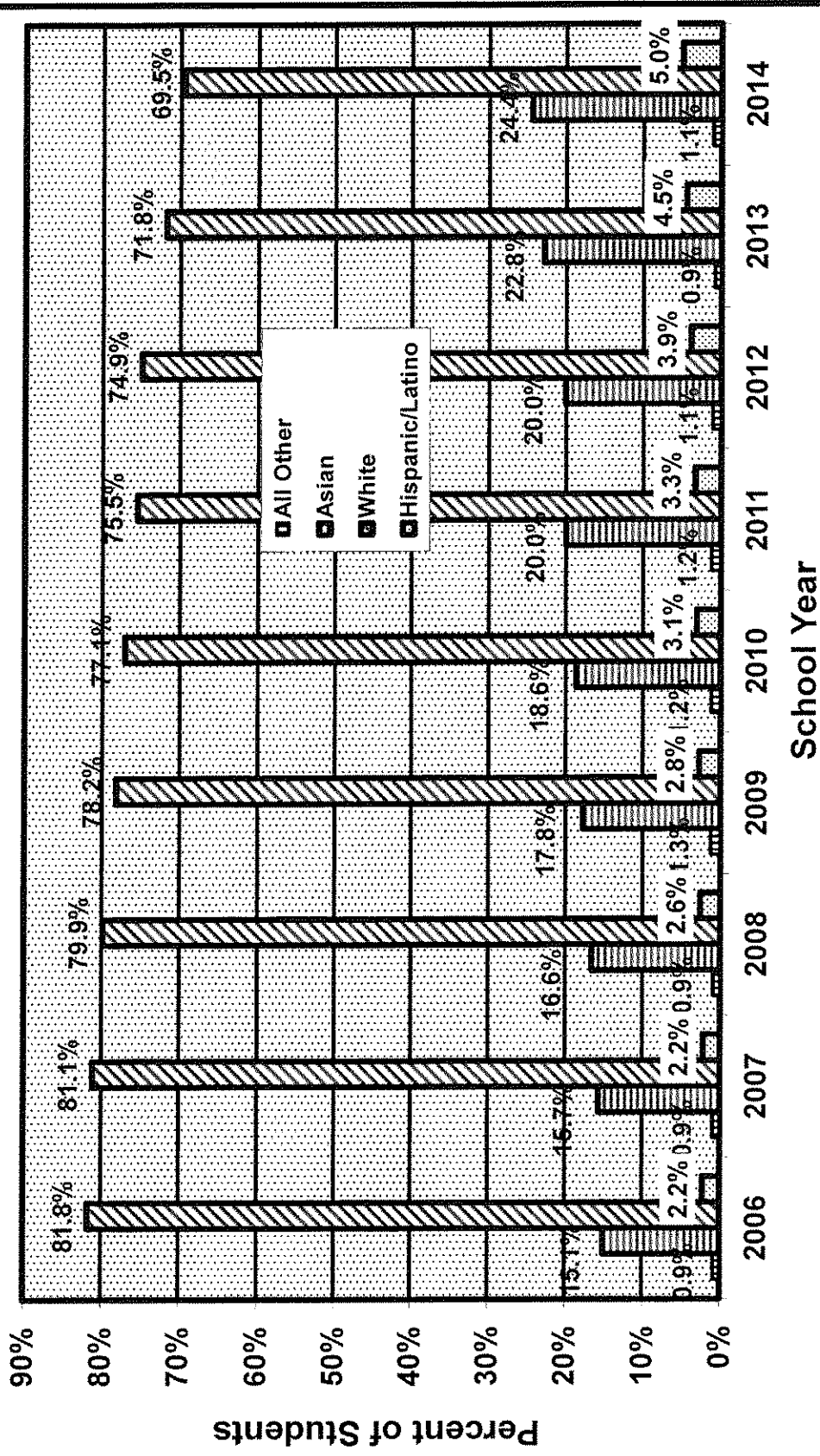
Attachments: 11 pages (Graphs 1a through 4h)

Bernards Township Schools Ethnicity of Students



Graph 1a

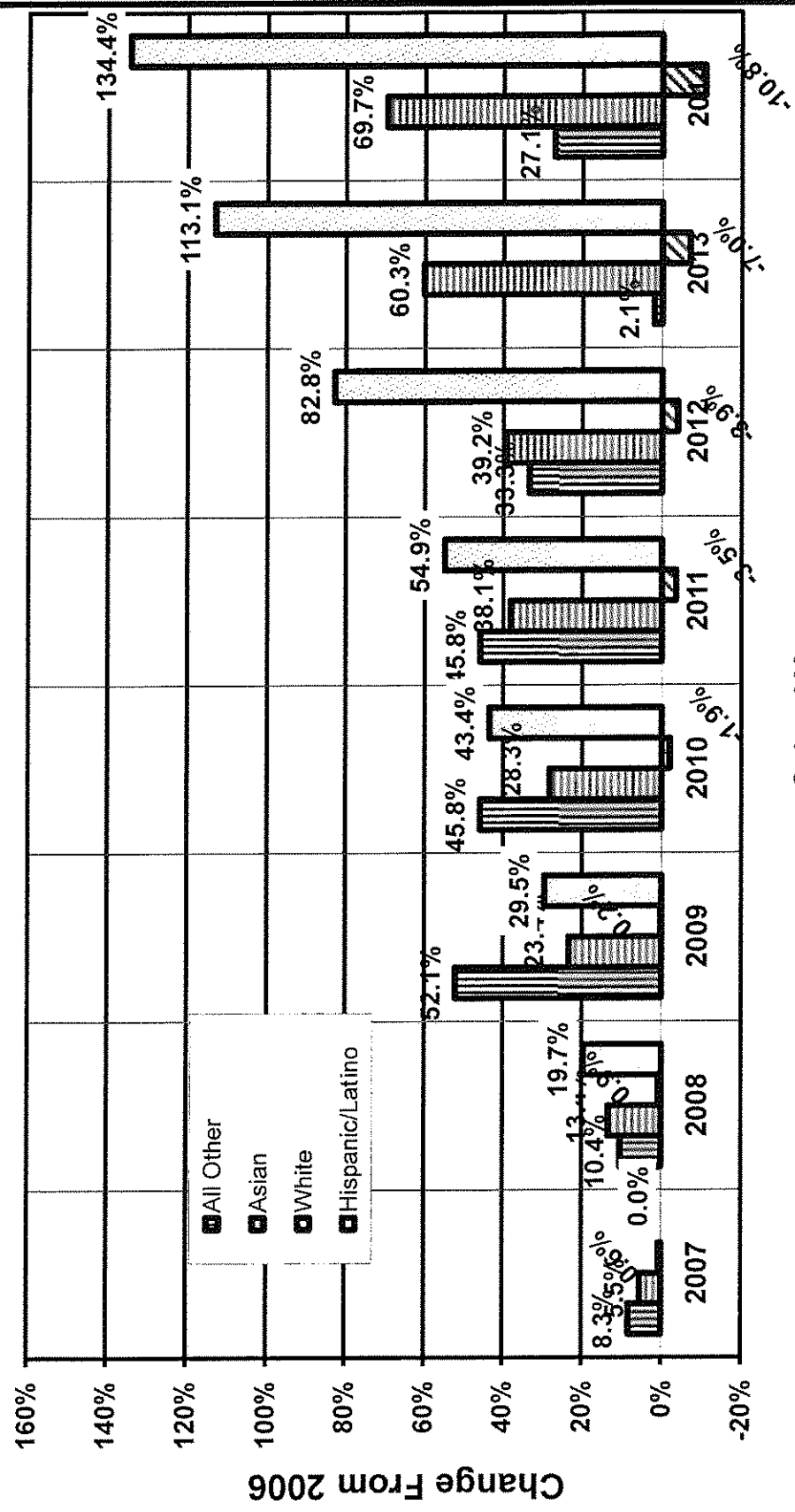
Bernards Twp. Schools Student Ethnicity, Percent of Total Students



Graph 1b

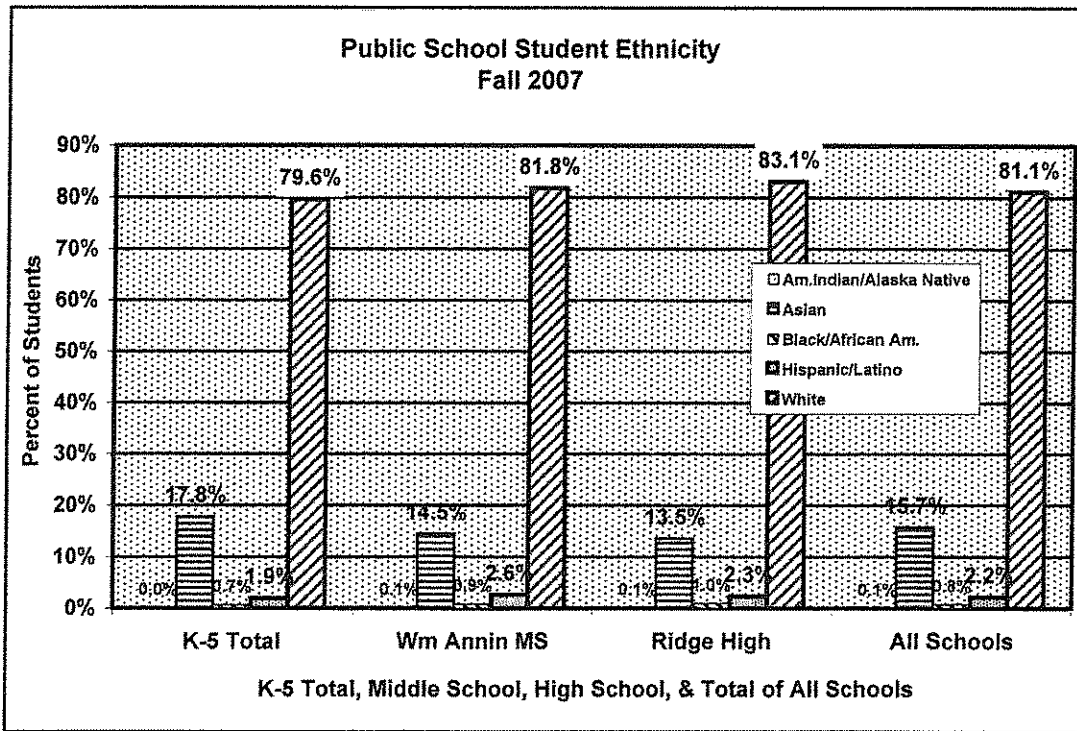
Bernards Twp. Schools

Percent Change from 2006 in Number of Students in Ethnicity Groupings

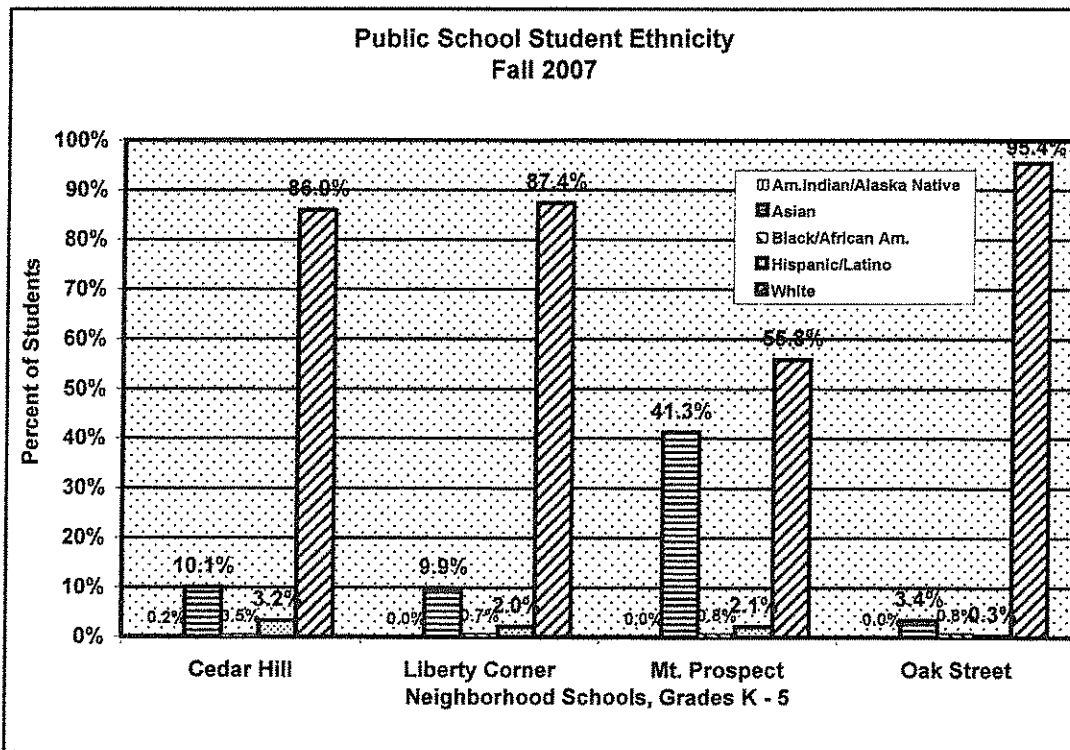


School Year

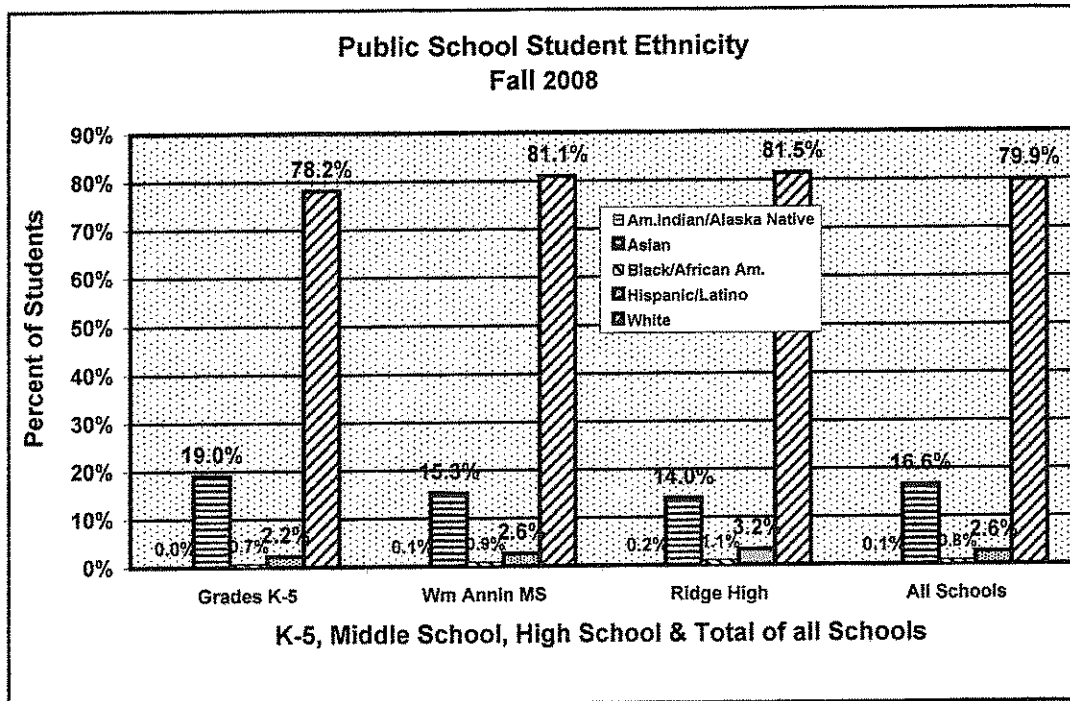
Graph 2



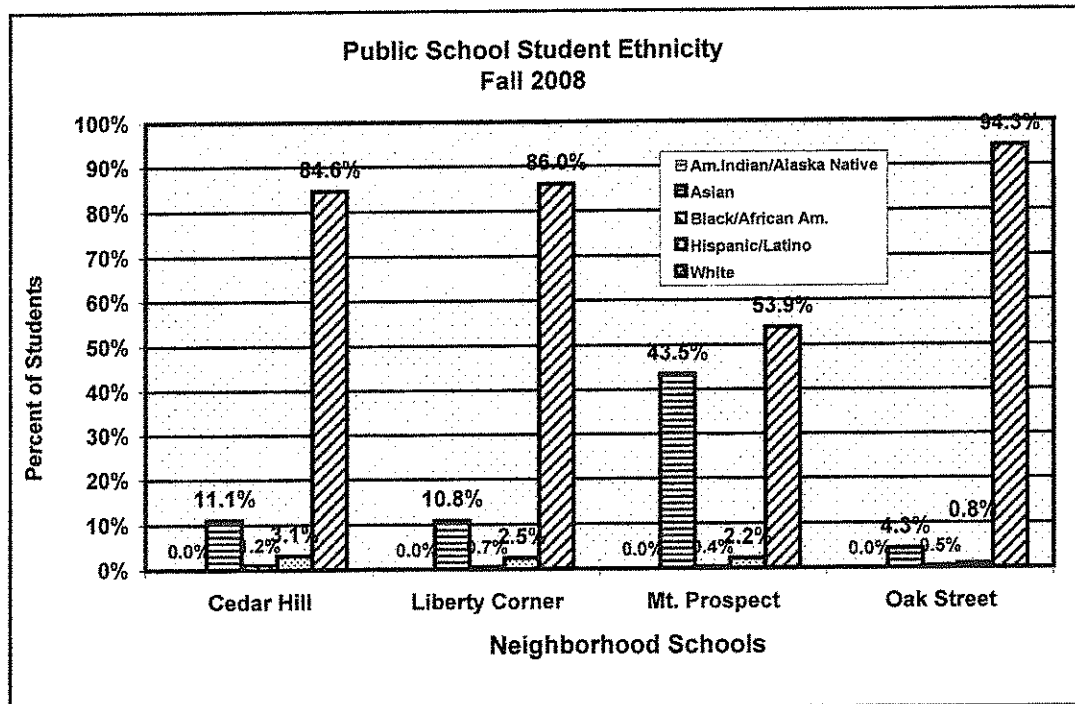
Graph 3a



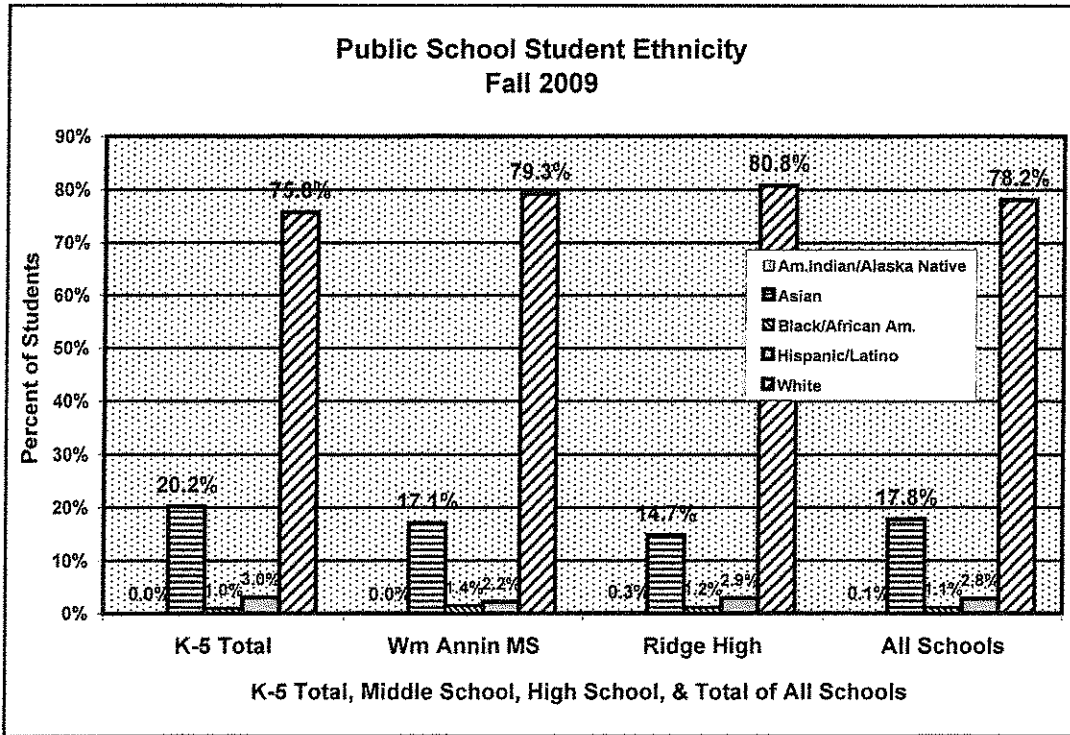
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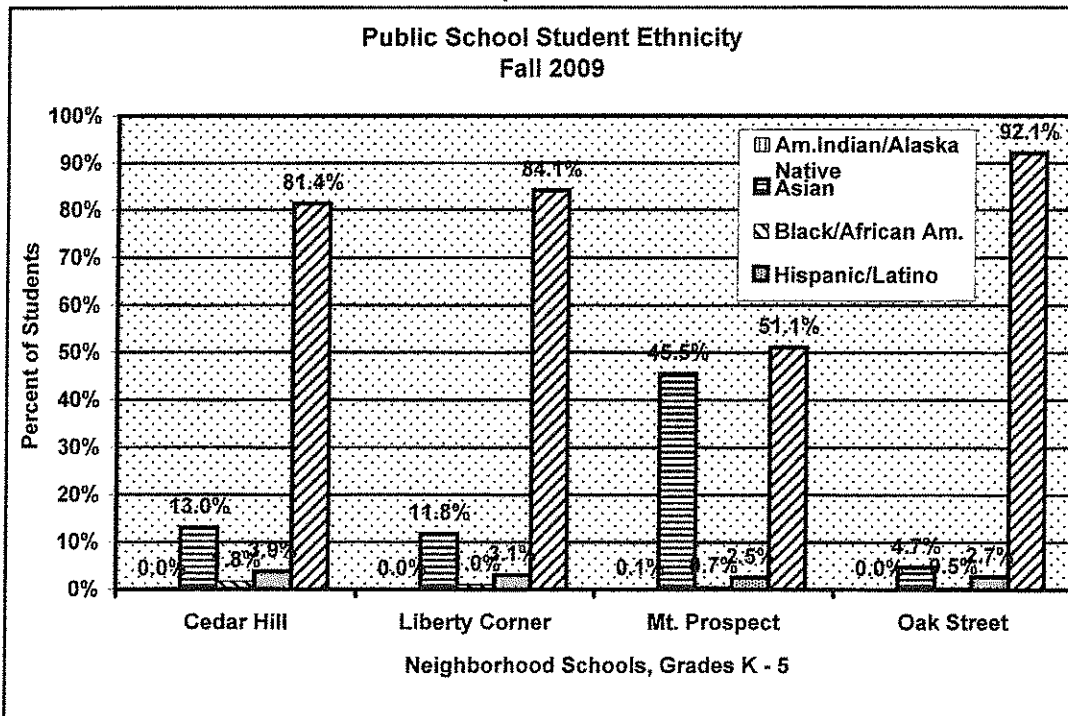
Graph 3b



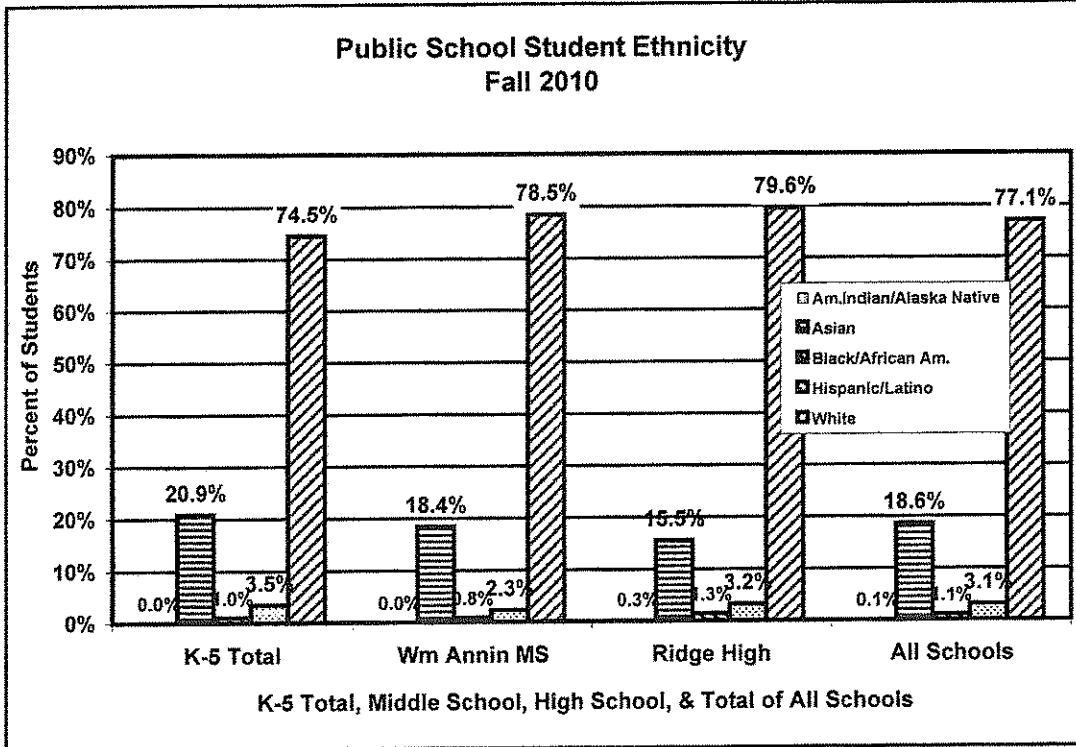
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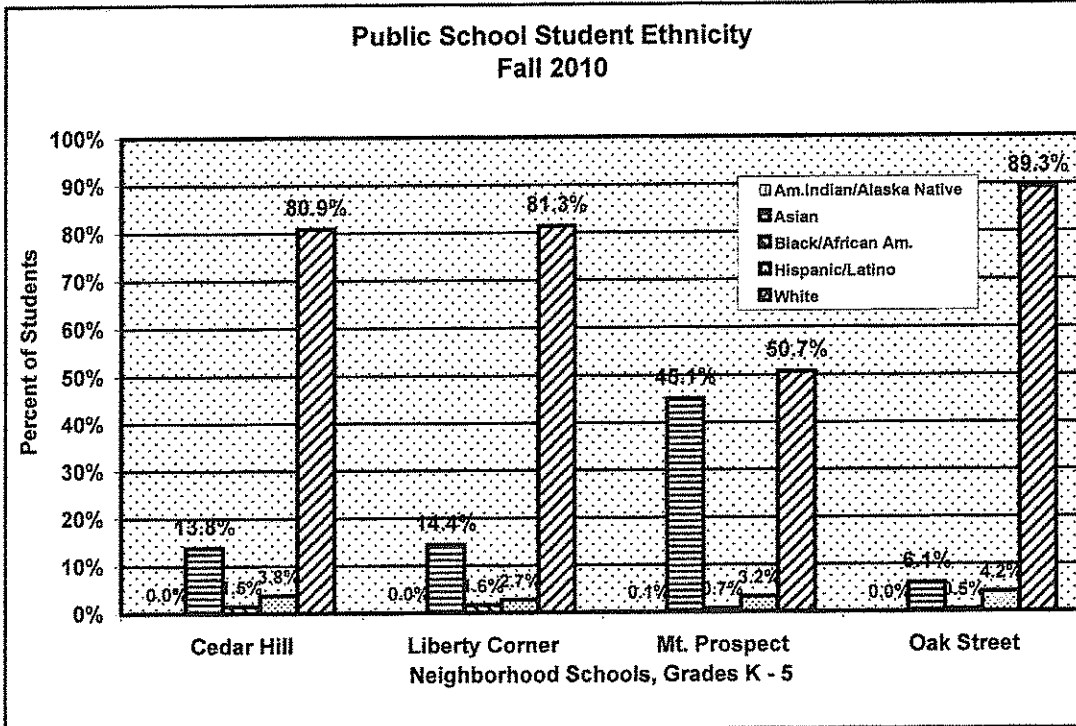
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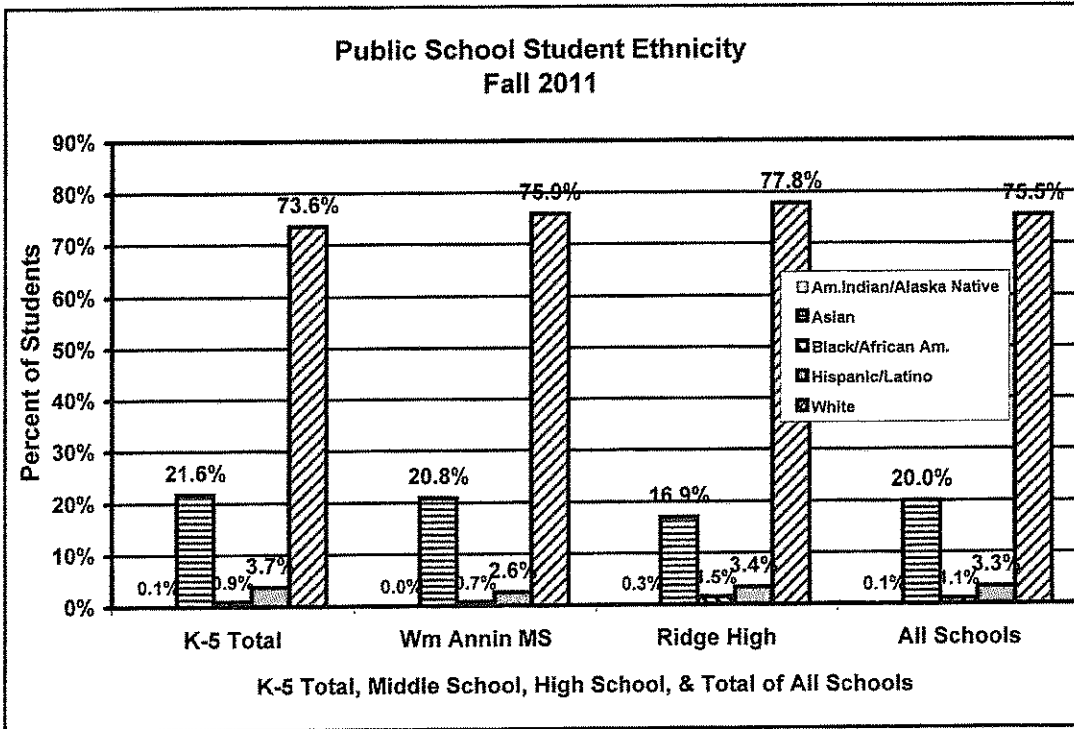
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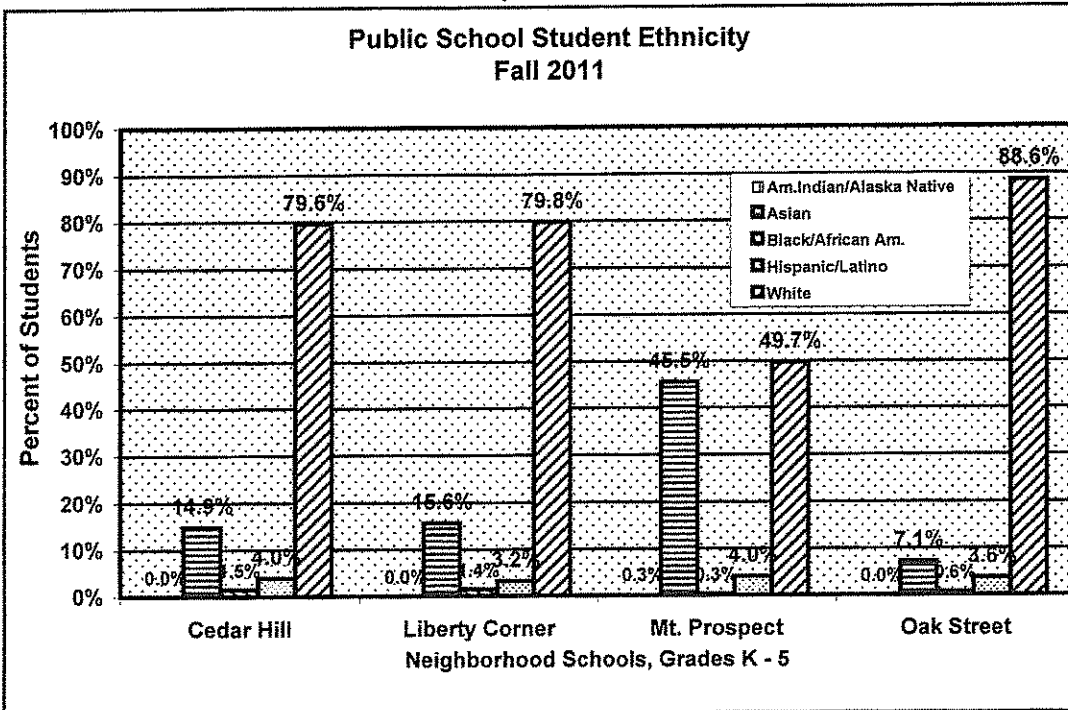
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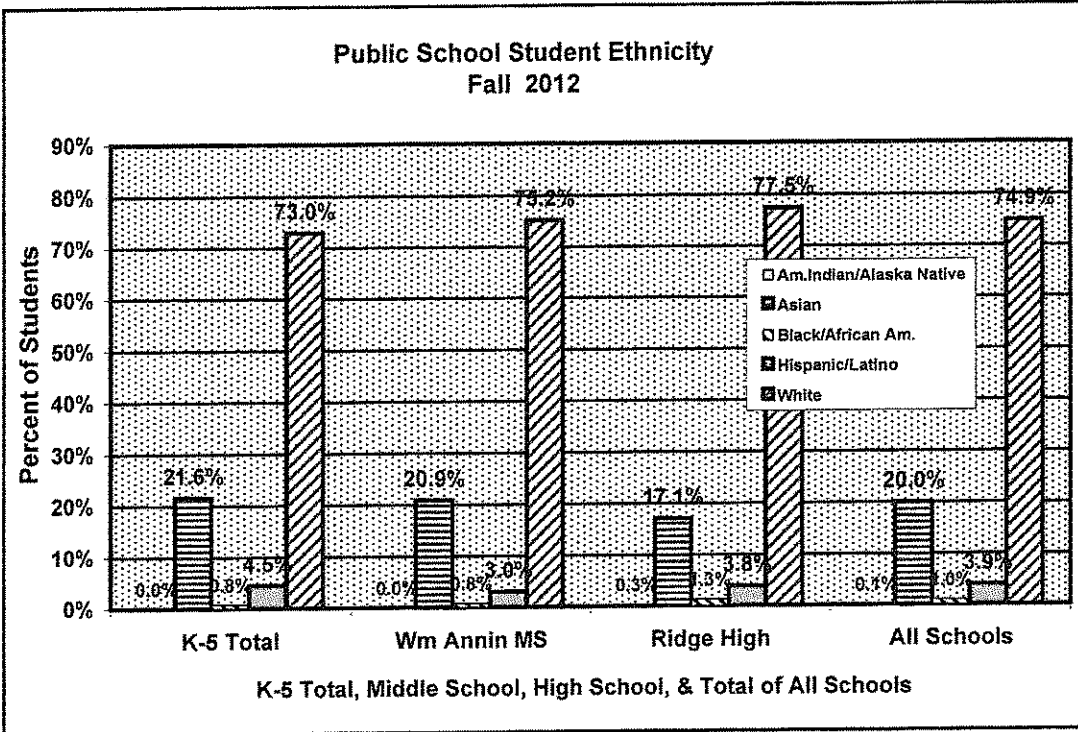
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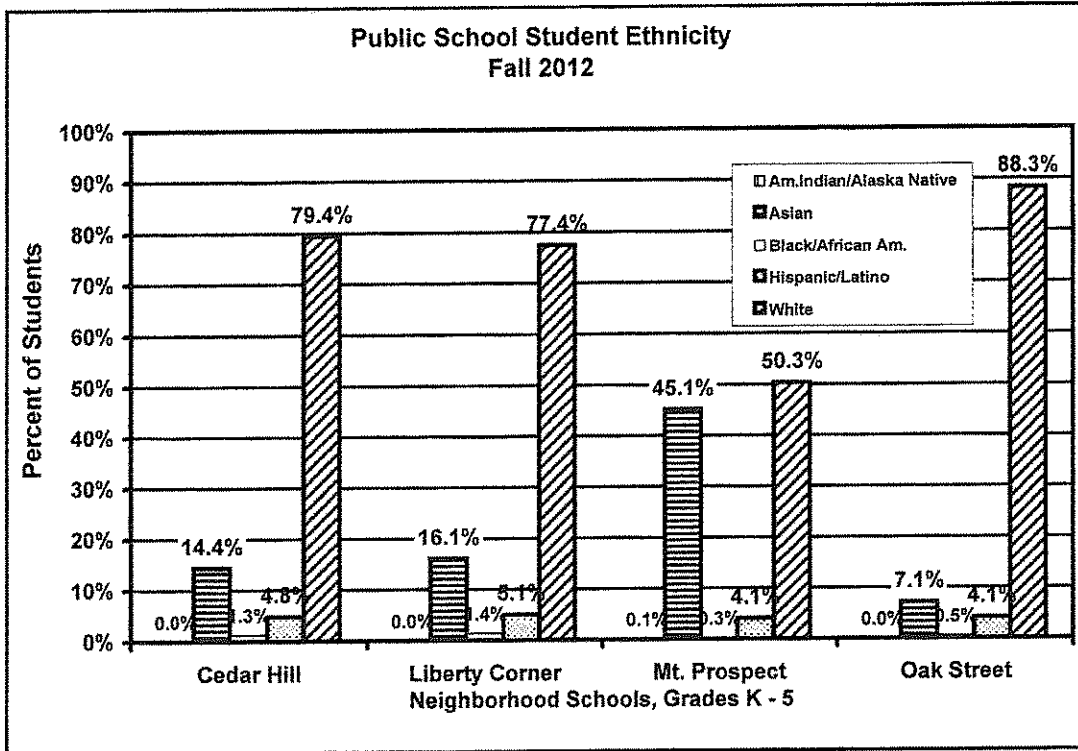
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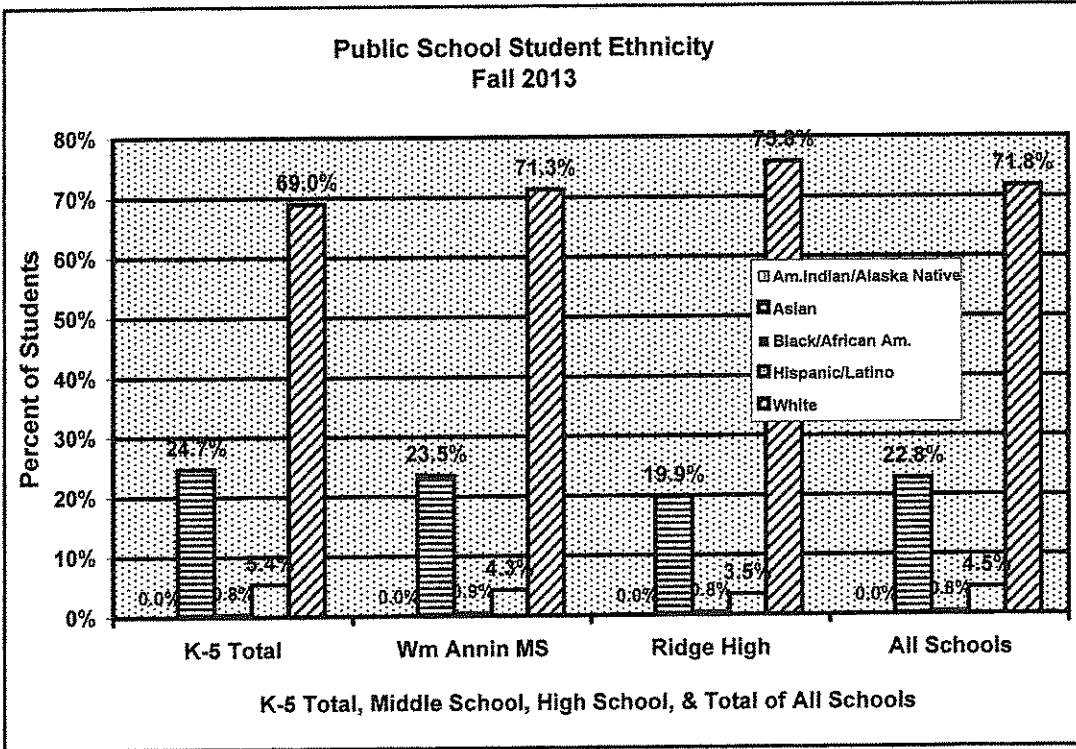
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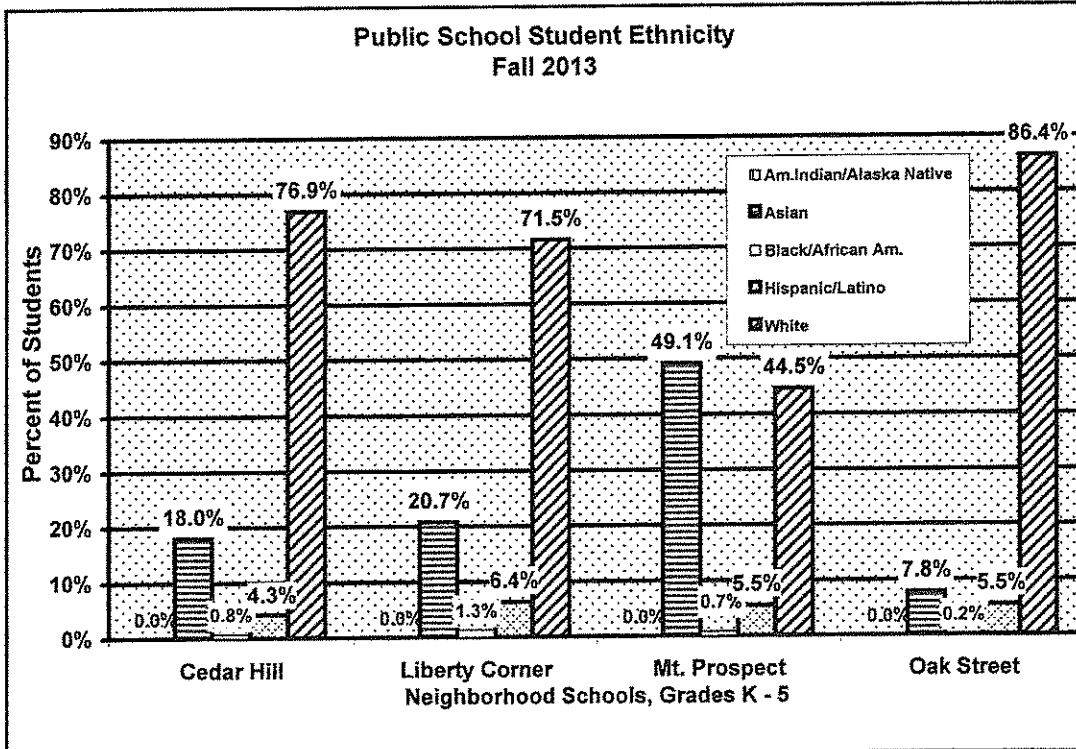
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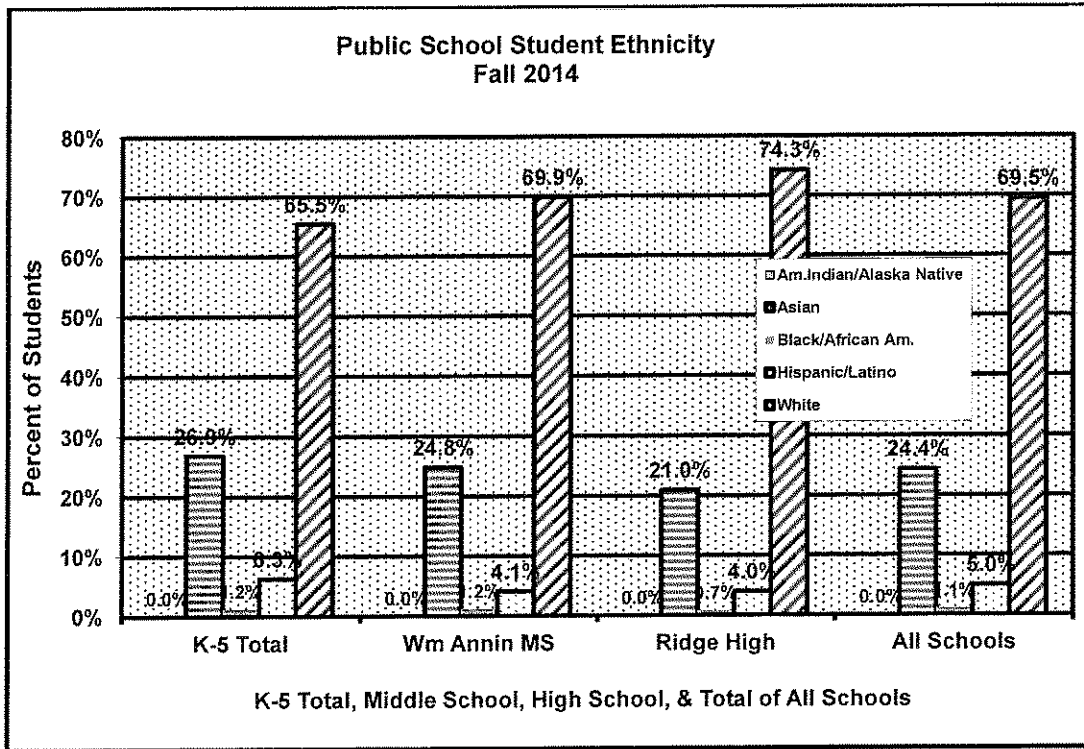
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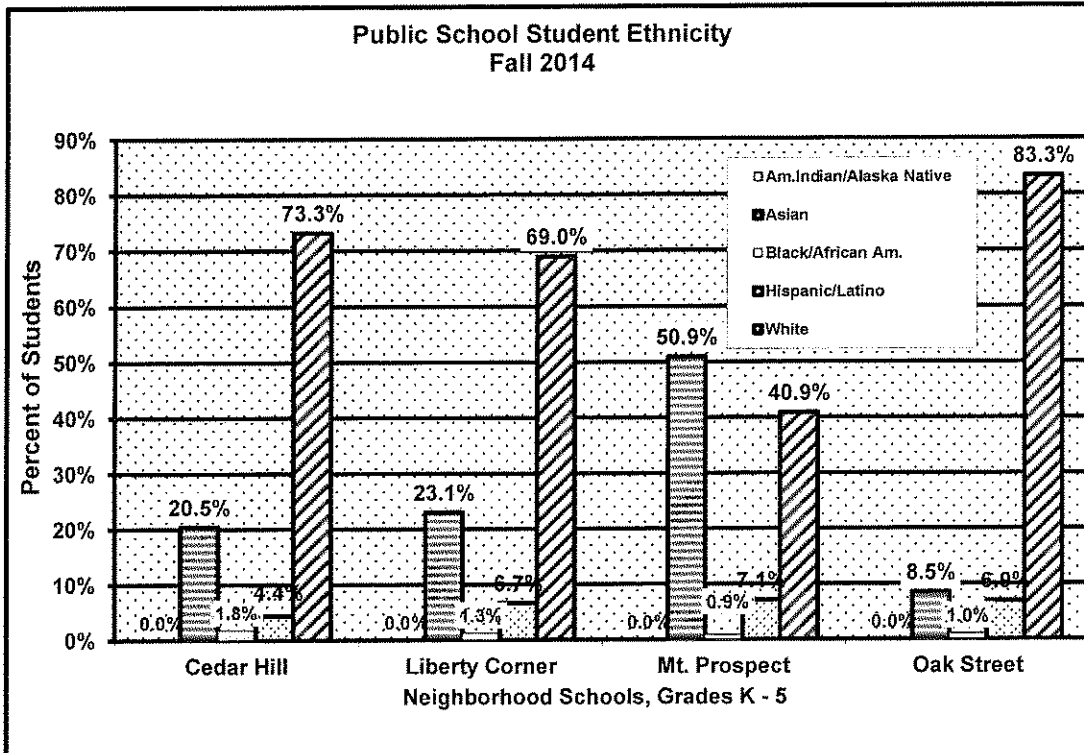
Graph 3g



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Graph 3h



Graph 4h