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The Road Ahead – Key Trends Affecting Independent Schools

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A New Educational Landscape...

- Demographic changes affecting student population and parents
- Economic factors affecting families’ ability to pay for private education
- New school options for families
- New ways of learning and teaching to prepare students for the new global economy.
Demographic Trends
The demographic changes impacting schools are affecting both, students and parents.

- ✓ White population decreasing and aging
- ✓ Rapid growth of “new minorities”: Hispanics, Asians, and multiracial populations
- ✓ New generation of parents: Millennials
The diversification of the U. S. population starts at the bottom of the age pyramid.

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Source: 2010 U.S. Census
A majority of children ages 0-17 will be of color by 2025.

Total may not equal 100 due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division
Millennials are quickly becoming a major part of the market for independent schools. Making less money and more concerned with saving than previous generations, millennials are more concerned with the rising cost of tuition.

**Millennials by the Numbers**

- 75.4 Million currently live in the U.S
- 22 Million are parents as of October 2015
- 7 Percent make over $150,000

- 63% have over $10,000 in student loans
- 29 years median age at first home purchase
- 48% plan to pay all college costs for their children compared to 16% of Gen Xers

“Millennials represent the largest generation in the country and will soon constitute a significant percentage of current and prospective parents at independent schools”. “However, Millennials also make less money than other generations, and are concerned with saving for their children’s college education, making rising tuitions a more important concern for them”.

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Economic Trends
Housing is the largest expenditure item in the household budget. Higher house prices can consume funds that would otherwise be available to purchase other goods and services, including K-12 private education.

Source: 14th Annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey: 2018

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Severely Unaffordable Major Housing Markets (Least Affordable)

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Source: 14th Annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey: 2018
Median tuition at day schools have been increasing above the cost of living every year since 2007.
Tuition increases can be straining family finances, especially those of Millennial parents.
Competition Trends
Today, parents and students have more educational options than ever before.

✓ Charter schools
✓ Homeschooling
✓ For-profit schools
✓ Colleges and universities
✓ Other forms of competition?
Charter schools have been expanding rapidly, more than doubling their numbers in the last 10 years.

- In 2013-2014, there were 6,440 charter schools serving more than 2.5 million students
- The number of schools increased by **118% since 2003-2004**
- And the number of students increased by **218% during the same period.**

*Source: National Alliance for Public Charter Schools*
The percentage of homeschooled students in the USA has doubled since 1999. In 2012, there were 1.8 homeschoolers in the country.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics
New and innovative school models are growing rapidly and offering unique educational models at lower prices than traditional independent schools.

### Educational Model

- **Student-Led Learning:** in the New England-based Wildflower schools, students pioneer their own lessons by engaging in Montessori-inspired activities as they see fit.
- **No traditional teachers:** in the Texas-based Acton Academy, “Guides” — often parents or entrepreneurs— facilitate classes.
- **Project based learning:** in the San Francisco-based Brightworks, students learn primarily through the completion of interdisciplinary group projects.
- **No traditional grading:** students at Texas-based Acton Academy receive badges demonstrating subject mastery, earned through completing projects or engaging in community exhibitions.
- **Use of technology:** in the San Francisco based AltSchool, online “portraits” create a customized lesson plan for each student.

### Business Model

- **Lower tuition:** D.C.'s Blyth-Templeton Academy charges $15,000 in tuition and fees, less than half of median independent tuition in the area.
- **Less physical plant:** Maryland’s Mysa School is run out of a converted 5,000 square foot variety store, saving the school money on facilities.
- **Network of Schools:** BASIS Independent Schools share professional development resources and pedagogy tips between themselves, and offer students the chance to engage in projects with their peers across the globe.
- **No fundraising:** Manhattan’s Portfolio school is funded entirely on tuition, and does not rely on fundraising for any of its operations.
- **For-Profit Investments:** the San Francisco based AltSchool, has raised over $100 million in equity funding, including an investment from Mark Zuckerberg.

Source: NAIS.org
New Role of Education
Technology has impacted almost every aspect of life today, and education is no exception.

✓ Expanded access to education.
✓ Massive amounts of information are available at one’s fingertips through the Internet.
✓ More opportunities for formal learning are available online worldwide.
✓ New ways of learning, communicating, and working collaboratively.
✓ Teacher’s role is shifting to the “guide on the side.”
✓ Students taking more responsibility for their own learning.
In the workforce of the future, college and university graduates will need to complement — not compete with — technology

• A recent Oxford University study found that 47 percent of U.S. jobs are at risk of being eliminated by automation. Findings like this make it imperative to rethink how colleges prepare graduates for a job market in flux.

• Burning Glass Technologies, an analytics software company that scraped 25 million job ads to identify the most frequently in-demand skills found that soft skills were at the top of the wish list in 75% of ads, regardless of industry.

• These changes suggest that education needs a dramatically new approach, in which learning is a lifelong pursuit, not an endeavor limited to a few years in early adulthood.

• This new model will emphasize both soft skills and hard skills that meet the needs of employers, particularly given the expected influence of automation and artificial intelligence.
A study by Barnes and Noble College shows that Gen Z-ers expect to be fully engaged and to be a part of the learning process themselves.

51% of surveyed students learn best by doing while only 12%, learn through listening. They enjoy class discussions and interactive classroom environments over the traditional dissemination teaching method.

They are comfortable with learning alongside other students, even outside of their own school, using digital tools such as Skype and online forums.
Action Steps for Independent Schools
Are there enough students in your area? (Demographic issue)
Are tuitions too high? (Price issue)
Are our school not delivering what parents want/need for their children? (Product/school value issue)
Are parents not aware of private schools? (Marketing issue)
A combination of these reasons?

Diagnose the root cause of your enrollment changes

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Median Enrollment

- Boarding Schools
  - 2007-2008
  - 2012-2013
  - 2017-2018
- Day Schools
  - 2007-2008
  - 2012-2013
  - 2017-2018
How to address enrollment changes due to changes in your student demographics?

Use Census numbers to identify your demographic changes

- To find out what the current make up of the student population in your area is
- To understand how projected changes could impact your enrollment goals
- To identify new areas of prospective and current families

Resources:  NAIS Demographic Center
            NAIS DASL
            US Census
Between 2012 and 2016, the enrollment share of multiracial students increased by 1.6% in independent schools in the New York metro area, while the Caucasian student enrollment share decreased by 4%.

Change in Enrollment Share by Race/Ethnicity
All NAIS Schools Nationally, New York Metro Area
2012–2016

Source: NAIS DASL
Caucasian students are overrepresented in independent schools in the New York metro area, and make up 62 percent of enrollment. Hispanic students are underrepresented, making up only 5 percent of enrollment but 30 percent of the student population.

Source: U.S. Census, NAIS DASL
The Caucasian and African American student populations are expected to decline through 2022 in the New York metro area, while the fastest growing groups will be Multiracial students and students identifying as an other race.

Projected Change in School Age Population*
2017-2022, New York Metro Area

- Caucasian: -1.7%
- African American: -2.3%
- Asian American: 3.8%
- American Indian: 1.8%
- Other Race: 4.1%
- Multiracial: 9.2%
- Hispanics: 1.7%

Source: NAIS Demographic Center

*Projected increases are provided by EASI Demographics, which uses a different methodology for calculating median income than the Census Bureau.
Use the NAIS Demographic Center to identify demographic changes by Zip Codes and neighborhoods (Census tracks). Example: The zip codes with the highest student populations in the NY metro area are 08701, 11219, and 10456.

### Student Population by Zip Code, New York Metro Area

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Source: U.S. Census
How can you assess the impact of raising tuitions on parents' ability to finance an independent school education?

Use Census numbers to identify your key economic changes

- To understand how housing prices have changed and assess how projected changes could impact your enrollment goals
- To find out how family incomes have changed over time and find prospective families who can afford your school.

Resources:  NAIS Demographic Center  
            NAIS DASL  
            US Census
Median household income and the number of high-income households are growing in the New York metro area.

**Median Household Income**  
$69K in 2016 vs. $55K in the U.S.

**Projected Income Increase**  
23.6% by 2022

**Major Industries**  
- Financial Services
- Media
- Communications
- Technology

**Housing Prices, 2012-2016: U.S., New York Metro Area**

- **United States**
  - 2012: $189,140
  - 2014: $177,817
  - 2016: $184,700

- **New York Metro Area**
  - 2012: $445,740
  - 2014: $404,819
  - 2016: $403,300

**High-Income Households in the New York Metro Area**

- 2012: 642,877
- 2014: 710,500
- 2016: 778,103

Housing Prices, 2012-2016: U.S., New York Metro Area

*Projected increases are provided by EASI Demographics, which uses a different methodology for calculating median income than the Census Bureau.*

All values in this slide are controlled for inflation.

Source: Forbes, NAIS Demographic Center, U.S. Census, Zillow
Households Making Over $200,000 by Zip Code

Source: U.S. Census
Day tuitions in New York have increased between 31% and 36% above inflation in the last 10 years.

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Source: DASL
Tuition as a percentage of median income is higher in the New York Metro Area than the rest of the U.S. In addition, tuition has been growing faster in the New York Metro area than the rest of the U.S.

Median Tuition as a Percentage of Income
Average Day School Tuition Grades 1-12

- Mean Income, NAIS Top Quartile
- Mean Income, New York Metro Area Top Quartile
- Median Income, All NAIS
- Median Income, New York Metro Area

Source: U.S. Census, NAIS DASL

Median Tuition by Area
Average Day School Tuition Grades 1-12

- New York Metro Area
- All NAIS

All values in this slide have been adjusted for inflation.
How can you assess if the enrollment changes are due to a price issue?

Conduct a Tuition Elasticity Study

- To better understand parent perceptions of individual schools’ tuitions
- To understand how changes in tuition impact your market share and net tuition revenue
- To find the price threshold at which families balk
- To help you determine your financial aid needs
New York schools should consider conducting a tuition elasticity study to better understand how tuition increases in their school could affect market share and net tuition revenue.

1. The **Going Price** is what parents would expect to pay

2. The **Point of Marginal Expensiveness** is the highest advisable price for a “premium” positioning

3. The **Point of Marginal Cheapness** is the lowest advisable price for a “bargain” positioning
Conduct a Branding Study

• To find out what is most important when parents are choosing a school

• To gather data on how your school is perceived and what differentiates your school from your competitors

• To determine the reasons why parents select another school for their children.

Conduct a Parent Satisfaction Survey and an Alumni Survey.

• To find out what programs and services are most important to parents and how satisfied are they with your school’s performance

• To understand the experience of alumni at your school

• To identify programs and services that need to be revamped, eliminated, or created.
Learn how your school is perceived versus your top competitors.

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<td>Cares about its students</td>
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Source: NAIS Individual School Pilot Study
Ask your parents the reasons for not sending their children to your school.

- Curriculum/academic standards didn't meet my expectations (25%)
- Not a K-12 school (25%)
- Didn't feel the school could address my child's learning style (19%)
- Location was too far from home (17%)
- Not a good value for the money (11%)
- Too expensive (8%)
- Didn't feel my child would be successful academically (6%)
- Didn't receive enough financial aid (3%)
- Didn't have extracurricular activities of interest to my child (3%)
- Not a single-sex school (3%)
- Child didn't feel comfortable in the environment (0%)
- Curriculum was too rigorous (0%)
- Does not have a solid reputation (0%)
- Other (50%)

Source: NAIS Individual School Pilot Study
Only 21% of public schools surrounding New York City are rated as “above average”.

Highly Rated Public Schools in Manhattan.

Greatschools ratings are based on several factors, including standardized test scores, graduation rates and college readiness measures, Advanced Placement course participation, and equity in academic development.
"The most sought-after of the city’s specialized high schools, Stuyvesant High School has an amazingly talented student body and an array of course offerings that rival those of a small college. It has a sparkling, 10-story building with views of the New York harbor and features such amenities as a regulation-size swimming pool" – Insideschools.org.

#71
U.S. News & World Report National Ranking

2144
Average total SAT Score

98.8%
AP Pass Rate

45%
Of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch

Admission to Stuyvesant is based on the results of a specialized high school admissions test. On average, over 29,000 8th and 9th graders take the test each year, and fewer than 4% qualify for admission to Stuyvesant.

89%
Of 12th graders have taken at least one AP during their high school career.

BASIS Independent Schools are operating in NY, CA, and VA, often at significantly lower prices than traditional independent schools in the same areas.

BASIS Independent Schools, a series of PK-12 private schools, provide a liberal arts program that prepares students across the sciences, humanities, social sciences and the arts for the challenges of 21st century opportunities and careers.

**Tuition**
$30,200 at the Brooklyn location

**Enrollment**
2400 students across 5 locations in NY, CA, and VA

**Local campuses**
2 locations in New York City

**Unique Teaching Model:** From grades 1-4, each class is taught by two joint teachers. A subject expert guides course content and a learning expert guides pedagogy and social/emotional development.

**Focus on Language:** All BASIS Independent students begin studying Mandarin as early as prekindergarten, and are given an option to switch to a different language in middle school.

**International Engagement:** BASIS operates several schools in China, and provides opportunities for students to collaborate online across countries and cultures.

Source: NAIS.org
New York schools should consider participating in a student engagement survey to better understand and improve their academic and extracurricular programs.

High School Survey of Student Engagement (9–12) and Middle School Survey of Student Engagement (5-9):

Investigate the attitudes, perceptions, and beliefs of students about their school work, the school learning environment, and their interaction with the school community.

Participating schools have used the results to:

• Provide more differentiated instruction
• Create a safer and kinder school culture
• Identify professional development needs on student engagement
• Create marketing/admission materials
• And More
How to determine if the changes in enrollment are due to an awareness/marketing issue?

• Assess parent familiarity with different types of schools in your area, including your school and its competitors.

• Determine key issues when parents select a school for their children.

• Determine the main sources of information used by parents when learning about school options.
Determine the percentage of parents who are very familiar with your school and your competitors.

Source: CAPE Study
Identify the sources of information used by your parents.

- **School visits**: 76% (Current Parents n=169), 83% (Prospective Parents n=110)
- **Friends, family, neighbors**: 41% (Current Parents), 35% (Prospective Parents)
- **Parents of current students at the school**: 36% (Current Parents), 33% (Prospective Parents)
- **The school's website**: 33% (Current Parents), 35% (Prospective Parents)
- **Printed brochures and information from the school**: 5% (Current Parents), 2% (Prospective Parents)
- **School consultant**: 5% (Current Parents), 4% (Prospective Parents)
- **Other**: 4% (Current Parents), 6% (Prospective Parents)

*Source: NAIS Study*
Final Thoughts

1. **Our Market:** The *market* is changing. Our constituency is changing. Do you know how it’s affecting your school? Can you afford not to adapt?

2. **Our Value:** At the end of the day, schools will need to be *compelling* and not just distinctive. How do you articulate the difference your school makes to your students?

3. **Our Model:** We have an *expensive business model*. Can you afford not to rethink your model and strategy?
Thank You!

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