Federally-Assisted Housing and Access to Schools: Analysis of Connecticut

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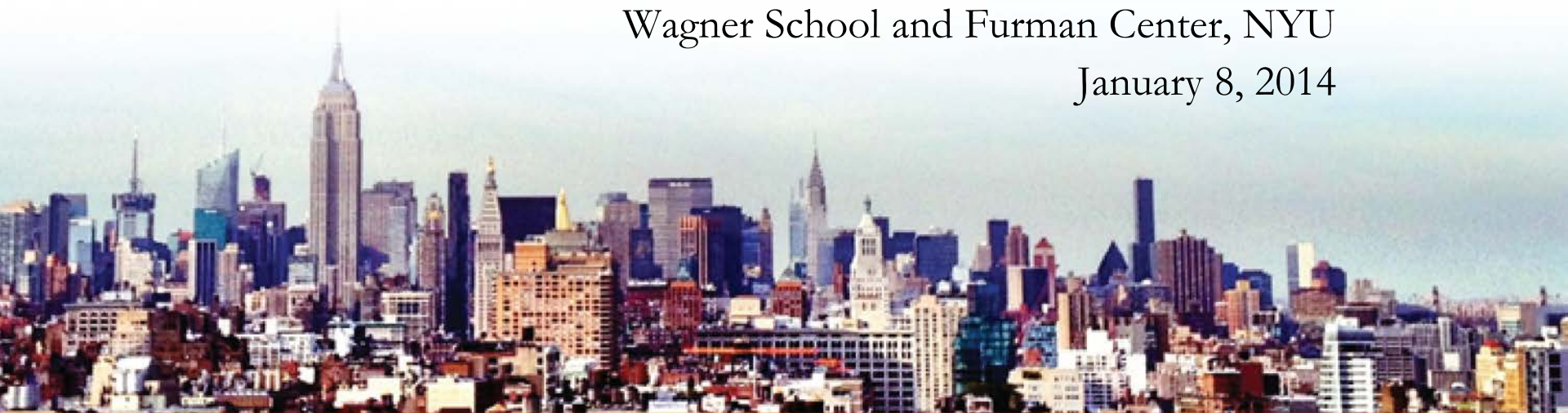
Summary of Results

Assisted Households in Connecticut live near to lower performing public schools than other households.

- ❑ Project-Based Section 8 Tenants Near Worst Schools
- ❑ Patterns least extreme for LIHTC program
- ❑ Similar patterns in three largest MSAs

Methods

- Use confidential data from HUD to obtain addresses for all federally-assisted households with children in Connecticut
    - Voucher holders, Public housing tenants, Project-based Section 8 tenants, LIHTC tenants (only 2BR+ units)
- Identify elementary school within district that is *nearest* to each of these households with children
- Rank schools within state and individual MSAs according to proficiency rates in Math and English

Median Performance of Schools Nearest to Households with Children, CT vs. USA

	Proficiency Rank, CT	Proficiency Rank, USA
Voucher Holders	15	26
Public Housing	15	19
Project-Based Section 8	13	28
LIHTC (2BR+, total)	32	31
LIHTC (2 BR+, past 5 years)	27	29
All Households	50	51
All Renters	26	37
Poor Households	19	30

Median Poverty Rate of Schools Nearest to Households with Children, CT vs USA

	% Free/Reduced Price Lunch, CT	% Free/Reduced Price Lunch, USA
Voucher Holders	76.9%	74.1%
Public Housing	81.6%	82.1%
Project-Based Section 8	78.5%	68.6%
LIHTC (2BR+, total)	42.8%	67.1%
LIHTC (2BR+, past 5 years)	55.9%	73.1%
All Households	21.4%	45.9%
All Renters	57.8%	66.8%
Poor Households	72.9%	73.1%

Distribution of Households with Children Across Schools by Characteristics, CT

	% with Nearest School in Bottom 10th	% with Nearest School in Top Half	% with Nearest School over 80% FRPL	% with Nearest School below 20% FRPL
Voucher holders	34.9%	7.2%	44.3%	5.1%
Public housing	36.4%	12.9%	52.1%	5.6%
Proj-based S8	41.2%	5.8%	43.1%	1.7%
LIHTC (2BR+, total)	25.8%	35.9%	30.2%	18.4%
All households	9.3%	50.8%	13.1%	49.4%
All renters	22.7%	21.8%	31.0%	18.9%
Poor households	29.2%	17.0%	40.4%	15.2%

Median Characteristics of Schools Nearest to Households with Kids, Bridgeport MSA

	Proficiency Rank	**% Free/Red Price Lunch**	**% Black**	**% Hispanic**
Voucher holders	15	99.1%	32.8%	41.8%
Public housing	13	99.3%	38.2%	50.1%
Proj-based S8	8	99.3%	44.3%	50.1%
LIHTC (2 BR+, total)	7	99.1%	46.1%	41.6%
All households	48	23.5%	7.4%	11.3%
All renters	15	98.9%	32.8%	41.6%
Poor households	13	98.9%	32.8%	41.6%

Median Characteristics of Schools Nearest to Households with Kids, Hartford MSA

	Proficiency Rank	% Free/Red Price Lunch	% Black	% Hispanic
Voucher holders	10	81.8%	20.4%	42.9%
Public housing	10	71.2%	16.7%	39.6%
Proj-based S8	9	82.3%	28.9%	49.5%
LIHTC (2BR+, total)	20	36.4%	15.5%	16.4%
LIHTC (2BR+, last 5 years)	18	72.9%	13.1%	24.8%
All households	49	17.4%	6.8%	8.4%
All renters	17	69.7%	18.8%	32.6%
Poor households	13	78.6%	19.2%	42.2%

Median Characteristics of Schools Nearest to Households with Kids, New Haven MSA

	Proficiency Rank	**% Free/Red Price Lunch**	**% Black**	**% Hispanic**
Voucher holders	11	74.9	34.7%	33.7%
Public housing	11	77.7%	40.0%	40.0%
Proj-based S8	2	86.9%	61.5%	35.9%
LIHTC (2BR+, total)	15	74.8%	29.1%	33.7%
LIHTC (2BR+, last 5 years)	7	77.7%	43.8%	41.9%
All households	48	33.8%	12.6%	11.2%
All renters	21	68.9%	23.7%	29.5%
Poor households	17	70.9%	22.7%	33.3%

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- Questions?