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IBO Analysis Takes a Closer Look at Enrollment Losses During the First Full Pandemic School Year

January 3, 2023 – IBO’s recently released study looks at enrollment losses during the 2020-2021 school year.

To access the full study, [click here](#).

Among our findings:

- Traditional public schools saw losses in enrollment after the first-full pandemic school year (2020-2021), while charter schools experienced a slight increase.
- A greater share of traditional public and charter school students moved out of the City than did before the pandemic—particularly in elementary grades.
- Some students moved from traditional public and charter schools to New York City private schools, but this increase was overshadowed by those leaving the City.
- Students leaving New York City public schools for other locations were more likely to choose remote learning before they left, while those who later transferred to private schools had selected a hybrid model.
- Overall, the share of students transferring between traditional public and charter schools decreased between the first and second pandemic years, with the most significant declines in 5th, 8th, and high school grades.
- During a year of pandemic-related policy changes, District 79, which includes alternative high schools and programs, saw an increase in early diplomas and a decrease in voluntary withdrawals.

IBO’s study includes the following:

1. An analysis of enrollment losses in grades pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade for traditional public schools and charter schools
2. A set of three interactive maps illustrating those enrollment losses
3. An analysis of high school outcomes across all school types, including District 75 and District 79



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