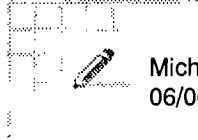


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This is per request from Josh. It was provided to the President in last week's weekly report:

School Districts in which 100 languages are spoken: You have said on a number of occasions that we have four school districts now where the children's first languages comprise over 100 different languages. We have asked the Education Department to verify this number and to identify the specific school districts. According to the Education Department, which has made independent verification with state and local education agencies, there are in fact now five school districts which enroll large numbers of students who speak languages other than English, and one with just under 100 languages. These schools districts are: New York City (140 languages); Prince George's County MD (128); Montgomery County MD (119); DC Public Schools (116); Fairfax County VA (over 100). In addition, Chicago enrolls students speaking 96 different languages.