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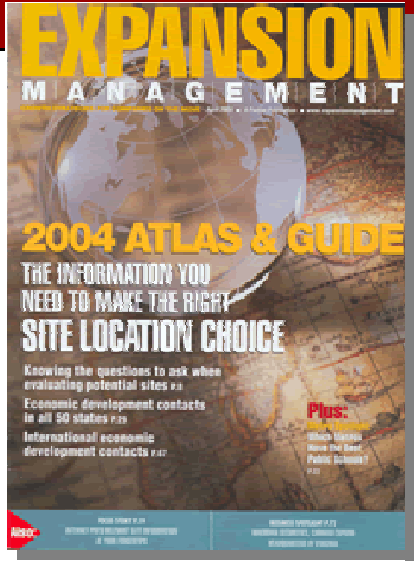
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District Named 3rd in the Nation!

Expansion Management Magazine, a monthly business magazine for executives of companies that are actively looking for a place to expand or relocate their facilities within the next one to three years, has recently published a ranking of metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's) with the best overall school systems. The magazine rates secondary school districts each year as a way of providing its readers with the means to compare the overall quality of public schools among various MSA's in the country.

Every secondary school district in the United States with an enrollment of at least 3,300 students was included in the survey (approximately 2,800 secondary districts). Using data from its 2003 Education Quotient™ study (published in the December 2003 issue of the business publication)—Expansion Management grouped the individual districts according to their respective MSA. (For the last 13 years the magazine has published an EQ—Education Quotient—comparing school districts throughout the country against each other according to a variety of categories.)

Among 65 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas, the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton area schools ranked third in quality based on factors such as scores on College Board exams, graduation rates, teachers' salaries, per pupil expenses, and student-teacher ratio.



NOTE: Scores below represent average percentile ranking against 2,800 secondary school districts nationwide.

EQ: Education Quotient (Overall Score)

GO: Graduate Outcome (what they learned and if they graduated; most heavily weighted index)

RI: Resource Index (the community's financial commitment to education)

CI: Community Index (education level and income of adults in the community)

Enroll: Total enrollment included in survey (among all districts with at least 3,300 students were evaluated)

Large Category MSA (more than 100,000 students overall)					
Metropolitan Statistical Area	EQ	GO	RI	CI	Enrollment
1 Austin-San Marcos, Texas	.73	.73	.57	.53	193,310
2 Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va.	.69	.66	.66	.75	783,026
3 West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fla.	.69	.71	.41	.56	164,796
4 Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, N.J.	.69	.63	.78	.77	103,804
5 Monmouth-Ocean, N.J.	.65	.61	.72	.70	128,437
6 Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C.	.65	.65	.44	.66	183,197
7 Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.	.63	.66	.31	.67	301,044
8 Pittsburgh, Pa.	.63	.59	.74	.56	202,529
9 Richmond-Petersburg, Va.	.62	.60	.59	.62	103,584
10 Omaha, Neb.-Iowa	.62	.63	.45	.75	113,624
11 Kansas City, Mo.-Kan.	.61	.59	.63	.63	210,159
12 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla.	.61	.65	.30	.42	363,617
13 Dallas, Texas	.60	.59	.51	.65	589,542
14 Baltimore, Md.	.59	.57	.59	.60	399,350
15 Newark, N.J.	.59	.54	.81	.53	194,056
16 San Jose, Calif.	.59	.57	.54	.71	123,674
17 Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas	.58	.59	.48	.55	306,549
18 Honolulu, Hawaii	.58	.54	.67	.61	183,629
19 Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	.56	.55	.47	.79	443,217
20 Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Va.-N.C.	.54	.52	.60	.55	240,551

Source: Expansion Management, Education Quotient™ 2003