Harvest Prep keeps getting raised as an example and model by the task force, just a few reminders. Mahmoud told us that they get 35% more contact time than other MN schools. He can hire and fire teachers more Ashly, and make them work longer for less. These are not trivial biases in favor of Harvest Prep success, they are key factors that you will not be able to replicate. ...Eric

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The technology that serves students well today is as dependent on the network as it is on a device. Sending a laptop home with a student who has no Internet access at home will be of very limited use. It is the network that needs to come home to make technology useful.

...Eric

It should be noted that closing the achievement gap is a relatively recent goal of policy. In fact, in MN it was only identified in 2008 and implemented as a measure in 2009. That is why there is not data on the gap that goes back to the founding of integration efforts. Furthermore, addressing the gap was not the goal of integration programs until just a couple years ago, so it hardly seems fair to judge integration programs on this measure at this point in time... Maybe in another decade.

...Eric