

PURE *FACT SHEET*

Model or "failure"? 2009 turnarounds

For the fall of 2009, Chicago Public Schools is proposing to "turn around" five elementary schools for low performance, which means that all the staff will be fired and the schools will be turned over to private management companies such as the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL).

AUSL has had control over the original "turnaround model," Sherman School of Excellence, since the fall of 2007. AUSL took over Harvard in the fall of 2008.

How do these "models" stack up against the "failures" CPS has identified for turnaround in 2009? Take a look below. "Models" Sherman and Harvard are on the left. The five "failures" are on the right. It looks to us as though some of the schools on the right could be models for the models!

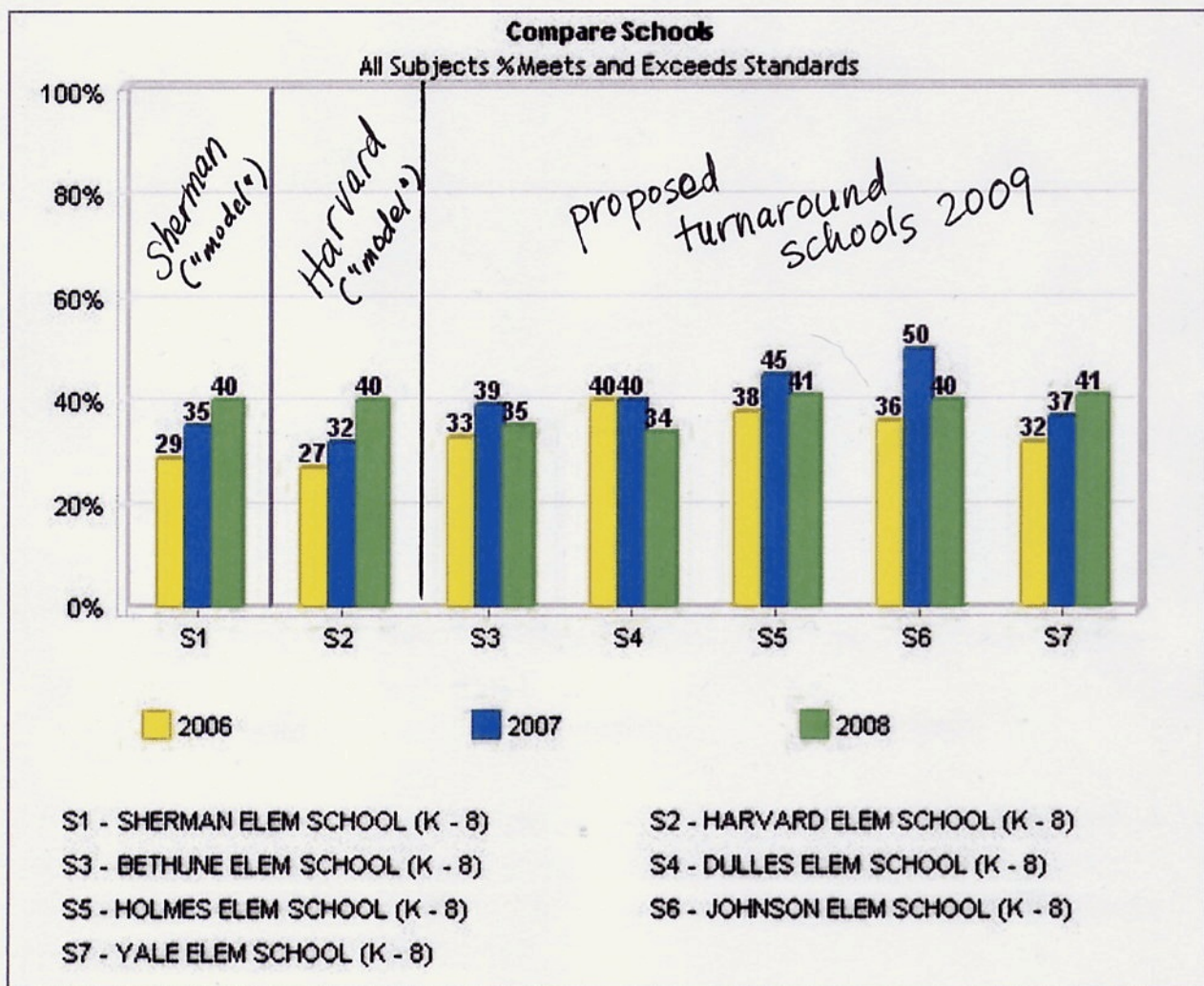


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