

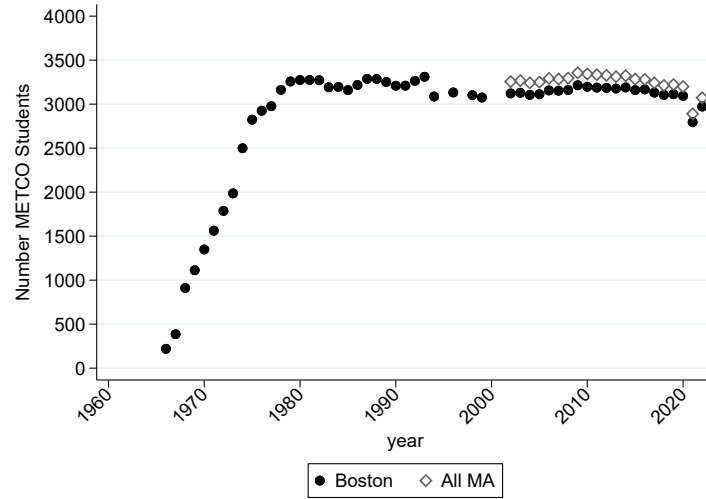
## Online Appendix to

The Impact of Increased Exposure of Diversity on Suburban Students'  
Outcomes: An Analysis of the METCO Voluntary Desegregation Program

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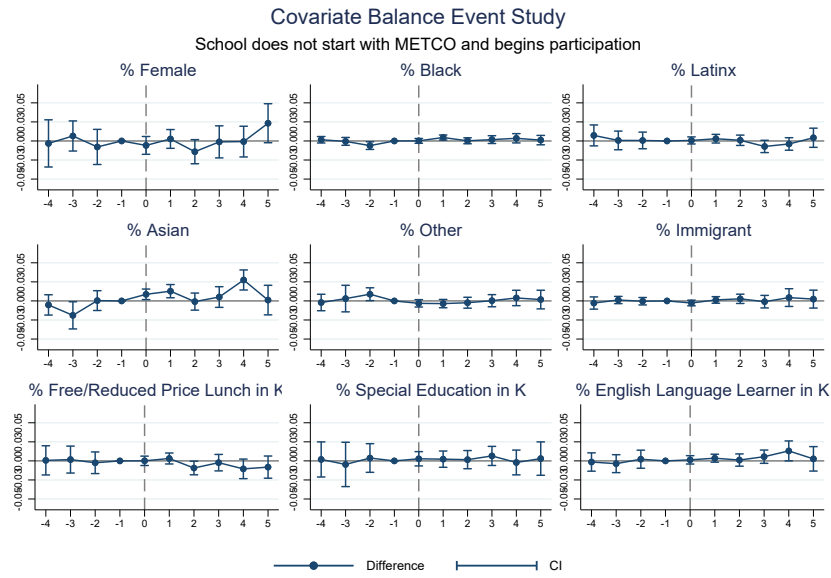
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Appendix Figure 1: METCO Enrollment Over Time



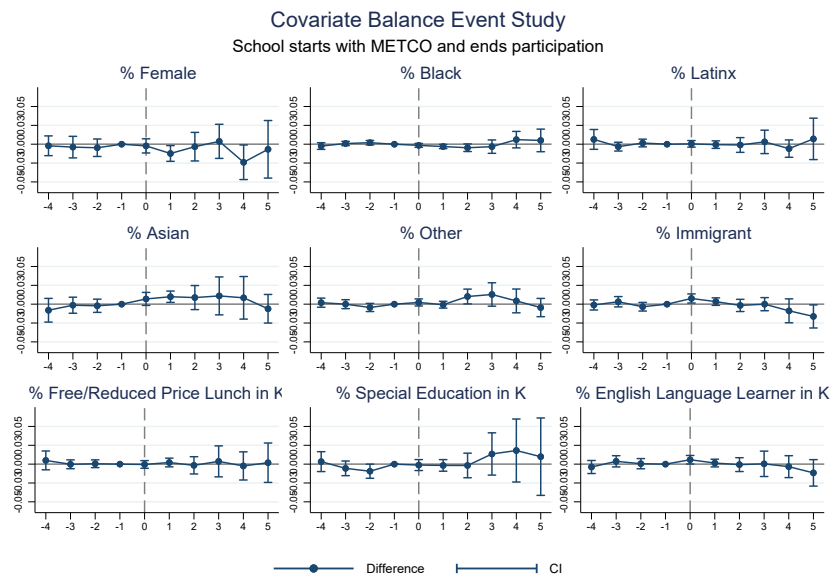
Notes: This figure plots the total METCO enrollment since the program started in 1966. Pre-2001 data comes from the Northeastern University Archives METCO Collection and was only available for Boston, not for Springfield. Not all years were available in the archives. The 2001 - present data come from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. All MA includes the Boston and Springfield programs.

Appendix Figure 2: Event Study of Baseline Covariates



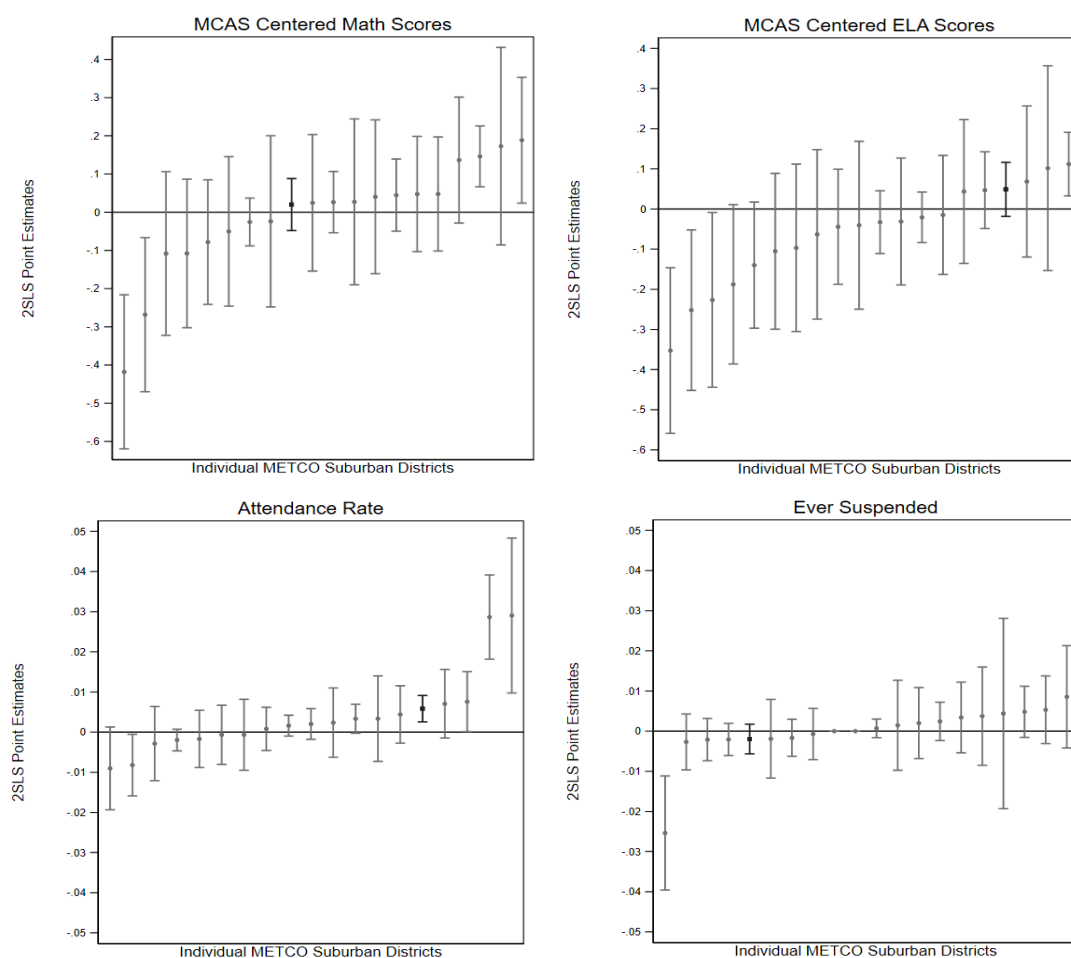
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Appendix Figure 3: Event Study of Baseline Covariates



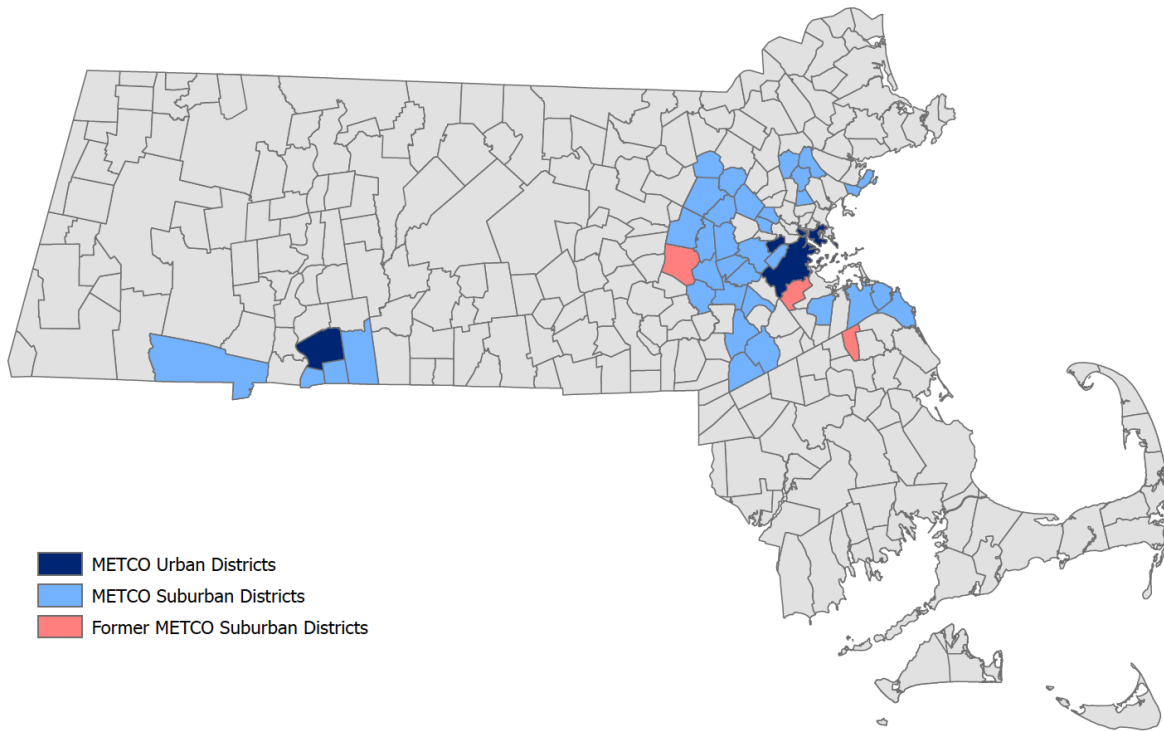
Notes: This figure plots the baseline covariate event study estimates from Equation 4 for schools that paused or ended their METCO enrollment. The 95% confidence intervals (CI) are displayed.

Appendix Figure 4: Individual School District Heterogeneity



Note: This figure shows the 2SLS point estimates for individual school districts that have a first stage in the class size prediction instrument. Bars reflect the 95 percent confidence intervals. The units for the standardized test scores are standard deviations from the stateXyearXgrade average. The units for attendance and suspension rate range from 0 to 1. The point estimate for all districts combined is in black. See Table 5 for regression specifications.

Appendix Figure 5: Map of Massachusetts METCO districts



Appendix Table 1: District-level METCO Program Characteristics and Integration Supports

| <u>Student Programming</u>                            |         |
|---|---------|
| After school programs                                 | 20.7 %  |
| Bus for extracurriculars                              | 50.0 %  |
| Summer programs                                       | 20.7 %  |
| Tutoring  | 48.1 %  |
| Academic advising                                     | 44.8 %  |
| METCO student events                                  | 66.7 %  |
| College visits or fairs                               | 10.3 %  |
| Host program  | 35.3 %  |
| STEM program  | 17.2 %  |
| <u>METCO Staff</u>                                    |         |
| Director  | 100.0 % |
| Counselor or Social Worker                            | 17.6 %  |
| <u>Parent Involvement &amp; Access to Information</u> |         |
| Parent-School Liason or Parent Association            | 41.4 %  |
| Newsletter with METCO information                     | 34.5 %  |
| Updated METCO website                                 | 48.3 %  |
| <u>Financial</u>                                      |         |
| College scholarships                                  | 23.5 %  |
| Has Kindergarten fees                                 | 35.3 %  |
| Reduced tuition for Kindergarten fees                 | 30.0 %  |
| Family dues required                                  | 17.2 %  |
| Food program  | 6.9 %   |
| <u>Community support</u>                              |         |
| Friends of METCO                                      | 8.8 %   |
| Diversity organization in district                    | 52.9 %  |
| Diversity organization in town                        | 35.3 %  |
| Local business funding                                | 16.7 %  |

Notes: This table shows the percent of METCO suburban districts that have various supports that are either explicitly for the METCO program and students or could help support them. It also catalogs the presence of Kindergarten fees and family dues which could hinder participation. All data was collected in 2018 using publicly available material including town websites and school websites.

Appendix Table 2: OLS Estimates of the Relationship between METCO and Black and Latinx Resident Student Outcomes

|                                | Metro-Area            |   |                      | Receiving Districts   |   |                     |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                | Non-METCO mean<br>(1) | Relationship between METCO and Outcome<br>(2) (3) |                      | Non-METCO mean<br>(4) | Relationship between METCO and Outcome<br>(5) (6) (7) (8) |                     |                  |                  |
| Math                           | -0.522                | 0.445***<br>(0.011)                               | 0.042***<br>(0.014)  | -0.211                | 0.104***<br>(0.012)                                       | 0.038***<br>(0.014) | 0.005<br>(0.014) | 0.008<br>(0.014) |
| N                              |                       | 612,030   | 612,030              |                       | 59,428  | 59,428              | 55,599           | 55,599           |
| English                        | -0.490                | 0.491***<br>(0.010)                               | 0.029**<br>(0.013)   | -0.106                | 0.098***<br>(0.011)                                       | 0.024*<br>(0.013)   | 0.004<br>(0.014) | 0.003<br>(0.013) |
| N                              |                       | 604,923   | 604,923              |                       | 58,912  | 58,912              | 55,103           | 55,103           |
| Attendance Rate                | 0.894                 | 0.020***<br>(0.001)                               | 0.006***<br>(0.001)  | 0.915                 | 0.006***<br>(0.001)                                       | 0.004***<br>(0.001) | 0.001<br>(0.001) | 0.001<br>(0.001) |
| N                              |                       | 1,414,073   | 1,414,073            |                       | 132,819   | 132,819             | 117,697          | 117,696          |
| Suspended                      | 0.100                 | -0.055***<br>(0.001)                              | -0.011***<br>(0.001) | 0.030                 | -0.009***<br>(0.001)                                      | 0.000<br>(0.001)    | 0.001<br>(0.001) | 0.001<br>(0.001) |
| N                              |                       | 1,354,868   | 1,354,868            |                       | 126,640   | 126,640             | 117,697          | 117,696          |
| Number of Suspensions          | 0.345                 | -0.222***<br>(0.005)                              | -0.045***<br>(0.004) | 0.063                 | -0.040***<br>(0.006)                                      | 0.001<br>(0.004)    | 0.003<br>(0.005) | 0.003<br>(0.005) |
| N                              |                       | 1,354,868   | 1,354,868            |                       | 126,640   | 126,640             | 117,697          | 117,696          |
| Year& Grade FE, Region Control |                       | X   | X                    |                       | X   | X                   | X                | X                |
| District FE                    |                       |   | X                    |                       |   | X                   | X                | X                |
| Lagged School Traits           |                       |   |                      |                       |   |                     | X                | X                |
| Individual Baseline Controls   |                       |   |                      |                       |   |                     |                  | X                |

Notes: This table reports the OLS estimates of the relationship between the proportion of METCO students in a schoolXgrade and the outcomes of Black and Latinx non-METCO students in that suburban district. The endogenous variable is the ratio of METCO to non-METCO students in a schoolXgrade multiplied by 20 so that a one unit increase in the endogenous variable can be interpreted as adding one METCO student to a 20-person class. All models control for whether the district is in the Springfield metropolitan area and include year and grade fixed effects. Lagged school traits include the prior year's average attendance rate, suspension rate, days suspended, and standardized Math and English test scores as well as the proportion of students receiving free or reduced price lunch, special education or English Language Learner services, and racial demographics. Individual baseline controls include the following information for the first year students appear in the data: gender, race and ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch, special education and level of services, English Language Learner and level of proficiency, and immigrant.

Appendix Table 3: Descriptive Statistics of Analysis Samples

| Baseline Characteristics       | All Suburban<br>Resident<br>Students | DiD Sample            |                          | 2SLS Sample |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                                | (1)                                  | METCO as<br>Treatment | No METCO as<br>Treatment | (4)         |
| Female                         | 0.49                                 | 0.49                  | 0.49                     | 0.49        |
| Black                          | 0.02                                 | 0.02                  | 0.02                     | 0.04        |
| Latino/a                       | 0.04                                 | 0.04                  | 0.04                     | 0.05        |
| Asian                          | 0.11                                 | 0.07                  | 0.13                     | 0.12        |
| White                          | 0.79                                 | 0.84                  | 0.78                     | 0.76        |
| Subsidized Lunch               | 0.06                                 | 0.08                  | 0.05                     | 0.06        |
| Special Education              | 0.14                                 | 0.15                  | 0.15                     | 0.14        |
| Immigrant                      | 0.02                                 | 0.01                  | 0.03                     | 0.02        |
| English-Language Learner       | 0.07                                 | 0.03                  | 0.07                     | 0.07        |
| English Exam                   | 0.48                                 | 0.40                  | 0.50                     | 0.46        |
| Math Exam                      | 0.47                                 | 0.41                  | 0.50                     | 0.47        |
| Unique Students                | 198,170                              | 80,065                | 91,432                   | 125,724     |
| Unique Students w/ Test Scores | 123,541                              | 37,953                | 48,095                   | 31,827      |
| Years of Data                  | 21                                   | 16                    | 16                       | 21          |
| Unique Districts               | 35                                   | 30                    | 31                       | 19          |
| Unique Districts Treated       |                                      | 25                    | 25                       |             |
| Unique Schools                 | 152                                  | 117                   | 102                      | 95          |
| Unique Schools Treated         |                                      | 78                    | 83                       |             |
| Unique School/Cohorts          | 2,842                                | 1,165                 | 1,287                    |             |
| Unique School/Cohorts Treated  |                                      | 595                   | 676                      |             |

Notes: This table displays baseline demographic characteristics for the original dataset and each of the analysis samples. Data is unique at the student-level. Math and English exam are the earliest exam scores (often third grade) and only include observations prior to the policy change for the difference and differences and the non-treated observations for 2SLS.



Appendix Table 4: Covariate Balance for Difference in Differences Analysis

|                          | School does not start with METCO and Begins Participation                     |   |   | School starts with METCO and Ends Participation                               |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                          | Difference between Treated Cohort and Untreated Cohort within Treated Schools |   | Difference between Cohorts in Treated Schools and Untreated Schools | Difference between Treated Cohort and Untreated Cohort within Treated Schools |   | Difference between Cohorts in Treated Schools and Untreated Schools |
|                          | Treated Cohort Mean   | Untreated Cohort within Treated Schools |   | Treated Cohort Mean   | Untreated Cohort within Treated Schools |   |
| Baseline Characteristics | (1)   | (2)                                     | (3)   | (4)   | (5)                                     | (6)   |
| Female                   | 0.484<br>24,231   | 0.007<br>(0.006)<br>42,664              | -0.002<br>(0.004)<br>1,411,422                                      | 0.486<br>34,007   | 0.009*<br>(0.005)<br>51,940             | -0.005*<br>(0.002)<br>1,901,351                                     |
| Black                    | 0.017<br>24,231   | 0.004***<br>(0.001)<br>42,664           | 0.000<br>(0.001)<br>1,411,422                                       | 0.014<br>34,007   | 0.002<br>(0.001)<br>51,940              | -0.001*<br>(0.001)<br>1,901,351                                     |
| Latino/a                 | 0.041<br>24,231   | 0.002<br>(0.002)<br>42,664              | 0.001<br>(0.001)<br>1,411,422                                       | 0.036<br>34,007   | 0.001<br>(0.002)<br>51,940              | 0.000<br>(0.001)<br>1,901,351                                       |
| Asian                    | 0.114<br>24,231   | 0.001<br>(0.003)<br>42,664              | 0.005**<br>(0.002)<br>1,411,422                                     | 0.111<br>34,007   | -0.001<br>(0.003)<br>51,940             | 0.004***<br>(0.002)<br>1,901,351                                    |
| White                    | 0.794<br>24,231   | -0.004<br>(0.004)<br>42,664             | -0.009***<br>(0.003)<br>1,411,422                                   | 0.811<br>34,007   | -0.001<br>(0.004)<br>51,940             | -0.003*<br>(0.002)<br>1,901,351                                     |
| Subsidized Lunch         | 0.047<br>24,231   | -0.001<br>(0.002)<br>42,664             | 0.000<br>(0.002)<br>1,411,422                                       | 0.040<br>34,007   | 0.000<br>(0.002)<br>51,940              | 0.002**<br>(0.001)<br>1,901,351                                     |
| Special Education        | 0.144<br>24,231   | 0.002<br>(0.004)<br>42,664              | 0.000<br>(0.003)<br>1,411,422                                       | 0.136<br>34,007   | -0.003<br>(0.004)<br>51,940             | -0.001<br>(0.002)<br>1,901,351                                      |
| English-Language Learner | 0.063<br>24,231   | 0.002<br>(0.003)<br>42,664              | 0.002<br>(0.002)<br>1,411,422                                       | 0.056<br>34,007   | 0.003<br>(0.002)<br>51,940              | 0.002*<br>(0.001)<br>1,901,351                                      |
| Immigrant                | 0.020<br>24,231   | 0.001<br>(0.002)<br>42,664              | 0.001<br>(0.001)<br>1,411,422                                       | 0.019<br>34,007   | 0.000<br>(0.001)<br>51,940              | 0.001*<br>(0.001)<br>1,901,351                                      |

Notes: This table shows descriptive statistics for the suburban resident students in cohorts that have METCO peers in Column 1. Column 2 shows the coefficients from regressions of observed characteristics on whether a student is in a treated cohort, controlling for school indicators in the sample of suburban resident students in schools that have METCO enrollment policy changes. Column 3 reports the coefficients from regressions of observed characteristics on whether a student is in a treated school versus a comparison school, controlling for each treatment and comparison group set. Columns 4 through 6 show the analogous information for when METCO enrollment stopping or pausing is the treatment.

Appendix Table 5: Difference in Differences Robustness Checks

|                         | School does not start with METCO and Begins Participation |   |                          |                                       | School starts with METCO and Ends Participation |   |                          |                                       |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                         | Main Specification<br>(1)                                 | Comparisons within Same District<br>(2) | Synthetic Control<br>(3) | Comparisons Eventually Treated<br>(4) | Main Specification<br>(5)                       | Comparisons within Same District<br>(6) | Synthetic Control<br>(7) | Comparisons Eventually Treated<br>(8) |
| Math                    | 0.002<br>(0.015)  | 0.018<br>(0.027)                        | 0.034<br>(0.023)         | 0.028*<br>(0.016)                     | -0.003<br>(0.014)                               | 0.006<br>(0.019)                        | 0.034<br>(0.019)         | 0.000<br>(0.014)                      |
| Observations (Students) | 990108  | 25068                                   | 211478                   | 199254                                | 1174017   | 67098                                   | 282499                   | 676205                                |
| Treatment Groups        | 143   | 51                                      | 79                       | 143                                   | 156   | 83                                      | 113                      | 156                                   |
| Comparison Groups       | 4644  | 88                                      | 777                      | 844                                   | 5856  | 255                                     | 956                      | 3431                                  |
| English                 | 0.006<br>(0.015)  | 0.014<br>(0.032)                        | -0.005<br>(0.022)        | 0.001<br>(0.017)                      | 0.008<br>(0.013)                                | 0.002<br>(0.017)                        | -0.005<br>(0.015)        | 0.009<br>(0.014)                      |
| Observations (Students) | 1103777   | 27774                                   | 264539                   | 225026                                | 1283026   | 74791                                   | 351500                   | 768354                                |
| Treatment Groups        | 155   | 54                                      | 83                       | 155                                   | 168   | 89                                      | 124                      | 168                                   |
| Comparison Groups       | 5092  | 93                                      | 976                      | 948                                   | 6333  | 280                                     | 1262                     | 3864                                  |
| Attendance Rate         | 0.0004<br>(0.001)   | -0.004*<br>(0.002)                      | 0.000<br>(0.001)         | 0.002**<br>(33.666)                   | 0.0000<br>(0.001)                               | 0.000<br>(0.001)                        | 0.000<br>(0.001)         | 0.000<br>(38.363)                     |
| Observations (Students) | 1125637   | 28439                                   | 311833                   | 228996                                | 1306911   | 76273                                   | 429031                   | 783119                                |
| Treatment Groups        | 155   | 54                                      | 111                      | 155                                   | 168   | 89                                      | 124                      | 168                                   |
| Comparison Groups       | 5094  | 93                                      | 1140                     | 948                                   | 6337  | 280                                     | 1547                     | 3868                                  |
| Suspended               | 0.0002<br>(0.001)   | -0.001<br>(0.001)                       | 0.001<br>(0.000)         | -0.001<br>(0.001)                     | 0.0004<br>(0.001)                               | 0.002**<br>(0.001)                      | 0.001<br>(0.001)         | 0.001<br>(0.001)                      |
| Observations (Students) | 1125566   | 28438                                   | 128273                   | 228978                                | 1306906   | 76273                                   | 130660                   | 783114                                |
| Treatment Groups        | 155   | 54                                      | 104                      | 155                                   | 168   | 89                                      | 115                      | 168                                   |
| Comparison Groups       | 5094  | 93                                      | 567                      | 948                                   | 6337  | 280                                     | 507                      | 3868                                  |
| Number of Suspensions   | -0.0006<br>(0.001)  | -0.002<br>(0.002)                       | 0.001<br>(0.001)         | -0.005***<br>(0.002)                  | 0.0023<br>(0.001)                               | 0.004<br>(0.002)                        | 0.001<br>(0.002)         | 0.003*<br>(0.001)                     |
| Observations (Students) | 1125566   | 28438                                   | 120226                   | 228978                                | 1306906   | 76273                                   | 139228                   | 783114                                |
| Treatment Groups        | 155   | 54                                      | 107                      | 155                                   | 168   | 89                                      | 114                      | 168                                   |
| Comparison Groups       | 5094  | 93                                      | 515                      | 948                                   | 6337  | 280                                     | 554                      | 3868                                  |

Notes: This table shows the estimates from the main stacked difference-in-differences specification and two alternative specifications. The first only includes cohorts from within the same school district as the treated school in the comparison group. The second uses synthetic control on the group of comparison cohorts from the main specification.

Appendix Table 6: Relationship Between Baseline Covariates and Predicted Class Size

| Baseline Trait                                 | Mean<br>(1) | Coefficient<br>(2) | SE<br>(3) | N<br>(4) | t-statistic<br>(5) | P-value<br>(6) |
|--|-------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|----------------|
| Female   | 0.489       | 0.000              | (0.001)   | 122204   | 0.067              | 0.946          |
| Black  | 0.017       | 0.000**            | (0.000)   | 122206   | 2.014              | 0.044          |
| Latino/a                                       | 0.041       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 122206   | 1.439              | 0.150          |
| Asian  | 0.120       | 0.000              | (0.001)   | 122206   | 0.613              | 0.540          |
| White  | 0.786       | -0.001             | (0.001)   | 122206   | 1.569              | 0.117          |
| Subsidized Lunch                               | 0.052       | -0.001***          | (0.000)   | 122206   | 3.423              | 0.001          |
| Special Education                              | 0.145       | 0.001*             | (0.001)   | 122206   | 1.769              | 0.077          |
| English-Language<br>Learner                    | 0.073       | 0.001***           | (0.000)   | 122206   | 2.760              | 0.006          |
| Immigrant                                      | 0.039       | 0.001*             | (0.000)   | 122206   | 1.842              | 0.065          |
| Ever Suspended                                 | 0.001       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 111031   | 0.047              | 0.962          |
| Attendance Rate                                | 0.931       | 0.001***           | (0.000)   | 122206   | 3.786              | 0.000          |
| Infant Weight (in grams)                       | 3389.296    | -2.385**           | (1.136)   | 90308    | 2.099              | 0.036          |
| Married parents                                | 0.937       | 0.001*             | (0.000)   | 90572    | 1.836              | 0.066          |
| Absent father at birth                         | 0.014       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 90572    | 1.093              | 0.274          |
| On Medicaid at birth                           | 0.066       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 90572    | 0.043              | 0.966          |
| <b><u>Mother's highest education level</u></b> |             |                    |           |          |                    |                |
| Less than high school                          | 0.009       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 90242    | 1.623              | 0.105          |
| High school grad                               | 0.067       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 90242    | 0.336              | 0.737          |
| Some college                                   | 0.083       | -0.001             | (0.001)   | 90242    | 1.431              | 0.152          |
| 2 year college                                 | 0.056       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 90242    | 0.260              | 0.795          |
| College or more                                | 0.785       | 0.001              | (0.001)   | 90242    | 1.024              | 0.306          |
| <b><u>Father's highest education level</u></b> |             |                    |           |          |                    |                |
| Less than high school                          | 0.011       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 88884    | 0.428              | 0.669          |
| High school grad                               | 0.095       | -0.001             | (0.001)   | 88884    | 1.626              | 0.104          |
| Some college                                   | 0.082       | -0.001***          | (0.001)   | 88884    | 2.623              | 0.009          |
| 2 year college                                 | 0.037       | 0.000              | (0.000)   | 88884    | 1.312              | 0.190          |
| College or more                                | 0.775       | 0.003***           | (0.001)   | 88884    | 3.467              | 0.001          |

Notes: This table displays the mean baseline traits of suburban resident students in the districts included in the class-size instrumental variable analysis. Column 2 displays the relationship between predicted class size and baseline traits after controlling for school district, year, and binned total grade-level enrollment (which proxies for the number of classrooms in a grade) indicator variables.

Appendix Table 7: 2SLS Estimates with Restricted Sample

|                                 | Grade 1<br>(2) | Grade 2<br>(3) | Grade 3<br>(4) | Grade 4<br>(5) | Grade 5<br>(6) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Math                            |                |                | 0.060          | 0.080          | 0.019          |
|                                 |                |                | 0.062          | 0.072          | (0.052)        |
| N                               |                |                | 19,462         | 19,387         | 18,701         |
| F-stat                          |                |                | 402            | 394            | 376            |
| English                         |                |                | 0.146**        | 0.003          | 0.003          |
|                                 |                |                | 0.063          | 0.069          | (0.047)        |
| N                               |                |                | 19,462         | 19,387         | 18,701         |
| F-stat                          |                |                | 402            | 394            | 376            |
| Attendance Rate                 | -0.001         | 0.001          | 0.002          | 0.000          | -0.001         |
|                                 | 0.004          | 0.003          | 0.002          | 0.003          | (0.002)        |
| N                               | 19,717         | 19,555         | 19,462         | 19,389         | 18,703         |
| F-stat                          | 351            | 391            | 402            | 394            | 376            |
| Suspended                       | -0.005*        | -0.003         | -0.002         | -0.003         | 0.004          |
|                                 | 0.003          | 0.004          | 0.003          | 0.004          | (0.003)        |
| N                               | 19,717         | 19,555         | 19,462         | 19,389         | 18,703         |
| F-stat                          | 351            | 391            | 402            | 394            | 376            |
| Number of Discrete Class Sizes  | 10             | 10             | 10             | 10             | 10             |
| Number of Cohorts (SchoolXYear) | 355            | 354            | 354            | 354            | 354            |
| Number of Schools               | 88             | 88             | 88             | 88             | 88             |
| Number of Districts             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             | 19             |

Notes: This table shows the two-stage least squares estimates of the impact of an additional METCO student on suburban resident student outcomes. The main endogenous variable is 20 times the average ratio of METCO to non-METCO students in an individual's grade cohort from grade 1 through the outcome grade. A one unit increase in the main endogenous variable represents an additional METCO student in a 20-student classroom. The model includes another endogenous variable: average class size excluding METCO students. This table only includes 2012 -2020 data so that it can use the true average class size excluding METCO students. Linear and integer forms of predicted class size (see Equation 6 for estimation strategy) instrument for both the ratio of METCO to non-METCO students and non-METCO class size. Controls include binned total grade-level enrollment that proxy for the number of classrooms in a grade, school and year fixed effects, individual baseline covariates (including gender, race, free and reduced price lunch status, special education status, and English Language Learner status). The sample includes students with non-missing values for the third through fifth grade Math and English exams.

Appendix Table 8: Descriptive Statistics of Suburban METCO Districts

|                                    | Mean    | P10    | P90     | Min    | Max     | Number of districts |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------------------|
|                                    | (1)     | (2)    | (3)     | (4)    | (5)     | (6)                 |
| Number of METCO students           | 87      | 19     | 177     | 8      | 428     | 37                  |
| Take SAT                           | 0.72    | 0.61   | 0.80    | 0.50   | 0.85    | 32                  |
| SAT score of 1400 or higher        | 0.13    | 0.05   | 0.23    | 0.02   | 0.35    | 32                  |
| Took AP exam                       | 0.56    | 0.40   | 0.71    | 0.32   | 0.81    | 32                  |
| Number of AP exams                 | 1.96    | 1.05   | 2.91    | 0.79   | 3.64    | 32                  |
| AP score of 3, 4, or 5             | 0.50    | 0.35   | 0.66    | 0.19   | 0.72    | 32                  |
| AP score of 4 or 5                 | 0.40    | 0.23   | 0.56    | 0.11   | 0.59    | 32                  |
| Dropout                            | 0.00    | 0.00   | 0.01    | 0.00   | 0.01    | 32                  |
| Graduate HS in 4 years             | 0.96    | 0.95   | 0.98    | 0.90   | 0.99    | 32                  |
| Graduate HS in 5 years             | 0.99    | 0.97   | 1.00    | 0.92   | 1.00    | 32                  |
| 4-year college enrollment          | 0.63    | 0.54   | 0.70    | 0.43   | 0.86    | 32                  |
| 4-year public college enrollment   | 0.28    | 0.20   | 0.33    | 0.18   | 0.34    | 32                  |
| 4-year private college enrollment  | 0.38    | 0.27   | 0.50    | 0.19   | 0.58    | 32                  |
| Graduated 4-year college           | 0.68    | 0.58   | 0.77    | 0.50   | 0.79    | 32                  |
| <b><i>Town characteristics</i></b> |         |        |         |        |         |                     |
| Median household income            | 135,107 | 95,302 | 181,667 | 78,843 | 224,784 | 37                  |
| Percent home owner                 | 0.79    | 0.64   | 0.92    | 0.51   | 0.93    | 37                  |
| Percent college graduate           | 0.68    | 0.43   | 0.83    | 0.37   | 0.84    | 37                  |
| Percent HS graduate                | 0.96    | 0.92   | 0.98    | 0.90   | 0.98    | 37                  |
| Percent single parent              | 0.06    | 0.04   | 0.09    | 0.03   | 0.10    | 37                  |
| Percent SNAP recipient             | 0.04    | 0.01   | 0.06    | 0.00   | 0.08    | 37                  |

Notes: This table shows descriptive statistics for the METCO districts in the year 2017-2018.

Student outcomes data include suburban residents and exclude METCO participants. Town characteristics come from the 2014-2018 American Community Survey.

Appendix Table 9: 2SLS Individual Student Subgroup Effects

|                                 | Black or<br>Latinx<br>Boys<br>(1) | White or<br>Asian<br>Boys<br>(2) | Black or<br>Latinx<br>Girls<br>(3) | White or<br>Asian<br>Girls<br>(4) | Low-<br>Income<br>(5) | Not Low-<br>Income<br>(6) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Math                            | -0.129<br>(0.322)                 | 0.064<br>(0.047)                 | 0.041<br>(0.248)                   | -0.032<br>(0.049)                 | 0.185<br>(0.122)      | 0.022<br>(0.035)          |
| N                               | 1396                              | 27606                            | 1332                               | 26935                             | 3018                  | 55889                     |
| F-stat                          | 13                                | 116                              | 7                                  | 139                               | 27                    | 204                       |
| F-stat p-value                  | 0.000                             | 0.000                            | 0.000                              | 0.000                             | 0.000                 | 0.000                     |
| English                         | 0.081<br>(0.318)                  | 0.066<br>(0.048)                 | 0.079<br>(0.245)                   | 0.015<br>(0.047)                  | 0.255**<br>(0.121)    | 0.043<br>(0.035)          |
| N                               | 1396                              | 27606                            | 1332                               | 26935                             | 3018                  | 55889                     |
| F-stat                          | 13                                | 116                              | 7                                  | 139                               | 27                    | 204                       |
| F-stat p-value                  | 0.000                             | 0.000                            | 0.000                              | 0.000                             | 0.000                 | 0.000                     |
| Attendance Rate                 | 0.005<br>(0.015)                  | 0.007***<br>(0.002)              | 0.000<br>(0.011)                   | 0.008***<br>(0.002)               | 0.007<br>(0.006)      | 0.006***<br>(0.002)       |
| N                               | 1396                              | 27610                            | 1332                               | 26940                             | 3019                  | 55897                     |
| F-stat                          | 13                                | 116                              | 7                                  | 114                               | 27                    | 207                       |
| F-stat p-value                  | 0.000                             | 0.000                            | 0.000                              | 0.000                             | 0.000                 | 0.000                     |
| Suspended                       | 0.025<br>(0.031)                  | -0.002<br>(0.003)                | -0.003<br>(0.013)                  | -0.001<br>(0.001)                 | 0.002<br>(0.010)      | -0.003<br>(0.002)         |
| N                               | 1396                              | 27610                            | 1332                               | 26940                             | 3019                  | 55897                     |
| F-stat                          | 13                                | 116                              | 7                                  | 114                               | 27                    | 207                       |
| F-stat p-value                  | 0.000                             | 0.000                            | 0.000                              | 0.000                             | 0.000                 | 0.000                     |
| Number of Discrete Class Sizes  | 10                                | 10                               | 10                                 | 10                                | 10                    | 10                        |
| Number of Cohorts (SchoolXYear) | 665                               | 1072                             | 640                                | 1063                              | 829                   | 1083                      |
| Number of Schools               | 87                                | 90                               | 88                                 | 91                                | 90                    | 91                        |
| Number of Districts             | 19                                | 19                               | 19                                 | 19                                | 19                    | 19                        |

Notes: This table shows suburban resident subgroup 2SLS estimates for third grade outcomes. See Table 4 notes for specification details.

Appendix Table 10: DiD Individual Student Subgroup Effects

|                   | School does not start with METCO and |                                   |                       |                           | School starts with METCO and Ends |                                   |                       |                           |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | White or<br>Asian<br>Boys<br>(1)     | White or<br>Asian<br>Girls<br>(2) | Low-<br>Income<br>(3) | Not Low-<br>Income<br>(4) | White or<br>Asian<br>Boys<br>(5)  | White or<br>Asian<br>Girls<br>(6) | Low-<br>Income<br>(7) | Not Low-<br>Income<br>(8) |
| Math              | 0.018<br>(0.018)                     | -0.002<br>(0.019)                 | 0.009<br>(0.050)      | -0.006<br>(0.015)         | -0.006<br>(0.018)                 | -0.001<br>(0.016)                 | 0.036<br>(0.054)      | 0.001<br>(0.014)          |
| Observations      | 449083                               | 435755                            | 26742                 | 804694                    | 523572                            | 509107                            | 16565                 | 1014342                   |
| Treatment Groups  | 139                                  | 140                               | 38                    | 140                       | 152                               | 152                               | 42                    | 152                       |
| Comparison Groups | 4344                                 | 4402                              | 734                   | 4416                      | 5340                              | 5340                              | 563                   | 5340                      |
| English           | 0.009<br>(0.016)                     | 0.008<br>(0.019)                  | 0.005<br>(0.047)      | 0.005<br>(0.014)          | 0.021<br>(0.016)                  | -0.002<br>(0.015)                 | -0.025<br>(0.057)     | 0.009<br>(0.013)          |
| Observations      | 508590                               | 495784                            | 27452                 | 912191                    | 583621                            | 565549                            | 17086                 | 1125020                   |
| Treatment Groups  | 153                                  | 154                               | 39                    | 154                       | 167                               | 167                               | 42                    | 167                       |
| Comparison Groups | 4846                                 | 4907                              | 750                   | 4921                      | 5911                              | 5911                              | 599                   | 5911                      |
| Attendance Rate   | 0.001<br>(0.001)                     | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | 0.006<br>(0.004)      | 0.001<br>(0.001)          | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | -0.005<br>(0.004)     | 0.000<br>(0.001)          |
| Observations      | 525463                               | 502787                            | 33777                 | 927349                    | 594886                            | 575122                            | 19957                 | 1142999                   |
| Treatment Groups  | 154                                  | 154                               | 43                    | 154                       | 167                               | 167                               | 45                    | 167                       |
| Comparison Groups | 4917                                 | 4907                              | 860                   | 4921                      | 5911                              | 5911                              | 663                   | 5911                      |
| Suspended         | 0.000<br>(0.001)                     | 0.000<br>(0.000)                  | 0.000<br>(0.004)      | 0.000<br>(0.001)          | 0.001<br>(0.001)                  | 0.001<br>(0.000)                  | 0.002<br>(0.005)      | 0.000<br>(0.001)          |
| Observations      | 525435                               | 502744                            | 33777                 | 927278                    | 594886                            | 575117                            | 19957                 | 1142994                   |
| Treatment Groups  | 154                                  | 154                               | 43                    | 154                       | 167                               | 167                               | 45                    | 167                       |
| Comparison Groups | 4917                                 | 4907                              | 860                   | 4921                      | 5911                              | 5911                              | 663                   | 5911                      |

Notes: This table shows suburban resident subgroup stacked difference-in-differences estimates for third grade outcomes. Treatment cohorts and control cohorts are included if they have at least 10 students in a grade cohort with that identity. Black and Latinx subgroups are not included because restricting to even 4 students with those identities per grade cohort does not generate a large enough sample to conduct the analyses. See Table 3 notes for specification details.

Appendix Table 11: 2SLS District Traits and Time Period Subgroup Effects

|                     | Early<br>Years<br>(1) | Later<br>Years<br>(2) | Above Mean<br>MCAS<br>District<br>(3) | Below Mean<br>MCAS<br>District<br>(4) | Above<br>Mean<br>METCO<br>(5) | Below<br>Mean<br>METCO<br>(6) | Highest<br>METCO<br>Supports<br>(7) | Lowest<br>METCO<br>Supports<br>(8) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Math                | -0.009<br>(0.019)     | 0.016<br>(0.064)      | -0.030<br>(0.034)                     | 0.050<br>(0.050)                      | -0.009<br>(0.026)             | 0.073<br>(0.070)              | -0.030<br>(0.033)                   | 0.095**<br>(0.042)                 |
| N                   | 29781                 | 29126                 | 38584                                 | 20323                                 | 31909                         | 22782                         | 39893                               | 19014                              |
| English             | 0.014<br>(0.018)      | 0.027<br>(0.064)      | -0.026<br>(0.034)                     | 0.046<br>(0.050)                      | 0.015<br>(0.026)              | -0.053<br>(0.069)             | -0.003<br>(0.032)                   | 0.043<br>(0.042)                   |
| N                   | 29781                 | 29126                 | 38584                                 | 20323                                 | 31909                         | 22782                         | 39893                               | 19014                              |
| Attendance Rate     | 0.005***<br>(0.001)   | 0.000<br>(0.003)      | -0.002<br>(0.002)                     | -0.002<br>(0.002)                     | 0.002*<br>(0.001)             | 0.005<br>(0.004)              | 0.000<br>(0.002)                    | 0.000<br>(0.002)                   |
| N                   | 29790                 | 29126                 | 38586                                 | 20330                                 | 31914                         | 22786                         | 39897                               | 19019                              |
| Suspended           | -0.002*<br>(0.001)    | -0.005<br>(0.003)     | -0.004**<br>(0.002)                   | 0.004<br>(0.003)                      | -0.001<br>(0.001)             | 0.003<br>(0.004)              | -0.003*<br>(0.002)                  | 0.006**<br>(0.003)                 |
| N                   | 29790                 | 29126                 | 38586                                 | 20330                                 | 31914                         | 22786                         | 39897                               | 19019                              |
| F-stat              | 794                   | 86                    | 219                                   | 129                                   | 317                           | 102                           | 257                                 | 166                                |
| F-stat p-value      | 0.000                 | 0.000                 | 0.000                                 | 0.000                                 | 0.000                         | 0.000                         | 0.000                               | 0.000                              |
| Number of Discrete  |                       |                       |                                       |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                                    |
| Class Sizes         | 10                    | 10                    | 10                                    | 10                                    | 10                            | 10                            | 10                                  | 10                                 |
| Number of Cohorts   | 558                   | 527                   | 718                                   | 367                                   | 613                           | 373                           | 734                                 | 351                                |
| Number of Schools   | 90                    | 88                    | 59                                    | 32                                    | 51                            | 32                            | 62                                  | 29                                 |
| Number of Districts | 19                    | 19                    | 11                                    | 8                                     | 9                             | 9                             | 12                                  | 7                                  |

Notes: This table shows district and cohort subgroup 2SLS estimates for third grade outcomes. Early years include cohorts that entered first grade in 2002-2003 through 2008-2009. Late years include cohorts that entered first grade from 2009-2010 through 2016-2017. I calculate the sum of centered Math and English exams. I then find the district average of the total exam score across all testing grades and years in the sample. Districts that score above the average district score are designated above mean MCAS districts. To get whether the district is above or below mean METCO, I calculate the proportion of students in the district across all grades and years that are in the METCO program and compare it to the average of all of the districts. Districts with above average METCO supports offered more of the integration supports listed in Appendix Table 1.



Appendix Table 12: DiD District Traits and Time Period Subgroup Effects

|                   | School does not start with METCO and Begins Participation |                       |                        |                       |                      |                       |                                  |                                   | School starts with METCO and Ends Participation |                        |                         |                        |                       |                        |                                   |                                    |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                   | Early<br>Years<br>(1)                                     | Later<br>Years<br>(2) | Highest<br>MCAS<br>(3) | Lowest<br>MCAS<br>(4) | Most<br>METCO<br>(5) | Least<br>METCO<br>(6) | Most<br>METCO<br>Supports<br>(7) | Least<br>METCO<br>Supports<br>(8) | Early<br>Years<br>(9)                           | Later<br>Years<br>(10) | Highest<br>MCAS<br>(11) | Lowest<br>MCAS<br>(12) | Most<br>METCO<br>(13) | Least<br>METCO<br>(14) | Most<br>METCO<br>Supports<br>(15) | Least<br>METCO<br>Supports<br>(16) |
| Math              | -0.017<br>(0.021)   | 0.013<br>(0.019)      | 0.014<br>(0.019)       | -0.010<br>(0.025)     | -0.038<br>(0.028)    | 0.004<br>(0.020)      | -0.001<br>(0.022)                | 0.004<br>(0.020)                  | 0.006<br>(0.022)                                | -0.006<br>(0.018)      | -0.007<br>(0.017)       | 0.016<br>(0.027)       | 0.005<br>(0.020)      | -0.007<br>(0.022)      | -0.020<br>(0.021)                 | 0.006<br>(0.021)                   |
| Observations      | 353288  | 633412                | 194040                 | 270442                | 38963                | 239240                | 240553                           | 270194                            | 334809  | 826746                 | 656559                  | 59279                  | 344699                | 127547                 | 450855                            | 145344                             |
| Treatment Groups  | 48  | 95                    | 85                     | 58                    | 62                   | 67                    | 66                               | 77                                | 49  | 107                    | 99                      | 57                     | 75                    | 75                     | 73                                | 83                                 |
| Comparison Groups | 1623  | 3021                  | 878                    | 1331                  | 139                  | 1141                  | 915                              | 1455                              | 1915  | 3941                   | 3101                    | 323                    | 1752                  | 573                    | 1899                              | 889                                |
| English           | 0.026*<br>(0.015)   | -0.010<br>(0.019)     | 0.015<br>(0.017)       | -0.026<br>(0.027)     | -0.029<br>(0.023)    | -0.003<br>(0.024)     | -0.002<br>(0.019)                | 0.005<br>(0.023)                  | 0.007<br>(0.016)                                | 0.001<br>(0.015)       | -0.013<br>(0.014)       | 0.053**<br>(0.024)     | 0.006<br>(0.018)      | -0.002<br>(0.020)      | 0.001<br>(0.016)                  | 0.002<br>(0.022)                   |
| Observations      | 459347  | 633899                | 215113                 | 296418                | 42892                | 274506                | 254626                           | 314435                            | 442704  | 830802                 | 727481                  | 63250                  | 383694                | 138333                 | 503677                            | 156063                             |
| Treatment Groups  | 60  | 95                    | 93                     | 62                    | 67                   | 74                    | 69                               | 86                                | 61  | 107                    | 109                     | 59                     | 80                    | 81                     | 80                                | 88                                 |
| Comparison Groups | 2071  | 3021                  | 954                    | 1453                  | 153                  | 1290                  | 967                              | 1644                              | 2392  | 3941                   | 3442                    | 335                    | 1887                  | 614                    | 2121                              | 933                                |
| Attendance Rate   | 0.002<br>(0.002)  | -0.001<br>(0.001)     | 0.001<br>(0.001)       | -0.001<br>(0.002)     | -0.002<br>(0.002)    | 0.000<br>(0.001)      | 0.001<br>(0.001)                 | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | -0.001<br>(0.001)                               | 0.000<br>(0.001)       | 0.000<br>(0.001)        | -0.002<br>(0.002)      | -0.001<br>(0.001)     | 0.001<br>(0.001)       | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | 0.001<br>(0.001)                   |
| Observations      | 467383  | 647514                | 218998                 | 302477                | 43723                | 279491                | 260549                           | 319499                            | 449185  | 848006                 | 741143                  | 64216                  | 388952                | 140424                 | 513389                            | 158528                             |
| Treatment Groups  | 60  | 95                    | 93                     | 62                    | 67                   | 74                    | 69                               | 86                                | 61  | 107                    | 109                     | 59                     | 80                    | 81                     | 80                                | 88                                 |
| Comparison Groups | 2073  | 3021                  | 954                    | 1454                  | 153                  | 1291                  | 967                              | 1645                              | 2396  | 3941                   | 3442                    | 337                    | 1887                  | 616                    | 2121                              | 935                                |
| Suspended         | -0.001<br>(0.001)   | 0.001<br>(0.001)      | 0.000<br>(0.001)       | 0.001<br>(0.001)      | -0.001<br>(0.001)    | 0.001<br>(0.001)      | 0.001<br>(0.001)                 | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | 0.000<br>(0.001)                                | 0.002***<br>(0.001)    | 0.001<br>(0.001)        | 0.001<br>(0.002)       | 0.001<br>(0.001)      | 0.000<br>(0.001)       | 0.000<br>(0.001)                  | 0.002<br>(0.001)                   |
| Observations      | 467325  | 647514                | 218986                 | 302450                | 43723                | 279448                | 260544                           | 319467                            | 449180  | 848006                 | 741139                  | 64216                  | 388951                | 140424                 | 513386                            | 158528                             |
| Treatment Groups  | 60  | 95                    | 93                     | 62                    | 67                   | 74                    | 69                               | 86                                | 61  | 107                    | 109                     | 59                     | 80                    | 81                     | 80                                | 88                                 |
| Comparison Groups | 2073  | 3021                  | 954                    | 1454                  | 153                  | 1291                  | 967                              | 1645                              | 2396  | 3941                   | 3442                    | 337                    | 1887                  | 616                    | 2121                              | 935                                |

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