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## JCPS sees historic jump in test scores following the pandemic

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - JCPS said a new study showed local students' recovery from the pandemic exceeds the state average and is among the best of the nation's largest school districts.

The study from Stanford and Harvard compared students in the nation's largest urban school districts, using 2023 test scores compared to scores from 2022.

Researchers identified 25 districts that are seeing the fastest recovery in math and reading scores, which includes JCPS. The report shows students' reading recovery was about one-third of a grade level increase.

While that doesn't sound like much, it's an incredible achievement to reach in just one year.

"This data clearly indicates that the infusion of funds, the support for students, has made a difference," Council of the Great City Schools Executive Director Dr. Ray Hart said. "And when we invest in children, when we invest in our nation's most precious resource, we can make a difference in their lives and we can change their lives around."

JCPS invested its federal pandemic-related funds on technology, extended learning opportunities like the Summer Backpack League, and salaries to retain teachers and staff.