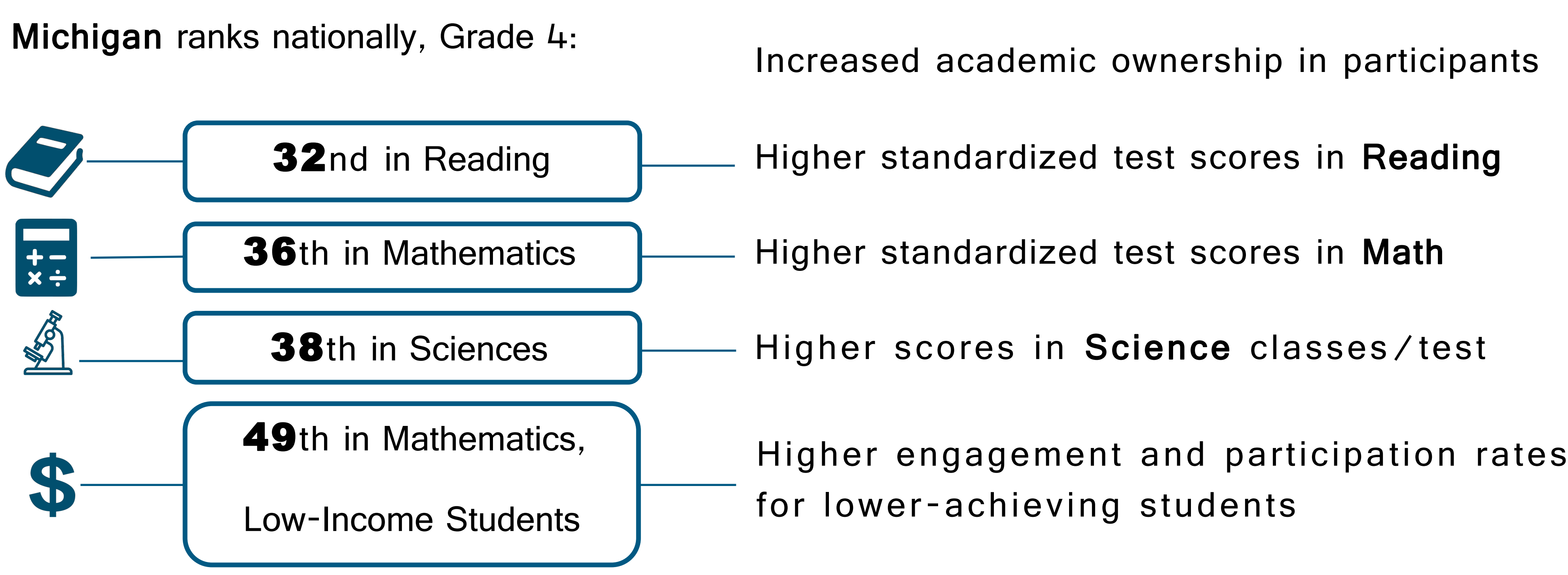


Leave Your Child Behind (In the Woods): The Value of Placed-Based Education in Northeast Michigan

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Traditional Education Needs Help...

High Potential of Place-Based Education

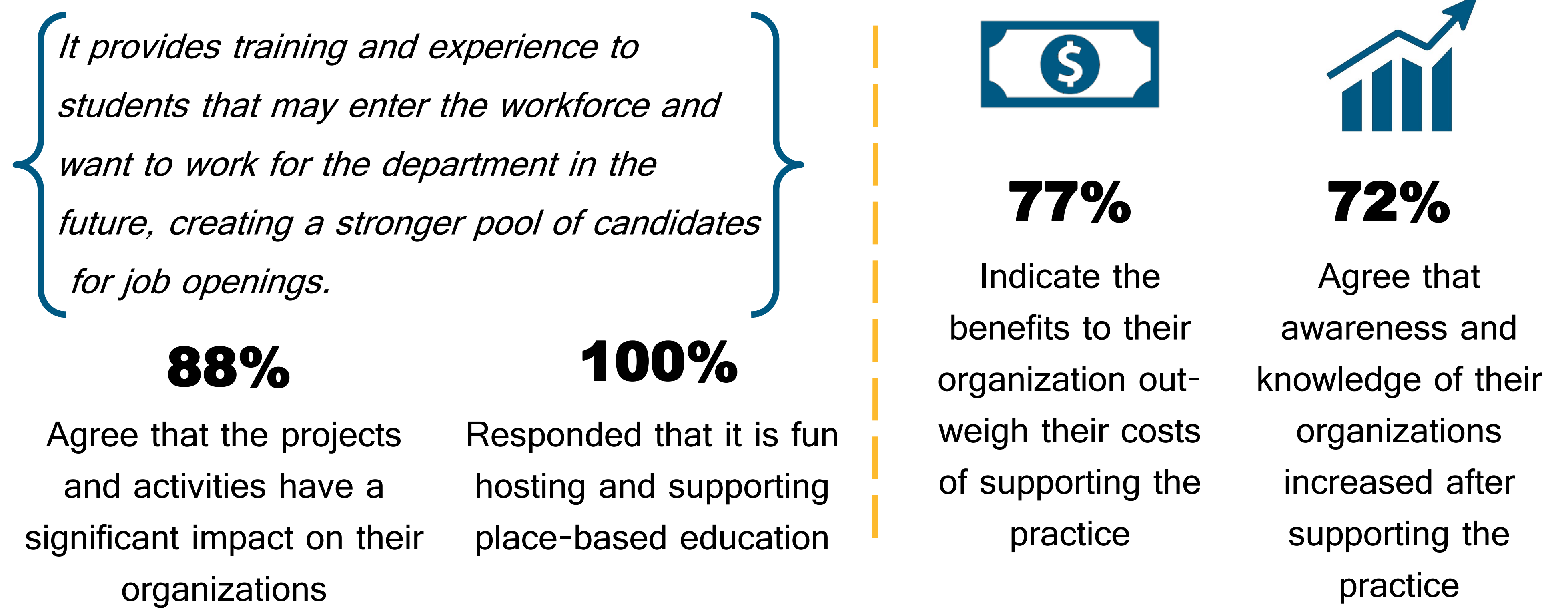


Place-Based Education Efforts in Northeast Michigan

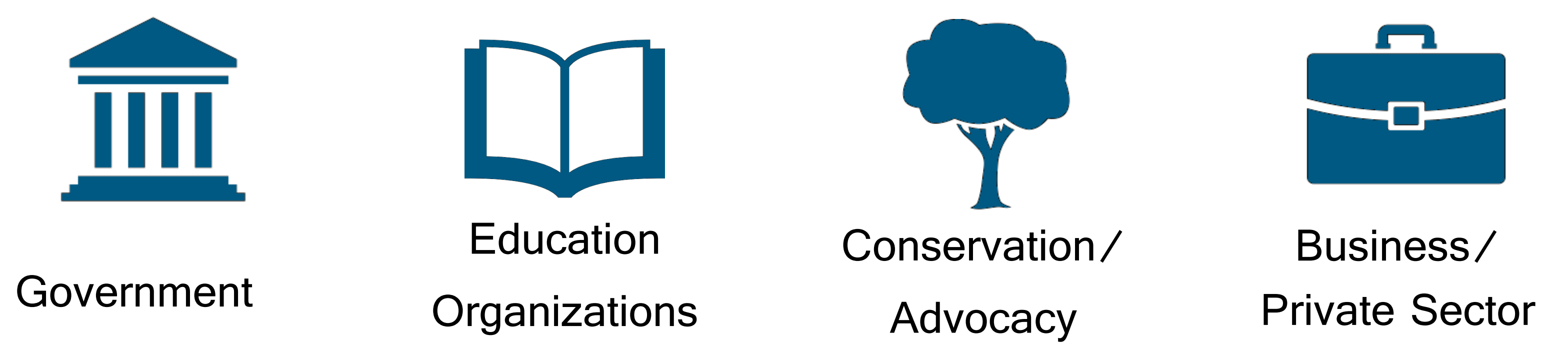
- Network operates across **9** counties in Northeast Michigan
- **129** community partners involved
- **4,601** Students participated in 2018
(**26%** of student population within **18** participating schools)
- **\$876,000** invested in Northeast Michigan programming from the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust over **10** years alongside independent sponsoring



Results at a Glance: Community Partners Benefit



Strategies for Building Place-Based Education Partnerships



	Government	Education Organizations	Conservation/Advocacy	Business/Private Sector
WHY Partners Support PBE	Conservation of Environment Satisfying Organizational Goals	Authenticity of Education Community Oriented Focus of Practice	Conservation of Environment Youth-Oriented Focus of Practice	Conservation of Environment Authenticity of Education
HOW Partners Support PBE	Personnel/Staffing Hosting Projects	Curriculum Building Staff Training/Professionalization	Hosting Projects Personnel/Staffing	Hosting Projects Tied Across Other Categories
What BENEFITS Partners See	Direct Organizational Functions Increased Awareness/Patronization	Better Education for Students Increased Investment in Community	Conservation of Environment Growth in Professional Network	Increased Investment in Community Conservation of Environment

SIZE of Community Partner

While Organizations supporting PBE can have as many as 500 employees, **53%** of all community partners had between **1-10** employees

Size of organization is **not** a significant factor in number of:
 employees **trained** for PBE
 employees **hired** for PBE
 employee hours **spent** on PBE

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Reasons for Supporting PBE

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Different Ways to Support PBE

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Benefits to Community Partners

Promoting FUNDING

36.2% of respondents support the practice through direct funding. Direct funding is the **second-least** common type of support among Partners

Community partners aware of the benefits are more likely to fund the practice.
Communicating benefits and keeping partners satisfied could **increase funding**

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