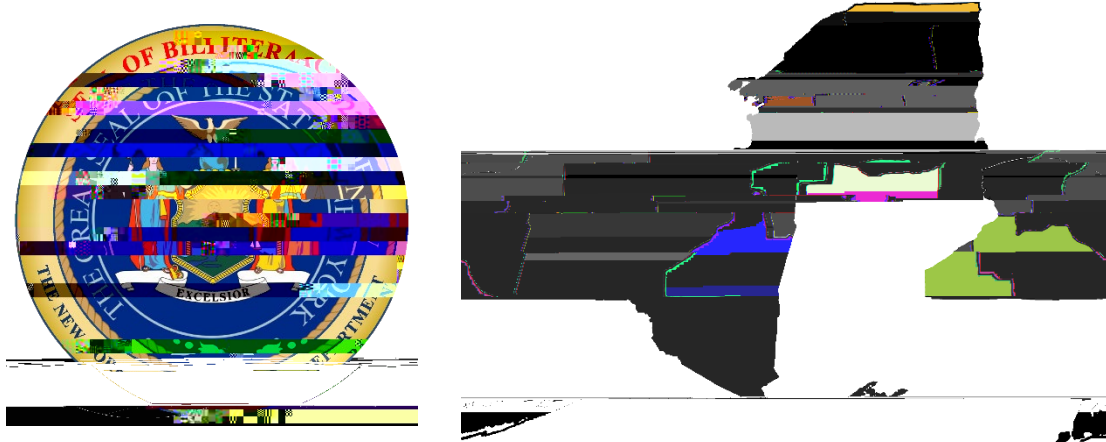


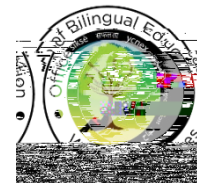
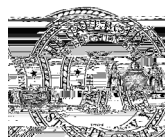
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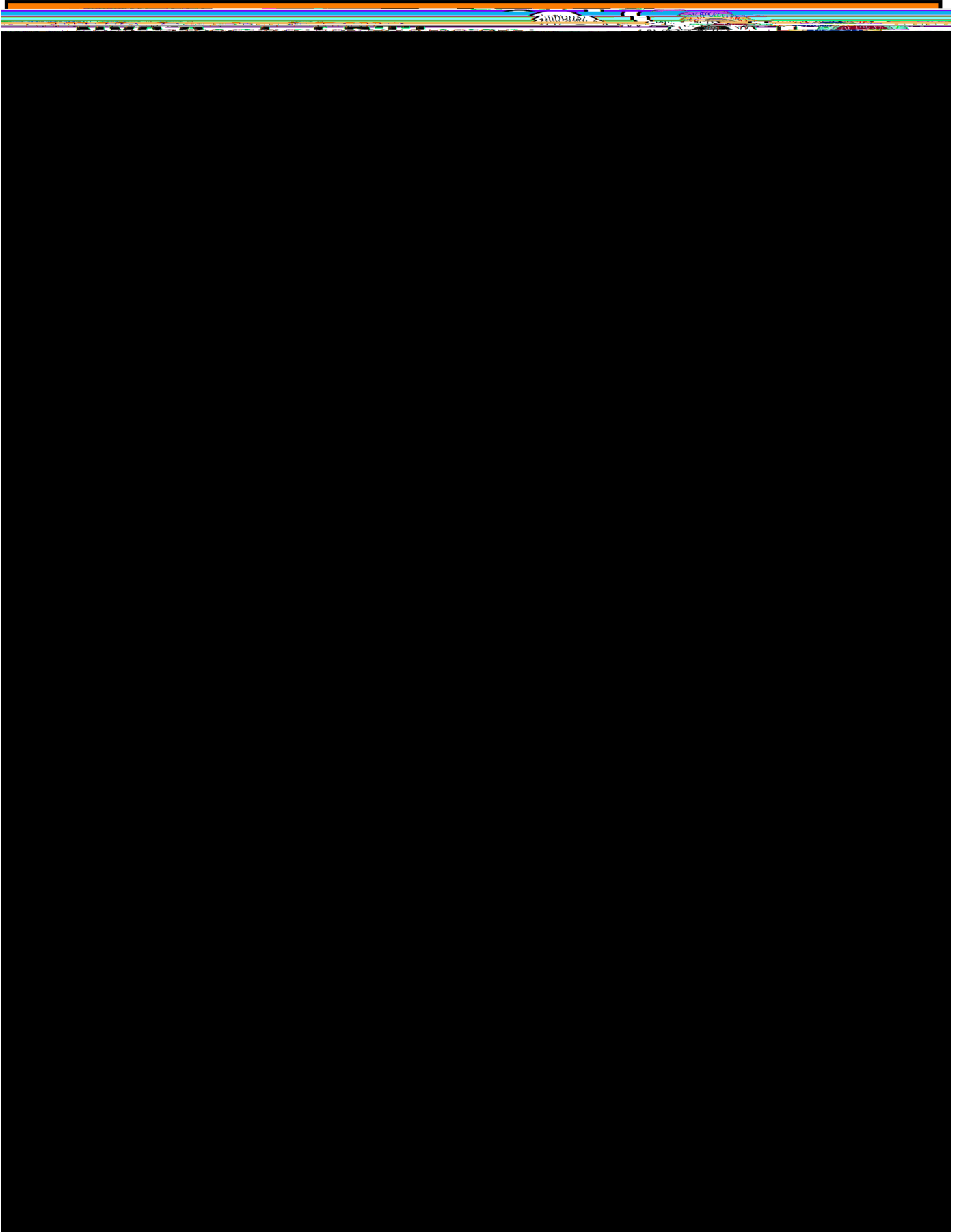
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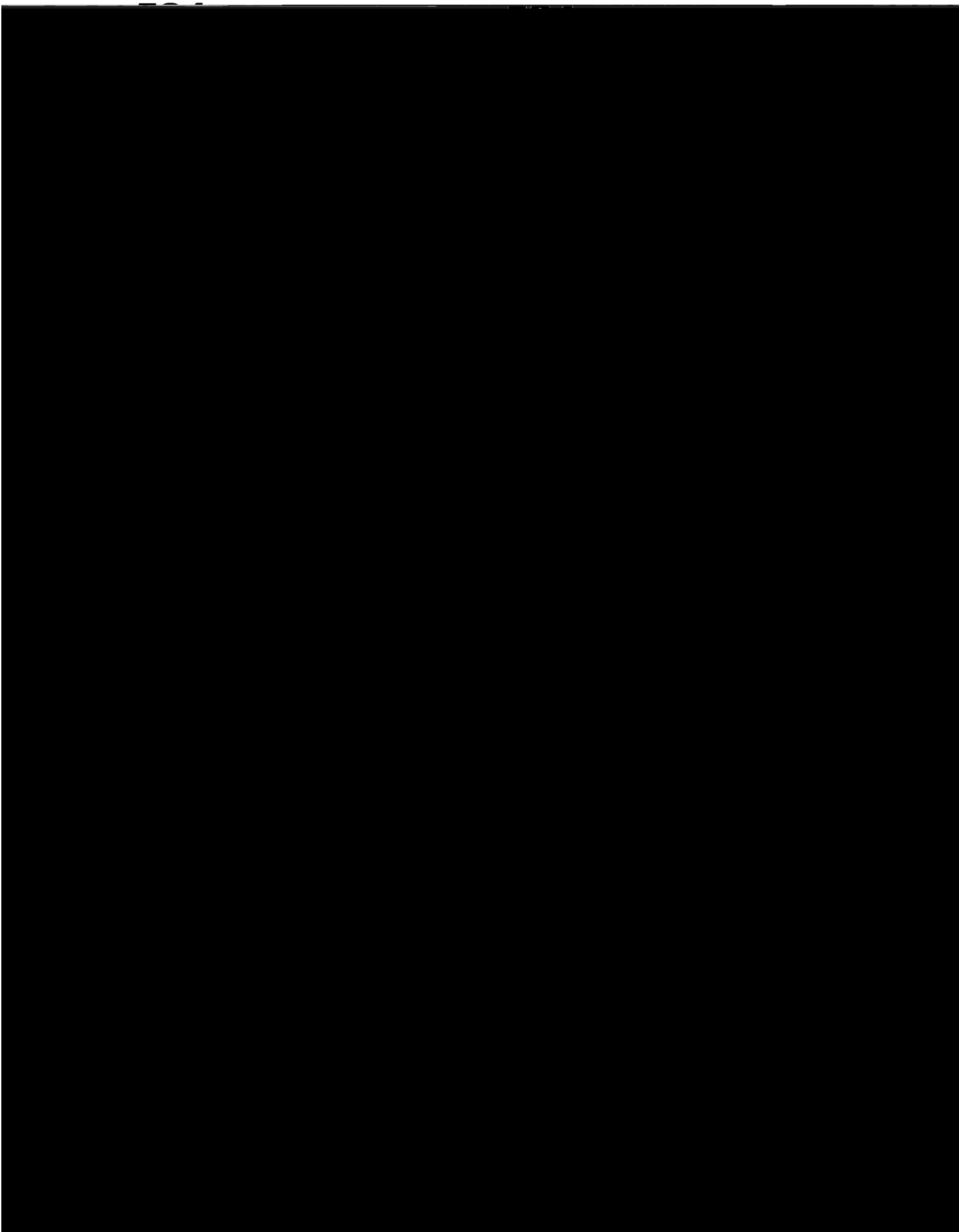
The Western Region

The Western region, represented by the area in orange on the map on the right, is made up of the counties of: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Orleans.

The Western region is supported by the Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) West Erie 1 BOCES. This RBERN provides services to 101 districts, including

Figure 3. Infographic Summary of the NYSSB in the Western Region (2021-22)

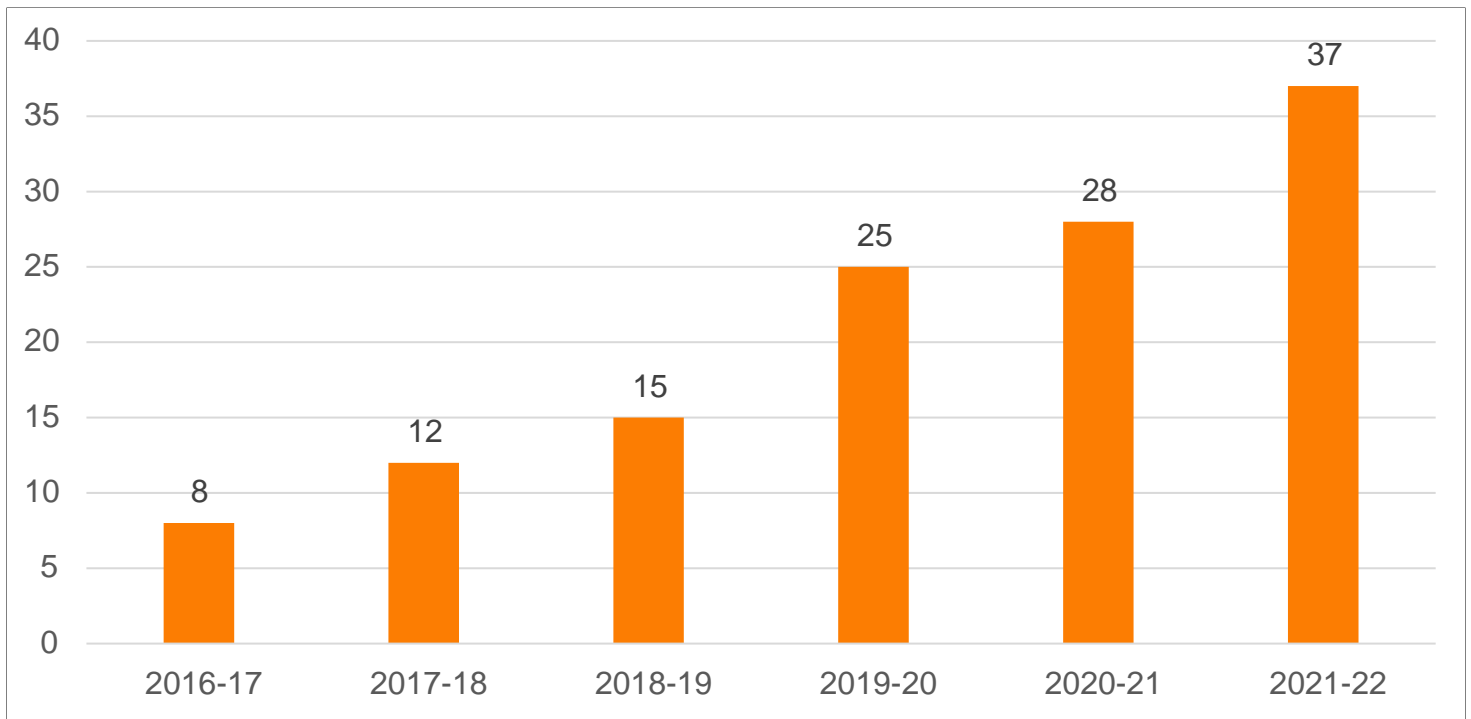




Schools that Offered the NYSSB

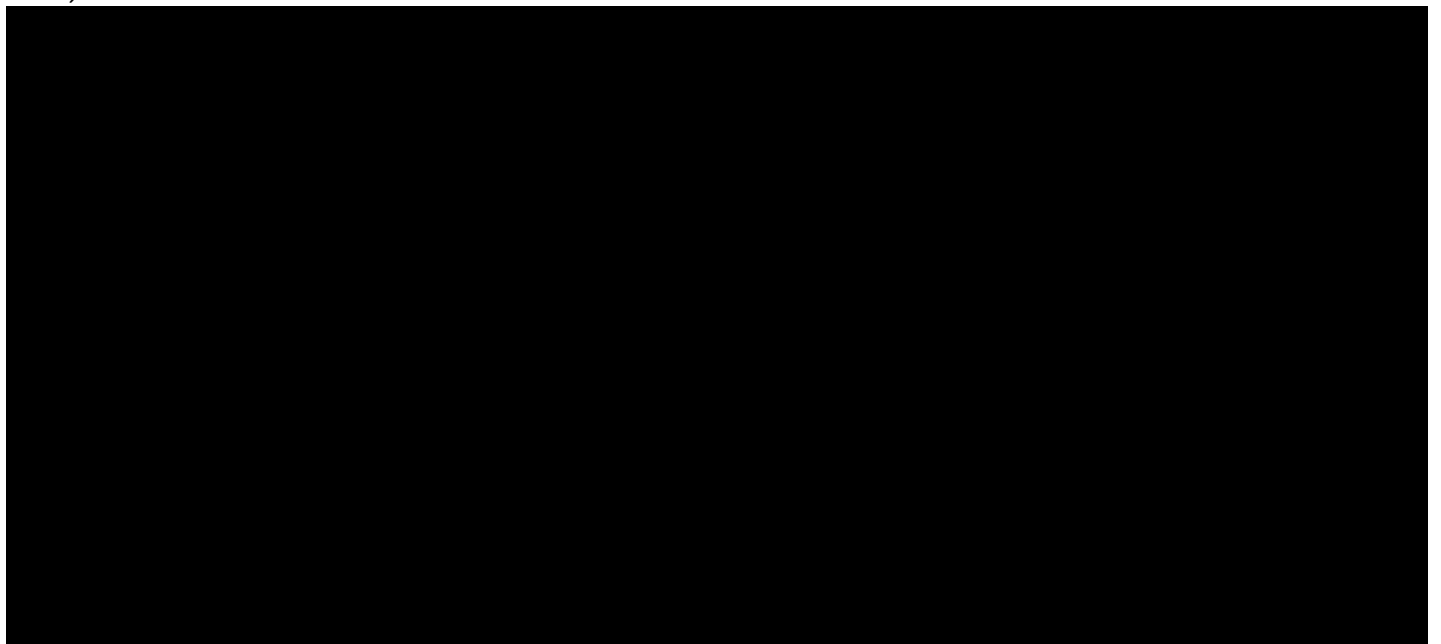
The number of schools in the Western region that offered the NYSSB rose in 2022 to 37 schools as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4. Growth in the Number of Western Region High Schools Offering the NYSSB (2016-2022)



The 37 schools in the Western region that offered the NYSSB represented 5% of district high schools in the region, or almost one in every three district high schools. As demonstrated in Figure 5, the percentage of schools in the Western region has experienced a steady growth over the last years.

Figure 5. Western NYSSB Schools as a Percentage of Total District High Schools in the Western Region (2016-2022)



Students Who Earned the NYSSB

The number of students who earned the NYSSB in the Western region grew substantially from 2020 to 2024 students, up more than 6

Seal Earners by ELL Status

There are four student sub-

The number of Ever/Former ELLs in the Western region peaked in 2019 at 1953 students. In 2021, less than 50% of the total Former/Ever ELLs from the prior year earned the NYSSB. However, the participation among Ever ELLs in the Western region appears to be trending, with 43 students in 2022.

Never ELLs whose home language is English have historically represented the vast majority of Seal earners, only within the Western region, but across New York State. This population of Seal earners has shown the most drastic growth within the region, from 59 Seal earners in the first year the NYSSB was offered in 2011 to 409 in 2021-22, representing an almost seven

fold increase. These students are enrolled in coursework that directly supports

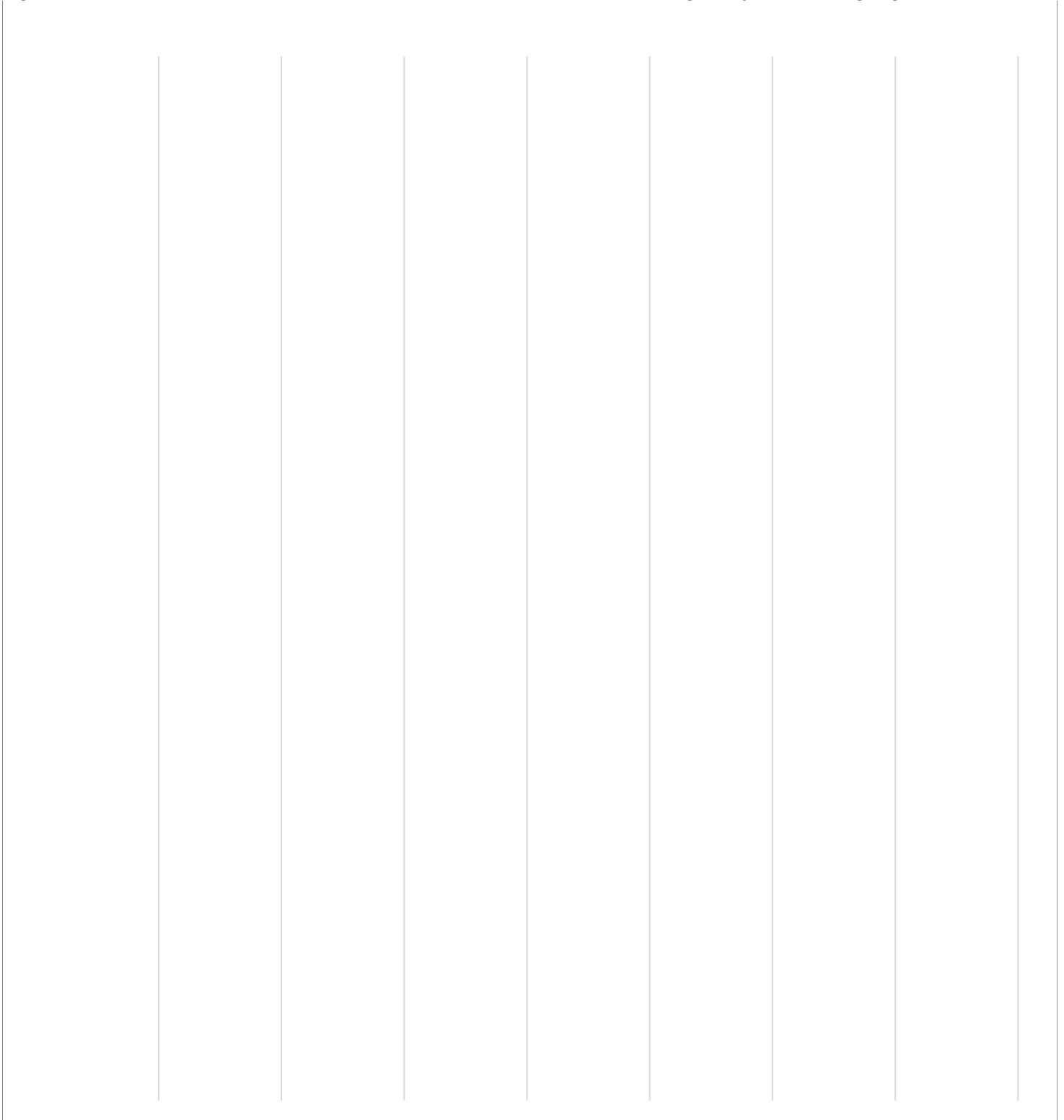
attainment of the NYSSB, including students are pursuing the NYSSB.

In 2021-22, the subgroup "Never ELLs whose home language is English" who are Seal earners

Seal Earners by Language

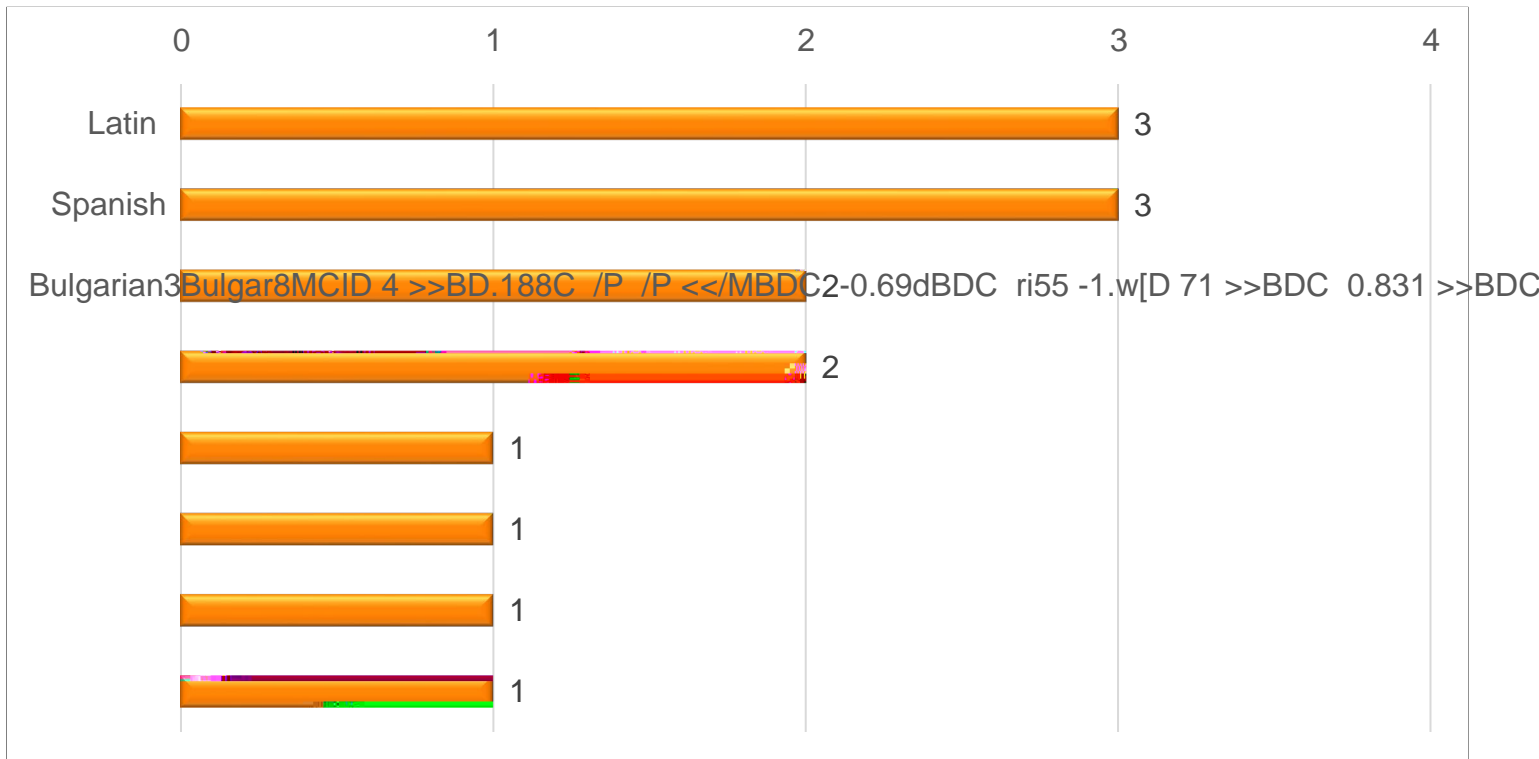
Students from the Western region earned the NYSSBAmerican Sign Language, Arabic, Bangla, Bulgarian, Burmese, Farsi, French, German, Karen, Karenni, Kinyarwanda, Latin, Lingala, Mai Mai, Mandarin, Nepali, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai, Tuscarora, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese Figure 1 shows the world languages other than English in which students earned the NYSSB the Westernregion, ranked from most to least frequent.

Figure 11. Number of Students Who Earned the NYSSB in the Western Region by World Language (2016-2022)



Four students were awarded the NYSSB in two world languages in addition to English, as shown in Figure 12.

Figure 12. Number of Students Who Earned the NYSSB in the Western Region in Two World Languages in Addition to English (2021-22)



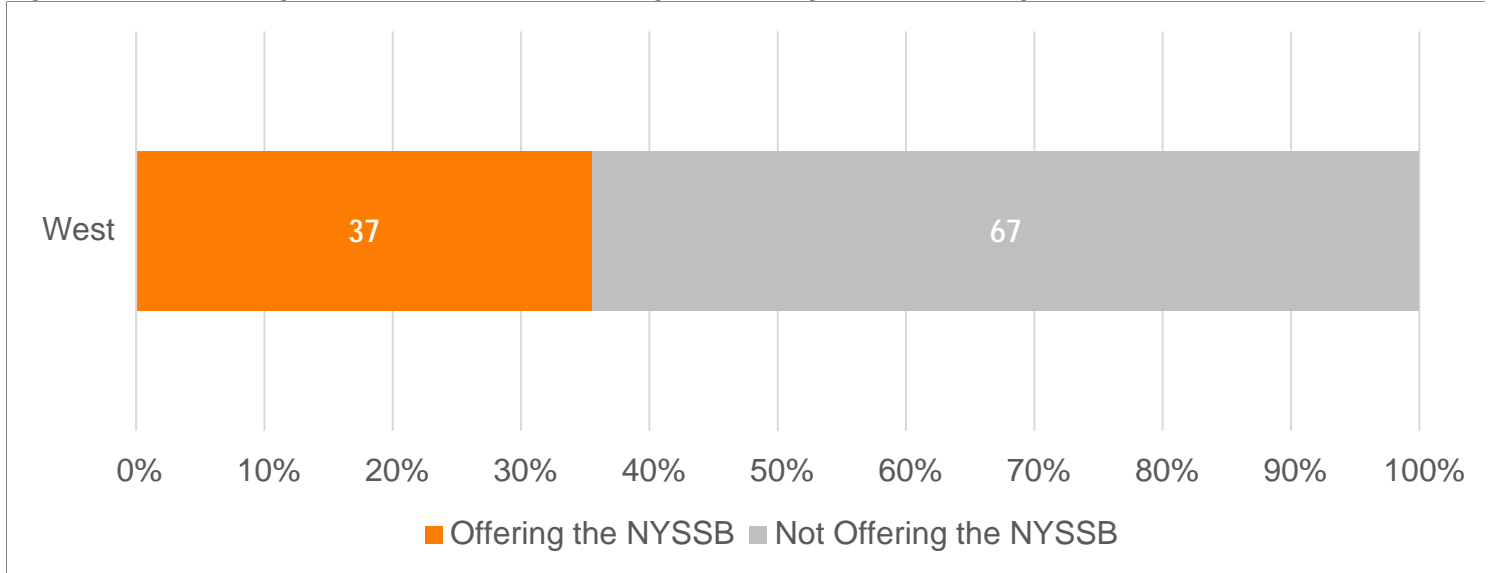
2022 NYSSB graduates from Lancaster HS
 (Photo courtesy of Lancaster CSD)

Areas for Potential Growth of the NYSSB in the Western Region

Schools

There is significant potential for growth within this region that has district high schools that did not have a NYSSB program as of 2021-22, as shown in Figure 13 below.

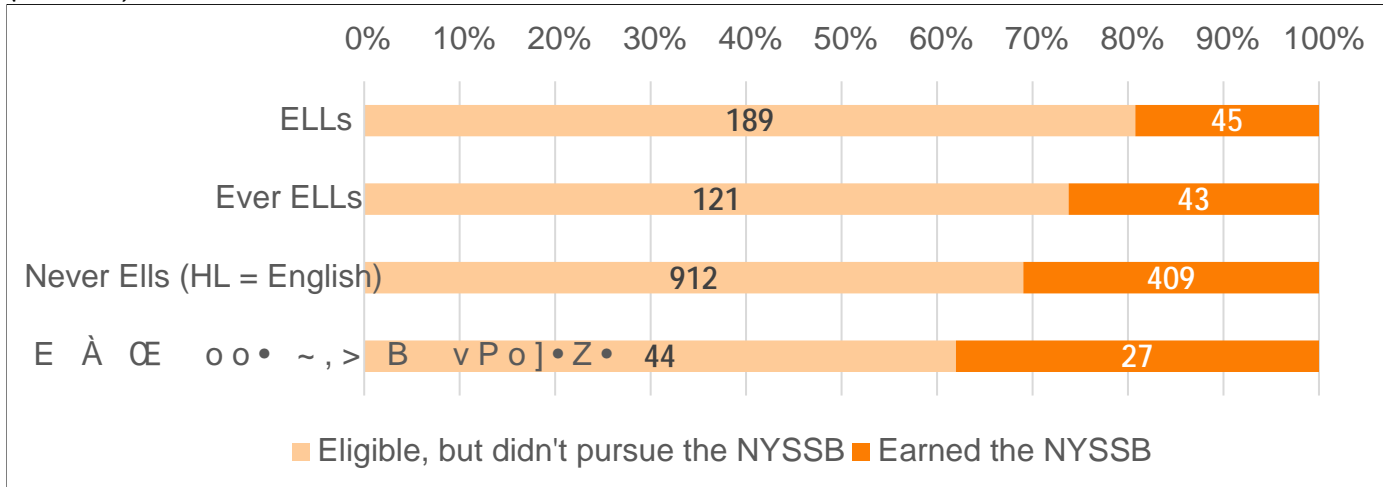
Figure 13. District High Schools in the Western Region Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB (2021-22)



Students

In the Western region, as in most regions, the largest group of students earning the NYSSB are Never ELLs whose home language is English and who are taking a course of study in a world language in high school. Figure 14 below shows the total students in the Western region who earned the NYSSB in 2022 as compared to those who were eligible, but did not pursue the NYSSB, disaggregated by ELL status.

Figure 14. Seal Earners vs. Eligible Students Not Pursuing the NYSSB in the Western Region by ELL Status (2021-22)



Eligible students include any student graduating in 2022 who was proficient in or studying English and another world language at the Checkpoint C level or higher.

