A distinguished group of the country’s top educational leaders served as the Review Board for The Broad Prize for Urban Education. The Review Board members examined performance indicators, demographic statistics and other information about the urban school districts that were eligible for the Prize. Based on their examination, the Review Board narrowed the list of over 100 eligible school districts to the five finalists for the Prize.

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