**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

- **8,358 SCHOOLS**
- **3,043 DISTRICTS**
- **49 STATES + DC and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**
- **683 BANNER SCHOOLS**
  - 683 schools across the country have reached national banner status through the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (SOUCS) National Recognition Program since its inception in 2016. These schools demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 national standards of excellence.
- **67% OFFERED TWO OR MORE COMPONENTS**
  - Special Olympics Unified Sports®, inclusive youth leadership, & whole school engagement
- **14,871 TEACHERS EDUCATED**
  - about SOUCS programming and social inclusion in schools

**PARTICIPATING STUDENTS**

- **251,044 SPORTS PARTICIPANTS**
- **19.5M TOTAL INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES**
- **2.3M UNIFIED SPORTS EXPERIENCES**
- **423,868 YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**
- **16.8M WHOLE SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES**

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