



Rockford Public Schools

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ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 14, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

1. Middle School Student of the Month

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting
2. Athletics Donation of \$7,500
3. Sideline Cheer donations totaling \$4,000
4. Football donation of \$5,100
5. Boys Soccer donation of \$3,000
6. Boys Basketball donation of \$5,000
7. Girls Basketball donations totaling \$2,000
8. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$10,107,032.56
9. Winter Coaches
10. Banking Approvals
11. City of Rockford Lease Agreement Amendment
12. Certified Staff Resignation
13. Fall Extra Duty Assignments

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rockford Freshman Center Bid Approval
2. Certified Staff New Hires

REPORTS

1. Student Representative Report
2. Collaborative Reports
3. Committee Reports
4. Student Achievement Report
5. Rams XII

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND HEARING OF PEOPLE PRESENT

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

Accommodations:

Any person with a disability who needs accommodation for participation in these meetings should contact the Superintendent's Office at 616.863.6557, at least five days in advance of the meeting.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

September 9, 2024

Date | time Monday-September 9, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance by President Folsom

In Attendance

Board of Education: Jarrod Folsom, Kelley Freridge, Barbara Helms, Christie Ramsey

Regrets: Tricia Anderson, Nick Reichenbach

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, Allison Clements, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Jodi Nester.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Christie Ramsey with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition

None

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Barb Helms. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the August 12, 2024 meeting.
2. Football donation of \$5,000.
3. Field Hockey donation of \$1,000
4. Certified Staff Resignation
5. Revised Fall Coaches
6. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$15,774,432.50

New Business

1. MASB Voting Delegates

Dr. Matthews spoke about the requirements to be a MASB delegate. Jarrod Folsom and Christie Ramsey will both be at the upcoming meeting and there was a motion by President Folsom for the two of them to be the MASB delegates for Rockford Public Schools. Motion to approve by Jarrod Folsom with Support by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Certified Staff Recommendations/Personnel Report

Dr. Korie Wilson Crawford present seven new hires to the Board of Education for approval. Motion passed unanimously. She also gave a personnel update. Rockford Public Schools has hired Seventeen new Certified Staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Student Representative Report

Student Representative to the Board, Brooklyn Schmuchter updated the Board regarding things happening at Rockford Public Schools.

2. Collaborative Reports

Jeremy Karel, Valley View Elementary Principal talked about things that are happening at the Elementary buildings. He talked about the changes at the Elementary Levels with the new boundaries. It has been a great start to the year.

Rockford High School Principal, Tom Hosford gave a presentation regarding things happening at the Secondary Level. Mr. Hosford praised the Student Representative for her leadership. Mr. Hosford talked about the Twenty-Two Foreign Exchange Students that are attending Rockford High School for the 24-25 school year from various countries.

3. Committee Reports

None

4. MASB Sessions Report

President Folsom gave an update on the Fall MASB Sessions and updates. Digital materials were provided to Board members. He also gave a brief update on the Summer Sessions he attended.

5. Grow Your Own Report

Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford and Lisa Jacobs gave an update on the Grow Your Own Program. The Grow Your Own Program is a funded program. Rockford Public Schools partners with Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University and Ferris State University for this program.

6. Bus Inspection Report

Executive Director of Business and Operations Allison Clements introduced Matt Puett, Director of Transportation. Mr. Puett thanked the Board for the new upgraded transportation facilities. He also discussed and updated the Board of Education on the recent Bus Inspection Report.

7. Construction Report

Executive Director of Business and Operations Allison Clements introduced Jared Goss from Owens Ames Kimball and Shawn Hawyard, Director of Operations who give a construction update on ongoing projects in the district.

8. RAMS XII Report

Superintendent Matthews gave a report on the RAMS XII 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews gave an update about a recent incident at the Rockford Public Schools Administrative Building. He praised the staff and law enforcement for their handling of this situation.

Data from the MI School Data website regarding reading proficiency was shared by Dr. Matthews.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD REPORT ON DISBURSEMENTS

DATE: 9/3/2024 10/7/2024

PAYROLL

GENERAL FUND NET PAYROLL	<u>6 & 7</u>	<u>2,968,184.50</u>	
FOOD SERVICE	<u>6 & 7</u>	<u>83,676.37</u>	
ATHLETIC FUND	<u>6 & 7</u>	<u>14,004.87</u>	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>6 & 7</u>	<u>3,065,865.74</u>	

ALL FUNDS:			
FEDERAL TAX	\$	<u>321,869.12</u>	
SOCIAL SECURITY TAX-MEDICARE TAX	\$	<u>656,018.76</u>	
STATE TAX	\$	<u>152,283.01</u>	
TOTAL	\$	<u>1,130,170.89</u>	
			\$ <u>4,196,036.63</u>

BLUE CROSS INSURANCE	\$	<u>38,152.15</u>	
NVA/NATIONAL VISION	\$		
ADN ADMIN(DENTAL) ADMIN FEES	\$		
MESSA (VSP/MED/ LIFE)	\$	<u>911,618.57</u>	
NATIONAL INSURANCE SVCS(L TERM DISABILITY	\$	<u>17,268.43</u>	
RETIREMENT PAYROLL	\$	<u>2,614,945.55</u>	
			\$ <u>3,581,984.70</u>

UTILITIES:			
DTE ENERGY		<u>5,210.85</u>	
CONSUMERS ENERGY	\$	<u>126,851.57</u>	
BP ENERGY (FORMERLY EDF ENERGY) BULK FUE	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
			\$ <u>132,062.42</u>

BAL ON GEN FUND CREDIT CARD #	\$		\$ <u>0.00</u>
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FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY		<u>154,115.92</u>	
VS AMERICA INC		<u>67,554.00</u>	
			\$ <u>221,669.92</u>

TOTAL OF ABOVE	\$ <u>8,131,753.67</u>
BALANCE OF TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>779,724.96</u>
SINKING FUND REG CKS	0.00
SINKING FUND ACH CKS	0.00
SINKING FUND CREDIT CARD	0.00
2023 BOND REG CKS	429,708.71
2023 BOND ACH CKS	101,938.62
2023 BOND CREDIT CARD	63,704.95
GENERAL FUND ACH CKS	32,000.00
GENERAL FUND CREDIT CARD	568,201.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>10,107,032.56</u>



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steven Matthews, Superintendent

From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Date: October 14, 2024

Subject: 2024-2025 MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRA-DUTY WINTER I COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

SPORT	SCHOOL	POSITION	NAME
BASKETBALL (BOYS)	East Middle	8 th Grade (A) Head Coach	Ryan DeKuiper
		8 th Grade (B) Head Coach	Tracy Ouellette
		7 th Grade (A) Head Coach	Jeff Bryant
		7 th Grade (B) Head Coach	Jodi Ramos
	North Middle	8 th Grade (A) Head Coach	Jared Smith
		8 th Grade (B) Head Coach	Colton Crossen
		7 th Grade (A) Head Coach	Joe Trola
		7 th Grade (B) Head Coach	Brian Barr
SWIMMING & DIVING (GIRLS)	East/North Middle	Head Coach	Kevin Brown/Tim Saur
		Diving Coach	Karla Koops-Fiske
COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING	East Middle	Head Coach	Terri Atwood
		Assistant Coach	Kelsea Peck
	North Middle	Head Coach	Kendall Sterk
		Assistant Coach	Annmarie Dome



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Schools
From: Allison Clements, Executive Director of Business and Operations
Date: October 7, 2024
Subject: Banking Accounts/ Approval

Attached is a list of depositories and signing officials for school funds (savings and checking accounts).

The recommendation is to approve the list of depositories and signing officials for school funds at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

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Attachment



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Schools
From: Allison Clements, Executive Director of Business and Operations
Date: October 7, 2024
Subject: City of Rockford Lease Agreement Amendment

Attached is the City of Rockford Lease Agreement Amendment. This lease adds an additional athletic field for sports to be played and practiced on in the district.

The recommendation is to approve this amendment at the the Board of Education meeting on October 14, 2024.

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT (the “First Amendment”) is entered into as of September 1, 2024 (“Effective Date”), between the **CITY OF ROCKFORD**, a Michigan municipal corporation, whose address is 7 South Monroe Street, Rockford, Michigan 49341 (the “City”), and **ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, a Michigan general powers school district organized and operating under the provisions of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 *et seq.*, whose address is 350 North Main Street, Rockford, Michigan 49341 (the “School District”) (each individually a “Party” and collectively, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

A. The Parties entered into a Lease (the “Lease”), dated February 1, 2016, wherein the City leased to the School District property located at 250 Sigsbee Avenue SE within the City of Rockford (Tax Parcel No. 41-06-36-282-009) (“Property” or “Parking Lot Property”) for use as a surface parking lot.

B. The Parties desire to amend the Lease by adding to the leased property the athletic field, which is contiguous to the Parking Lot Property and which is located at 220 Monroe Street NE within the City of Rockford (Tax Parcel No. 41-06-36-403-051) (“Athletic Field”).

C. Except as amended by this First Amendment, the remaining terms and conditions of the Lease are unmodified.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The City hereby leases to the School District and the School District hereby leases from the City the Athletic Field for fifty (50) years from the Effective Date first written above under the same terms of the Lease, except as more specifically described below.

2. **Use of Property.** The School District’s use of the Athletic Field is intended for school-sponsored sports, such as rugby and baseball. The School District’s use is intended as exclusive. The School District will not charge users to access the Athletic Field, unless the School District has received the City’s prior written consent.

3. **Improvements.** The School District, at its sole expense, may make improvements to the Athletic Field, including but not limited to leveling the ground, re-seeding the grass, and replacing or repairing the existing fencing. The School District will not, however, install or erect any other structures or buildings on the Athletic Field without the City’s prior written consent. The District will not cause or allow any lien to be placed upon the Athletic Field and will assume all liability in the event of any such lien. Any improvements that are attached to or underlying the Athletic Field will belong to the City upon expiration of the First Amendment.

4. **Consideration.** Rent will not be required for use of the Athletic Field. Instead, for and in consideration of this First Amendment, the School District will be responsible for

maintaining, mowing, and making improvements to the Athletic Field, which is intended to constitute a fair exchange of value.

5. Assumption of Risk. The School District acknowledges that exercise and recreational activity pose inherent risks, including but not limited to bodily injury, illness, paralysis, and death. The School District agrees to assume those risks. If the School District or its students or agents require medical attention during or after using the Athletic Field, the City will not be held responsible for injury or costs. Nothing contained herein is intended to, nor will it, waive the Parties' defense of governmental immunity or other statutory immunities.

6. Liability Insurance. The School District will obtain and maintain at all times during the term of this First Amendment a general liability insurance policy, including public liability and property damage, in such form and from such company as is reasonably acceptable to the City covering the negligent acts or omissions of the School District and its board, officers, employees, guests and invitees at the Athletic Field in the amount of at a minimum \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and at a minimum \$1,000,000 for property damage, or at a minimum in a combined single limit of \$2,000,000 for each occurrence and in the annual aggregate. Such policy will name the City as an additional insured and provide that it will not be canceled or materially changed or altered without first giving the City thirty (30) days' written notice thereof. The School District will, upon request, provide the City with a copy of the policy or an insurance certificate evidencing such insurance coverage during the term of this First Amendment.

7. Right of First Refusal. If the City, at any time during the this First Amendment, receives a bona fide offer from a third party to purchase any of the Athletic Field, the City will send the School District a copy of that offer and notify the District in writing whether it intends to accept same. If the City intends to accept that offer, the District will have the right for ninety (90) calendar days after the date of that notice to match the terms of the offer and the District, if interested in matching, will exercise that right in writing. If the School District does not elect to match the offer within that time, then the City may sell the Athletic Field to the third-party offeror. In such event, this First Amendment will terminate at the end of the ninety (90) calendar days and the District will surrender and discontinue use of the Athletic Field at that time. Even if the School District does not exercise its right of first refusal, however, the City will require that the third party assume, maintain, and honor the balance of this First Amendment's duration given the bond proceeds used to finance the improvements thereon.

8. Recording. Upon either Party's request, the Parties will execute and record a Memorandum of this Agreement with the Kent County Register of Deeds, the recording costs of which will be paid by the School District.

9. Miscellaneous.

(a) Except as specifically modified above by this First Amendment, the Lease remains unmodified by the Parties. The Lease shall continue in full force and effect and is hereby ratified and affirmed by this First Amendment.

(b) This First Amendment is binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

(c) In the event of any conflict between the terms of this First Amendment and the terms of the original Lease, the terms of this First Amendment will govern and control.

(d) This First Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts, including facsimile copies, each of which will be deemed an original, all of which counterparts will constitute one in the same First Amendment.

CITY:

**CITY OF ROCKFORD,
a Michigan municipal corporation**

By: Terry Konkle
Terry Konkle

Its: Mayor

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

**ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
a Michigan general powers school district**

By: Dr. Steve Matthews
Dr. Steve Matthews

Its: Superintendent



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Date: October 14, 2024
Subject: 2024-2025 Employee Resignations

Jason VanderWall

Teacher

Freshman Center

10/25/2024



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Schools
From: Allison Clements, Executive Director of Business and Operations
Date: October 7, 2024
Subject: Rockford Freshman Center Bids

Included in the 2019 bond issue scope is the renovation of the Rockford Freshman Center.

Proof of concept was presented to the Board of Education on May 13, 2024. On September 25, 2024 OAK received the bids for the Freshman Center. The bid summary was presented to the Finance Committee on October 7, 2024. Attached is the bid summary and motion recommendation for the Freshman Center.

This will be presented to the Rockford Board of Education on Monday, October 14, 2024. The recommendation is to approve the bid package in the amount of \$12,549,524 to be paid out of the 2019 bond proceeds.

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Attachment



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ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Freshman Center Renovations

Award Summary & Bid Tab Results

October 14th, 2024

OWNER:

Rockford Public Schools
350 N. Main St.
Rockford, MI 49341

ARCHITECT:

GMB Architecture & Engineering
85 East Eighth Street Suite 200
Holland, MI 49423

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:

Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.
126 Ottawa Ave. NW Suite 600
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



Rockford Public Schools
 Freshman Center Renovations
 Bid Summary Sheet
 Construction Manager: Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.



BID CATEGORY	CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	ALTERNATE C-1 Storm System Renovations	ALTERNATE M-1 Gym HVAC Upgrades	ALTERNATE M-2 2nd Floor Chiller Upgrades	ALTERNATE E-1 Existing Fire Alarm Upgrades	ALTERNATE E-2 Medium Voltage Work	TOTAL
1	Earthwork	Fischer Idema Excavating LLC	248,400	46,900				295,300
2	Concrete	Cannon Concrete	254,582					254,582
3	Masonry	JK Masonry Inc.	525,900					525,900
4	Metals	Custom Steel	293,360	7,300				300,660
5	General Trades	Vander Kodde Construction	502,300					502,300
6	Casework	Flairwood	42,140					42,140
7	Metal Wall Panels	Accuform Industries Inc.	83,474					83,474
8	Roofing	Versatile Roofing Systems Inc.	90,500	2,500	3,500			96,500
9	Joint Sealants	Slager Restoration & Sealants	17,530					17,530
10	Doors Frames & Hardware	Automatic Equipment Sales & Service	150,300					150,300
11	Overhead Doors	Partition Systems Inc.	57,300					57,300
12	Aluminum Glass & Glazing	Lakeshore Glass	99,235					99,235
13	Lath, Plaster, Drywall & Acoustical	Schepers Brothers Company Inc.	424,417					424,417
14	Flooring	Phoenix Interiors LLC	219,750					219,750
15	Painting	Vork Brothers Painting	163,500					163,500
16	Signage	Valley City Sign Company	27,902					27,902
17	Window Treatments	Triangle Window Fashions	787					787
18	Elevators	McNally Elevators	109,487					109,487
19	Fire Protection	Total Fire Protection	38,548					38,548
20	DDC Controls	ControlNet	1,036,900	24,400	7,200			1,068,500
21	Mechanical & Plumbing	A&B Mechanical Contractors	2,947,000	369,500	4,515			3,321,015
22	Testing and Balancing	Aireconomics Inc.	20,625	1,200				21,825
23	Commissioning	Functional Consulting Services	21,052	510	680			22,242
24	Electrical	Kleyn Electric	767,225	16,620	1,000	140,100	253,100	1,178,045
25	Communications	Parkway Electric	64,480					64,480
26	Network Electronics	Acorn Sound Technology	10,711					10,711
27	Multimedia Systems	Digital Age Technologies	65,877					65,877
28	Public Address & Clock Systems	Digital Age Technologies	40,351					40,351
	Gas Service Relocate	DTE	25,000					25,000
	Electrical Service Relocate	Consumers Energy	70,000					70,000
	Project Phasing & Security Allowance	Owen Ames Kimball Co.	100,000					100,000
	General Conditions	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	1,258,916					1,258,916
	Prevailing Wage Allocation	Rockford Public Schools	28					28
	CM Fee	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	377,769	1,812	16,305	653	5,413	411,730
		Billing Subtotal	10,155,346	48,712	438,335	17,548	145,513	11,068,332
		Building Contingency @ 10%	1,015,841	4,871	43,834	1,755	14,551	1,107,140
	TOTAL		11,171,187	53,583	482,169	19,303	160,064	12,175,472

Estimate / DD Budget 12,549,524

over/(under) (374,052)



Rockford Public Schools
 Freshman Center Renovations
 Motion Recommendation
 Construction Manager: Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.



RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. be authorized to issue Notice of Pending Award, in the amount indicated, to contractors and suppliers listed below, pending confirmation that all requirements of the Contract Documents have been met. Furthermore, that upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to these contractors and suppliers by Rockford Public Schools.

1 Earthwork	Fischer Idema Excavating LLC	295,300
2 Concrete	Cannon Concrete	254,582
3 Masonry	JK Masonry Inc.	525,900
4 Metals	Custom Steel	300,660
5 General Trades	Vander Kodde Construction	502,300
6 Casework	Flairwood	42,140
7 Metal Wall Panels	Accuform Industries Inc.	83,474
8 Roofing	Versatile Roofing Systems Inc.	96,500
9 Joint Sealants	Slager Restoration & Sealants	17,530
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12 Aluminum Glass & Glazing	Lakeshore Glass	99,235
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21 Mechanical & Plumbing	A&B Mechanical Contractors	3,321,015
22 Testing and Balancing	Aireconometrics Inc.	21,825
23 Commissioning	Functional Consulting Services	22,242
24 Electrical	Kleyn Electric	1,178,045
25 Communications	Parkway Electric	64,480
26 Network Electronics	Acorn Sound Technology	10,711
27 Multimedia Systems	Digital Age Technologies	65,877
28 Public Address & Clock Systems	Digital Age Technologies	40,351
Gas Service Relocate	DTE	25,000
Electrical Service Relocate	Consumers Energy	70,000
Project Phasing & Security Allowance	Owen Ames Kimball Co.	100,000
General Conditions	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	1,258,916
Prevailing Wage Allocation	Rockford Public Schools	28
Contingency/Fees	OAK	1,518,870
TOTAL		12,175,472



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Date: October 14, 2024
Subject: Certified Staff Recommendations

Angela Boyer	SI Teacher	Roguewood Elementary
Julie Hatley	Social Worker	Special Services/East Middle School
Adam Wateman	Resource Rm Teacher	Special Services/ Crestwood Elementary



HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 a.m., Administration Office
October 7, 2024

Present: Jake Himmelspach (arrived late due to finance committee mtg), Kelley Freridge, Nick Reichenbach, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Jill Avink (recorder).

SUMMARY	AGENDA ITEMS
Korie Wilson-Crawford welcomed everyone. Kelley Freridge called the meeting to order at 8:02 am	Welcome
Nick moved the approval of the October 7, 2024 meeting agenda	Approval of 10/07/2024 agenda
Nick moved the approval of the April 30, 2024 minutes	Approval of 04/30/2024 Minutes
Korie provided information on staffing which included support staff, certified staff and administrators. With the current budget the district made some reorganization decisions to better fit the buildings needs while proactively managing the budget.	Staffing Update
During negotiations an insurance reopener was added. Due to a large increase in rates for 2025 the district is looking at bids for medical coverage. An anticipated insurance change will be on the November board agenda.	Bargaining Update
The district is opening another window to add another group soon. We currently have 84 GYO participants and anticipate about 100 participants by the first of the year. The district continues to successfully manage this large grant.	GYO Update
Parents of the district are inquiring about volunteer opportunities within the district as well as REF volunteer opportunities. We all discussed ESTA requirements as well as potential state mandates that may impact HR.	Other
Kelley Freridge adjourned the meeting at 8:48 am	Adjournment

cc: Board members
Central office administrators



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews
From: Mike Ramm, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Date: October 10, 2024
Subject: Fall 2024 Student Achievement

Dr. Matthews,

Rockford Public Schools uses state and benchmark assessments as one indicator of measuring the overall effectiveness of increasing student learning in our system. The assessment results indicate the health of teaching and learning systems in our district and also identify strength and focus areas. Our most important district collective goal is to always ensure high levels of learning and experiences for all students and this year's student achievement data again show increased overall proficiency. Our district's student achievement is on the rise and our teachers and building administrators are to thank.

Now four full years into the Professional Learning Communities Process, our system is producing reliable and increased results. During the RPS Board of Education presentation on Monday night, I will share district data trends as well as elements of instructional response. I am excited about the learning experience that our students receive in Rockford Public Schools as our system is healthy, yet clear on our next steps to further ensure high levels of learning for every student.

Included in this packet are the slides I will share with the RPS Board of Education and I look forward to highlighting evidence of the RPS staff's continued commitment to student learning and our focused collaborative practices.

Respectfully,

Mike Ramm



Fall 2024

Assessment Insights



Empowering Educators to Inform and Enhance Instruction

October 14, 2024
Board of Education
Department of Instruction Report



Overview

RPS' Commitment to Student Learning

Overall State Assessment Proficiency Since PLCs (2019)

- ELA Increase of 14% Proficiency
- Math Increase of 11% Proficiency

Teachers and administrators have embraced collaborative practices. Student learning data influences timely instructional moves. Tiered instructional systems are ensuring high levels of learning for all.





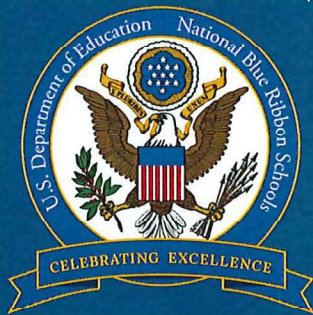
Rockford Public Schools

In September 2024, MLive identified the top 50 school districts in Michigan based on their M-StEP performances given in grades 3-11.

All subjects combined (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies), **Rockford ranked 10th in the state**

There is only a 0.6 difference in student performance between 6th place and 10th place

National Blue Ribbon Schools is the United States Department of Education's award program honoring high-performing schools and schools that are making great strides in closing achievement gaps.



Meadow Ridge Elementary 2024 National Blue Ribbon Award Winner

Nomination category: Exemplary High Performing Schools



Instructional Shifts and Implementations



2022

- Collaborative Team GVC Planning
- Elementary Science of Reading – Phonics Implementation
- DK-12 Math Instructional Training for all teachers
- Social Studies Curriculum and Priority Standard Review
- Revision and Tightening of 6-12 Math Priority Standards
- Elementary and Middle School Daily Schedule Adjustments

2023

- Deepening Professional Learning Communities Practices
- Collaborative Team- Increased Student Data Response (Instructional Agility)
- DK-12 Math Instructional Design Training for all teachers
- Middle School Social Studies Alignment and Pilots
- Enhancing High Quality Instructional Practices Across All Content Areas

2024

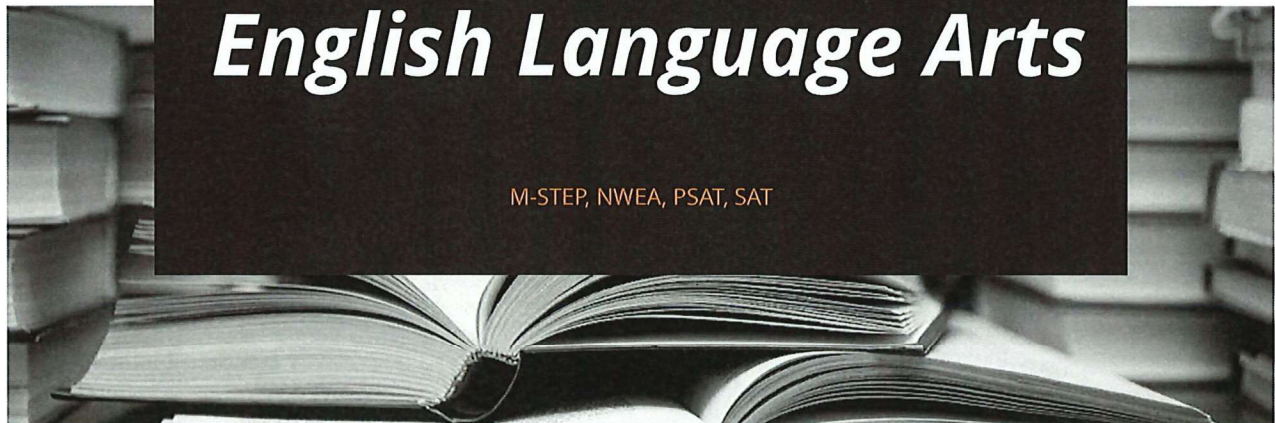
- New Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption and Implementation
- DK-12 Math Instructional Design Training
- Social Studies.....
- Science.....
- PLC.....



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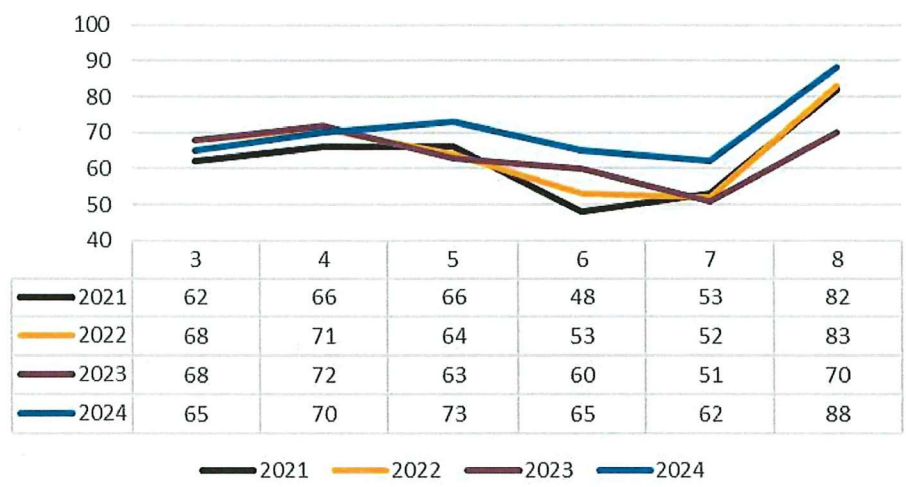
English Language Arts

M-STEP, NWEA, PSAT, SAT

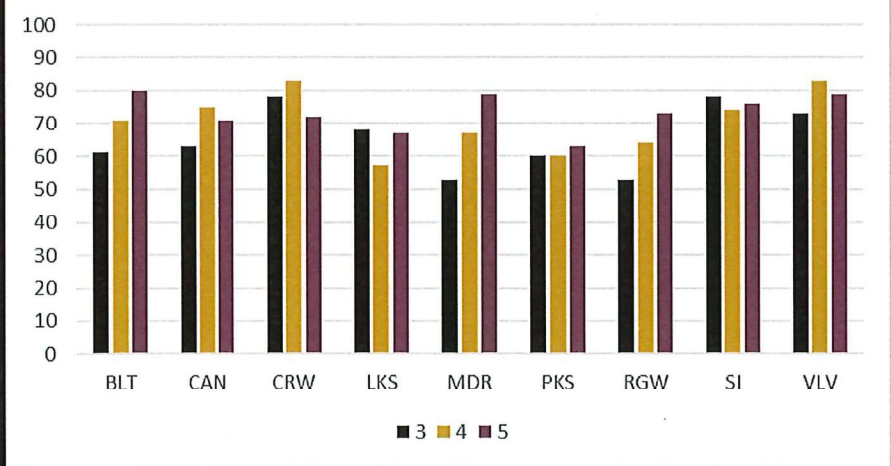




MSTEP/PSAT 4 Year Trend ELA

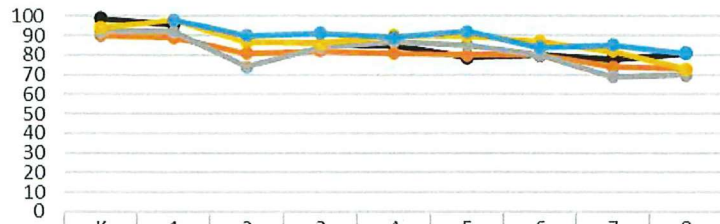


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4 Year Trend Reading NWEA

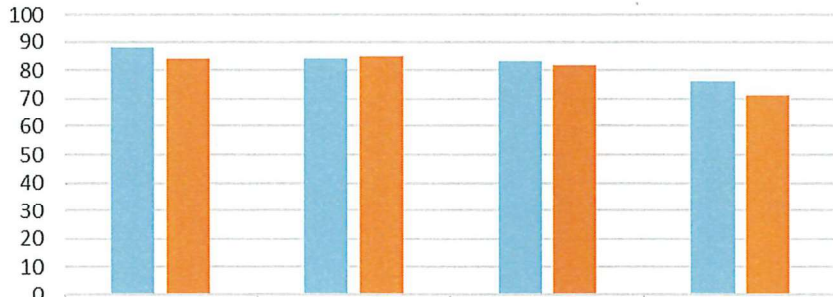


	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fall 2020	99	96		85	85	79	80	78	81
Fall 2021	90	89	81	82	81	80	80	74	73
Fall 2022	92	92	74	84	87	85	80	69	70
Fall 2023	94	98	87	86	90	90	87	82	73
Fall 2024		98	90	91	89	92	84	85	81

● Fall 2020
 ● Fall 2021
 ● Fall 2022
 ● Fall 2023
 ● Fall 2024



PSAT/SAT ERW Two Year Trend



	PSAT 8	PSAT 9	PSAT 10	SAT
2024	88	84	83	76
2023	84	85	82	71

■ 2024
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English Language Arts

Responding to Data



Implemented New Curriculum

Ensuring a high quality GVC in every classroom so learning expectations are the same and collaboration is productive.



Response to Intervention

Kindergarten through 8th grade students participate in a three-tiered approach to ensuring individual reading needs are targeted.



Tier 2 Flex/RAM/WIN Time

This is time carved out of the day for teachers to intervene and extend learning based on assessment results



Classroom Learning Labs

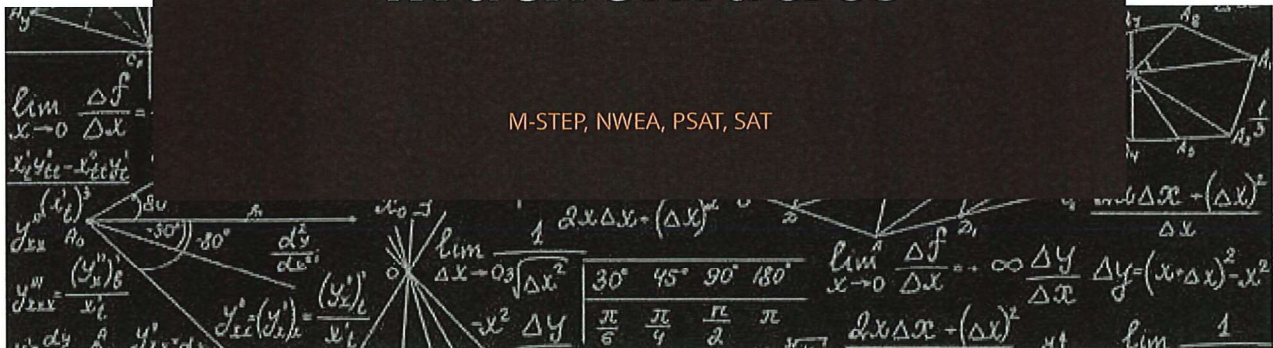
Our own teachers visiting their colleagues and learning about planning and instructional moves that yield high levels of learning.



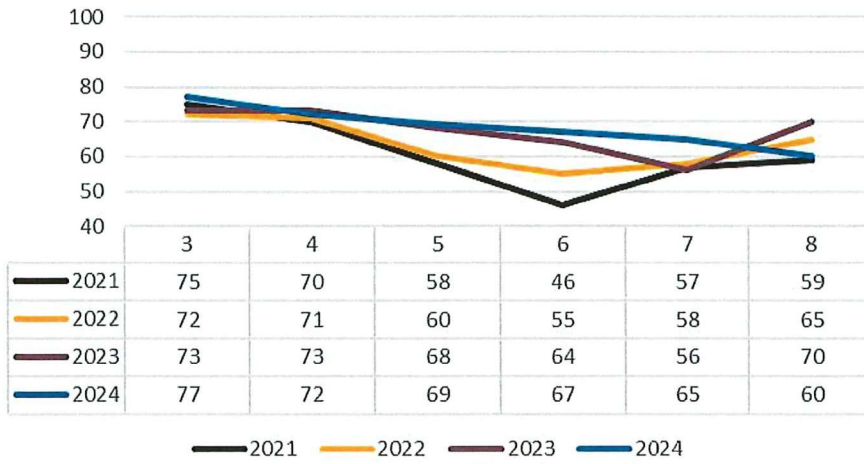
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Mathematics

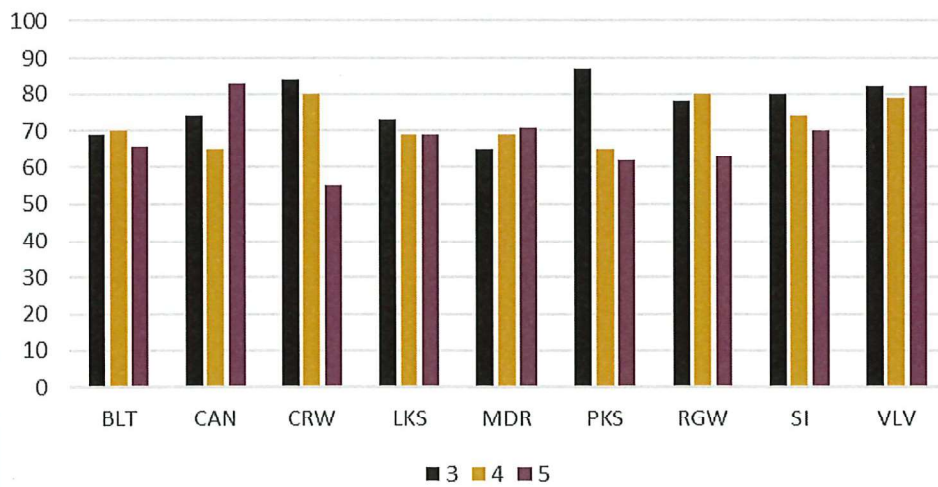
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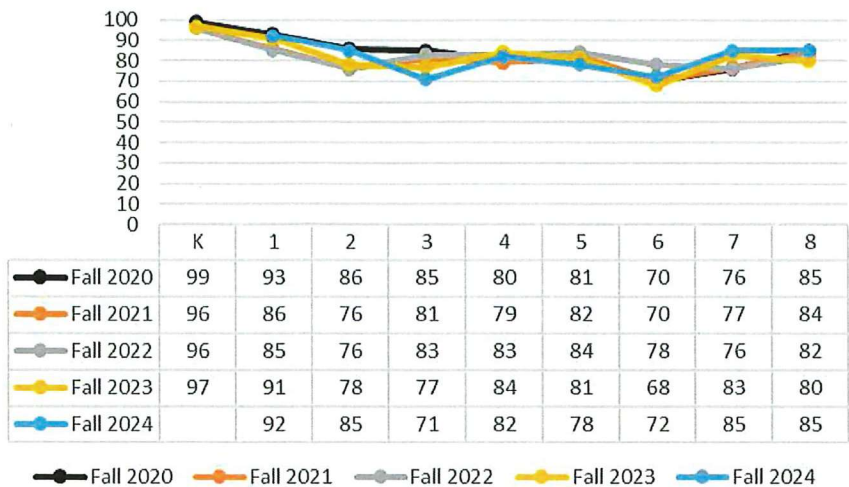
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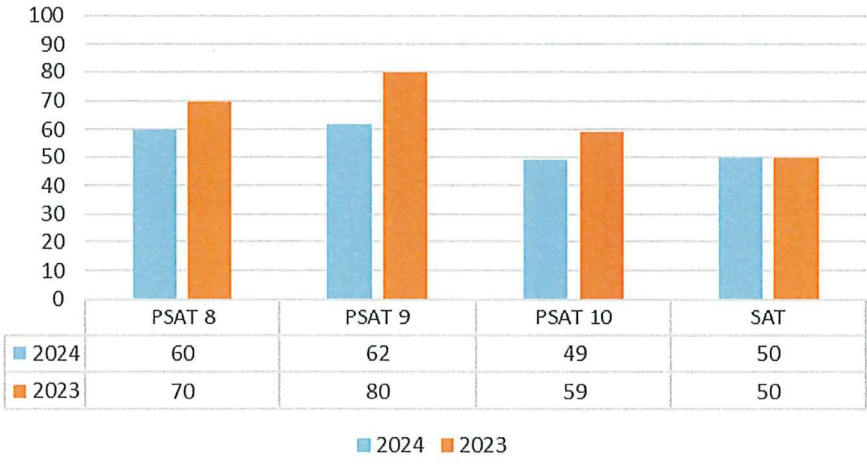
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4 Year Trend Math NWEA



PSAT/SAT Math Two Year Trend



Mathematics

Responding to Data



Grade 2 and 3 Instructional Emphasis

Professional Learning and direct support will be provided to teachers in grades 2 and 3 to concentrate on essential learning standards and scaffolding instruction.



Secondary Bell to Bell Instruction

Secondary teachers will concentrate on engaging students through practices and strategies that enhance instruction including differentiation and scaffolding practices.



Algebra 1 Support and Interim Assessment

The Freshman Center has implemented a new interim assessment that aligns with the PSAT. The data from this assessment will drive instruction and intervention. A math interventionist was added to this team to reach students who need additional support.



Coaching and Support

A secondary math coach was added to support teachers this year on lesson design implementation, coaching cycles, unpacking standards and professional learning.



K-5 Intervention/Tier II

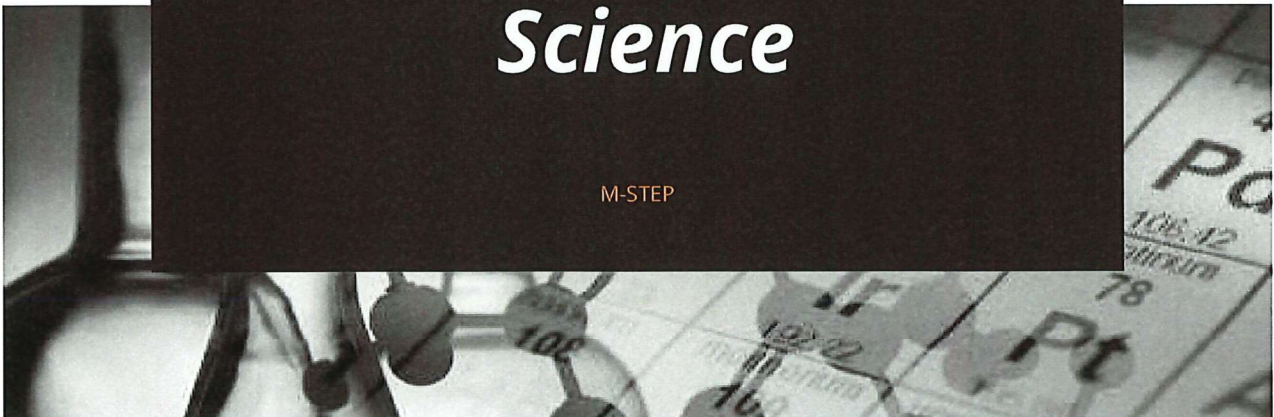
FLEX time at least two times per week, per grade level. This is time carved out of the day for teachers to intervene and extend learning based on assessment results



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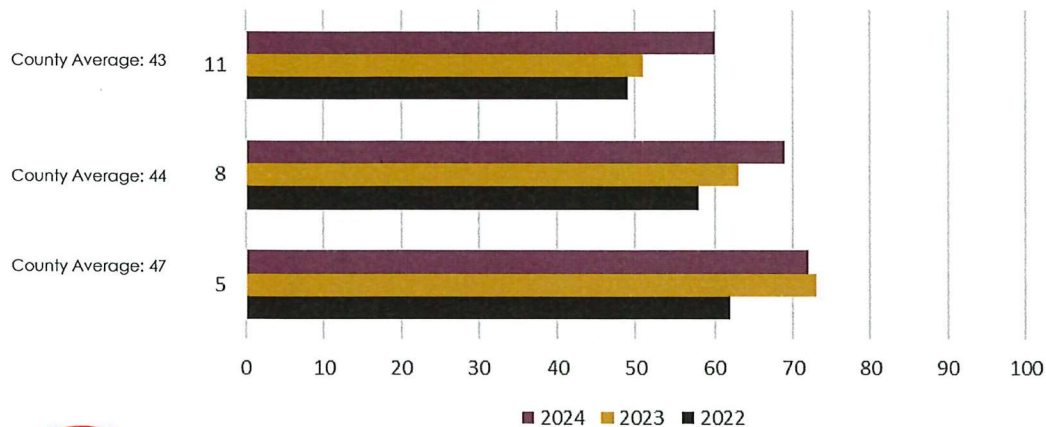
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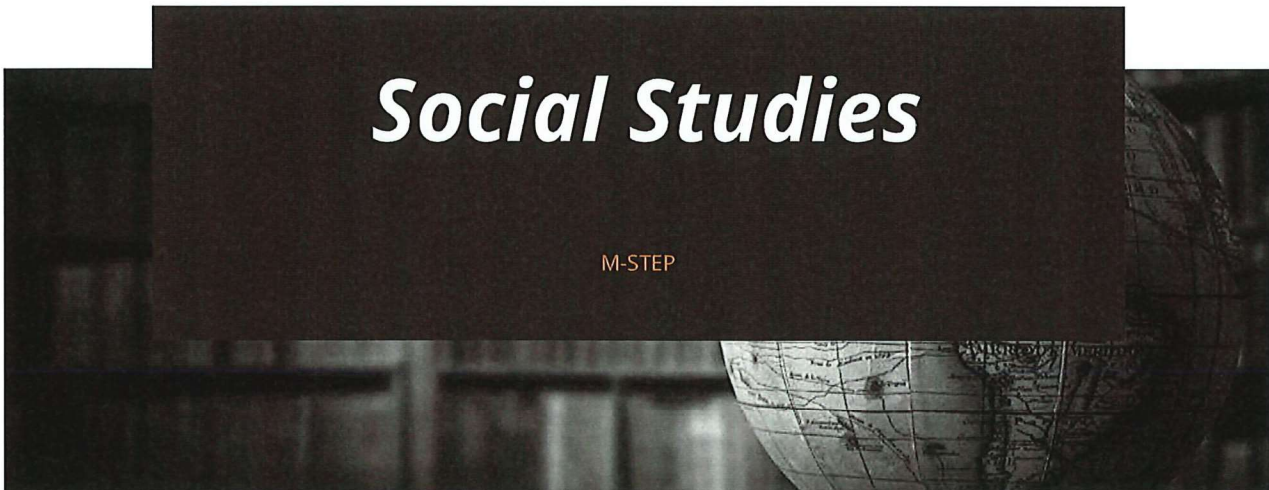


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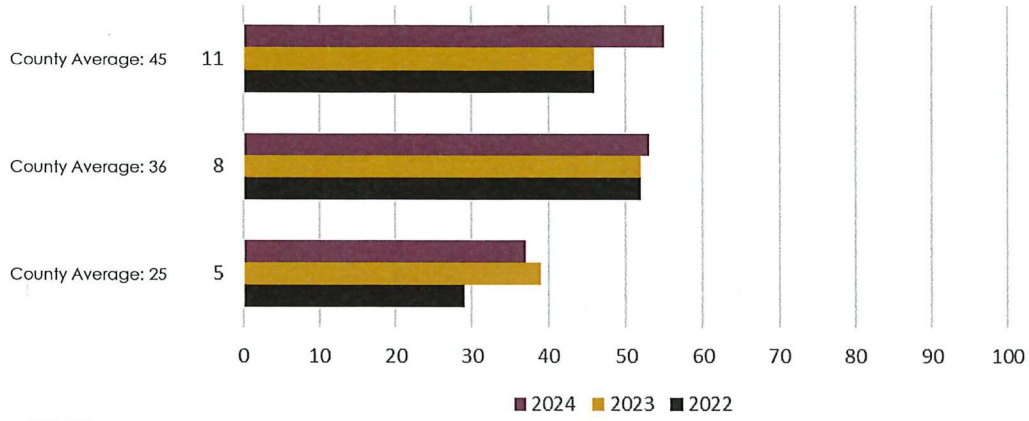
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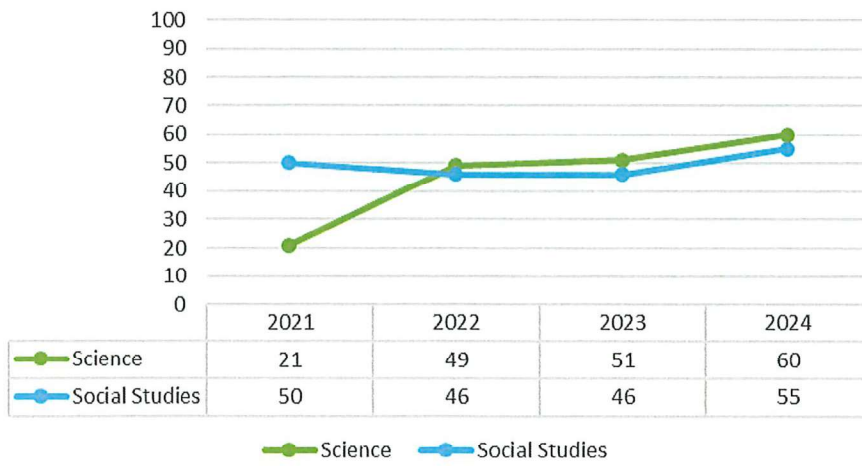




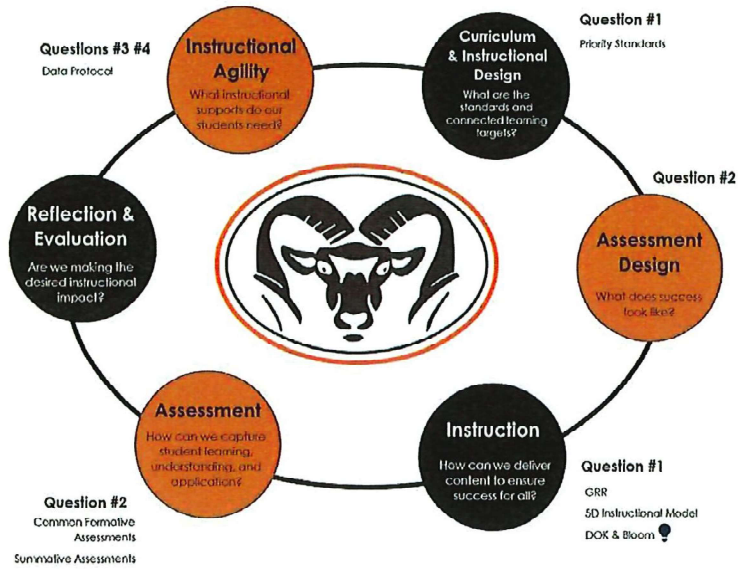
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