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Report to the Board

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Curriculum & Instruction:

Winter standardized assessments are complete. Results on the following assessments can be viewed here:

[Idaho Reading Indicator \(IRI\): K-3rd](#)

We're seeing improvements in most areas across the district. Something to consider is that administration of this new assessment is still being "fine tuned" to make sure we're setting all students up for their best opportunity to succeed. This may be one factor in explaining why some scores have fluctuated.

[I-Ready Math: K-8th](#)

We're seeing increases in proficiency levels in all grade levels in all buildings, K-8.

[Map Growth: Reading \(4th-11th\)](#)

You'll see updated winter scores for most schools, K-8. High School has not yet taken their second benchmark with Map Growth.

A note on the MAP Growth: We value instructional time and want to make sure *any time* we take away from instruction for assessment is purposeful and immediately useful to adjust instruction. We're exploring a switch to the ISAT Interim assessments starting in the 2026-27 school year. This would save teachers and students time, provide us with actionable information to make adjustments mid-year according to what students need, and is fully aligned with our state-mandated test.

Correct Words per Minute (CWPM) data for K-3rd will be shared when the 2nd elementary trimester is over.

In overview, we have a tremendous amount of growth to acknowledge and celebrate. We continue to meet with all principals regularly to review performance data for their schools and make adjustments accordingly. We have a phenomenal teaching staff in our district, and they shoulder a heavy load to make sure that all students are learning at the highest level that is achievable for them.

Safety & Security:

Important Update: Recently the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners proposed changing school districts' share of the cost for SROs. This would impact our three SROs from Kootenai County.

Currently, we pay 70% the cost of a deputy's salary, and the Sheriff's Office (KCSO) pays 30%. The total amount we pay now is about \$280,000.

The proposed change is that school districts would have to pay 100% of the loaded salary (salary + benefits), plus an additional 25% to cover overhead costs of the deputy. If the commissioners decide to go in this new direction, we would have to pay an additional \$254,560 for our three current SROs for a new total of \$534,181.

We are gathering information from the Board of Commissioners to try to understand what's driving this adjustment.