



**To:** Chelsea School District School Board

**From:** Matthew Ceo, Principal of Beach Middle School

**Re:** Board Report

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Preliminary NWEA Data

Our middle schoolers recently completed the NWEA battery of tests, which we administer twice during the school year: once in the fall and once in the spring. These standardized adaptive assessments are given nationwide, so it's a good opportunity to compare a snapshot of our students' achievement and growth with other students across the country.

"Proficiency" is a bit of a moving target for NWEA. Until a couple years ago, the proficiency target score was the 40th percentile. However, in order to account for the vastly different school and community contexts experienced by students across the country, NWEA recently began using a range of scores that vary by region to define proficiency.

With this in mind, I've compiled the charts below to summarize our students' data. In short, Beach kids knocked it out of the park. Even in areas where we did not see "growth" (i.e. 8th Grade Reading), 86% of BMS students are in the 40th percentile or above, and the *average* Beacher is in the 69th percentile nationally.

We plan to highlight and celebrate this performance with our staff and students, but testing season is just getting started. We have the M-STEP and PSAT 8 up next in April.

**Reading**

	Fall >40th	Spring >40th	Fall >50th	Spring >50th	Avg. Ntl. Fall %	Avg. Ntl. Spring %
6th Grade	82%	84%	74%	78%	68th	71st
7th Grade	82%	87%	80%	81%	66th	66th
8th Grade	88%	86%	80%	79%	70th	69th



### Math

	Fall >40th	Spring >40th	Fall >50th	Spring >50th	Avg. Ntl. %	Avg. Ntl. %
<b>6th Grade</b>	70%	82%	63%	69%	56th	64th
<b>7th Grade</b>	86%	91%	75%	84%	65th	74th
<b>8th Grade</b>	89%	93%	85%	90%	68th	75th

**Note:**

">40th" refers to the percentage of students scoring in the 40th percentile nationally or better

">50th" refers to the percentage of students scoring in the 50th percentile nationally or better

"Avg. Ntl. %" refers to the average national percentile of BMS students

(e.g. "The average 6th Grade student at BMS ranks in the 72nd percentile in Reading.")

#### ASU + GSV Conference

Adam Schilt and I will attend the 2025 ASU + GSV Conference from April 7th - 11th. The ASU+GSV (Arizona State University and Global Silicon Valley) Summit is an annual conference that focuses on innovation in education technology, workforce development, and learning solutions. It brings together leaders from education, technology, business, and investment sectors to discuss and explore transformative approaches to learning and skill development.

Key aspects of the conference typically include:

- **Education Innovation:** The summit explores cutting-edge technologies and strategies to improve education at all levels, from K-12 to higher education and workforce training.
- **Investment and Entrepreneurship:** It serves as a major networking platform for edtech startups, venture capitalists, and investors interested in educational technology and learning solutions.
- **Future of Learning:** Discussions often center around emerging trends like artificial intelligence in education, personalized learning, digital credentials, and skills-based training.
- **Thought Leadership:** The conference features keynote speeches and panel discussions from prominent leaders in education, technology, and business, sharing insights on educational transformation.



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- Networking Opportunities: It provides a unique platform for educators, entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers to connect and collaborate on innovative educational approaches.

The conference is known for highlighting innovative solutions that address challenges in education and workforce development, with a particular focus on leveraging technology to create more accessible, effective, and personalized learning experiences. We look forward to bringing what we learn back to Chelsea!

Respectfully,

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