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K-12 Literacy Update

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2025-26 A Big Year For Literacy

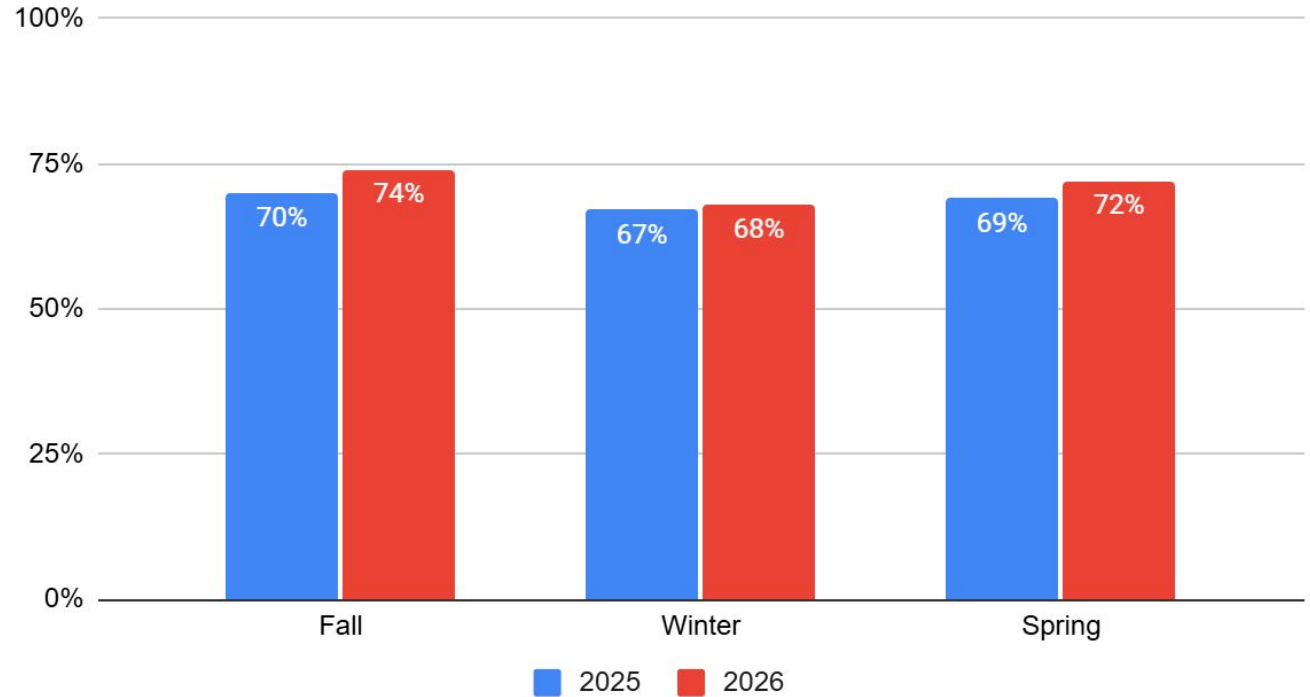
- 250 people completed the Science of Reading Training
- New Phonics Curriculum K-2
- New Knowledge Building Curriculum K-5 (English Sections)
- New Reading Intervention during PONY Time at the middle schools
- Piloted Reading Intervention at the SAHS
- Curriculum Adoption Committee for Spanish Immersion



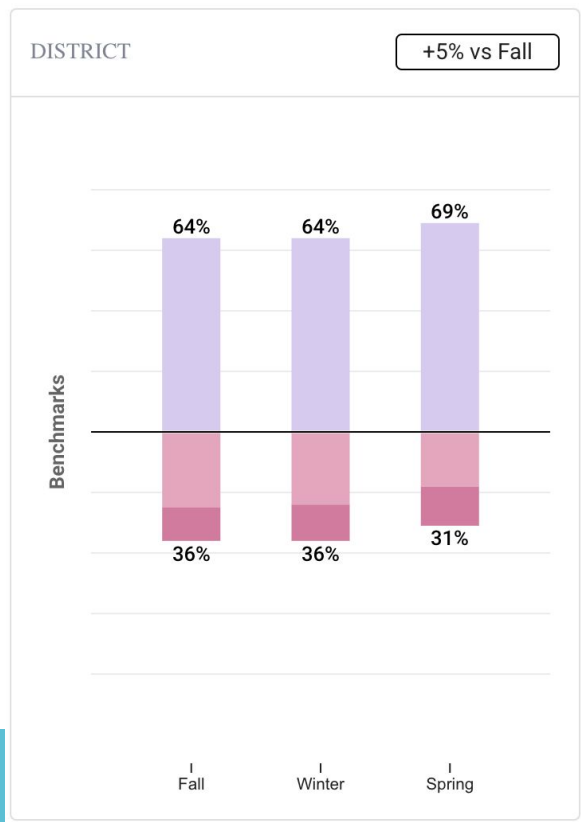
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District Wide Celebrations

FastBridge aReading % lowRisk or Advanced



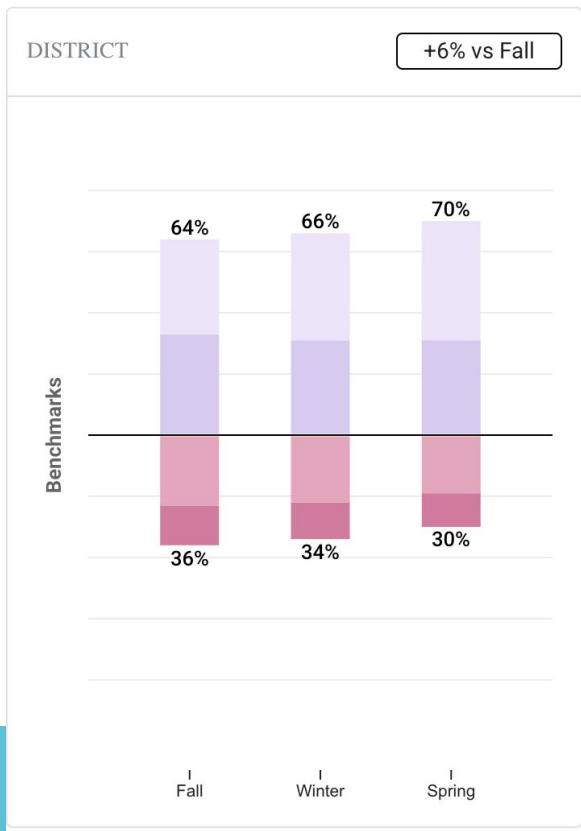
Early Reading: Kindergarten & First Grade



- Fall to winter- little to no change.
- Fall to spring a leap of 5% of students on and above grade level
 - 4 buildings made over a 10% jump from fall to winter.



Reading Fluency: Second - Fifth Grade



Fall to spring a leap of 6% of students on and above grade level

"The best reading strategy is the ability to read the words on the page."

— Cognitive Science & Literacy Research Findings



Middle School Reading Interventions

Oak-Land Middle School

- Of the 15 6th graders who did REWARDS, 9 **exited** (60%)
- Of the 17 7th graders who did REWARDS, 10 **exited** (58%)
- Of the 14 8th graders who did REWARDS, 3 **exited** (21%)

Overall exit rate of 48% in ONE SEMESTER!

Stillwater Middle School

- Of the 20 6th graders who did REWARDS, 8 **exited** (40%)
- Of the 10 7th graders who did REWARDS, 4 **exited** (40%)
- Of the 8 8th graders who did REWARDS, 5 **exited** (63%)

Overall exit rate of 45% in ONE SEMESTER!



Literacy Lab at Stillwater Area High School

New in
2026-2027
school year

- Elective credit for students who qualify for the course
- Taught in both fall and spring to accommodate different scheduling needs
- Is a multi grade course focused on reading fluency, word study, and application



Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum

Core Challenges

- Curriculum Overload
- Inconsistent Pacing
- Autonomy Tension

Why GVC Matters

- #1 Driver of Achievement
- Equity
- Instructional Clarity

Planning Forward

- Principals as instructional leaders
- Teacher Leaders
- Shared Feedback Loops



2026-27 Literacy

- MCA IV results will be released at the end of September
- 56 secondary teachers will begin Science of Reading Training
- New knowledge building curriculum K-5 (Spanish)
- Continue to serve reading interventions during PONY time at the middle schools
- Literacy Lab Elective at the high school both spring and fall semesters



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Questions