



**KIPP Delta Status Report:
State Charter Authorization Panel, DESE
February 20th, 2025**

KIPP:

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Introduction: Timeline

- **November 7th, 2024** – State Places KIPP Delta on Accreditation Probation
- **November 19th, 2024** – KIPP Delta Board of Directors Establish New School Leadership
- **November 20-21, 2024** – State DESE visits KIPP Delta Blytheville and Helena-W.Helena Campuses
- **December 4, 2024** – Legislative Audit Committee Findings
- **December 12th, 2024** – State Board Hears New KIPP Delta Leaders Address Probation, Corrections
- **February 20th, 2025** – State Panel Update from KIPP Delta Schools on Academics, SPED, Finances, Other

Accreditation of KIPP: Delta charter school system placed on probation for violations of special education requirements

November 7, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
by [Cynthia Howell](#)

Corrections underway, KIPP assures state

CYNTHIA HOWELL
Dec 13, 2024

leaders of the KIPP Delta Public Schools charter system on Thursday assured the Arkansas Board of Education that deficiencies that led to placing the system's accreditation on probation last month are being corrected.

"Seriously, there is no need to sugar coat it. Our school was in bad shape," Kevin Smith, the recently appointed interim executive director of the five-campus KIPP open-enrollment charter system, told the state board.

Smith thanked the education officials for "a real wake-up call" to the system, which has schools in both Helena-West Helena and Blytheville.

"It was a tough love thing," he said about the probation status, and "You could have let us hang out to dry" but choose to provide support instead.



Board of Directors & Governance Structural Issues

- October, 2024 – Board of Directors Selects New Chair – George Cotton, Vice Chancellor of Development at UAPB;
- November, 2024 – Board of Directors Selects New Interim Executive Director, Kevin Smith, Former Mayor and State Senator;
- December, 2024 – Board of Directors Changes Bylaws to require monthly board meetings and quarterly in-person board meetings;
- January, 2025 – Board of Directors and Interim ED Begin Review of New Policy and Procedures Manual, SPED Procedures and Processes, Etc...
- February, 2025 – Schedule Approved for 2025/26 School Year, New IEP & SPED Processes Announced, Academic Achievements & \$ savings;
- March, 2025 – New Policies and Procedures set to be adopted (first update in several years);



Academics

KIPP:

Literacy: KIPP Delta Released From Act 1082

As of **January 10th**, KIPP Delta was released from Act 1082, Directed Literacy Support:

“Based on the new ATLAS assessment results and cut scores, your school district will no longer be required to have Act 1082 check-ins with the district support unit.” Dr. Kiffany Pride, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, DESE

“This is great news, but it is not good enough, especially for a charter school. We want to be the model for others, not just better than half. That is where we once were, and will be again.”

Jennifer Ellis, Interim Director of Academics, KIPP Delta



Reading

This is a list of school districts that have been released from state intervention on reading for the 2023-24 school year and the school districts that are continuing to require state support.

Districts released from state intervention

Stuttgart School District	Malvern School District
Fordyce School District	Pocahontas School District
Booneville School District	Nevada School District
Izard County Consolidated School District	Mountain Pine School District
Hermitage School District	Westside School District (Johnson)
Piggott School District	Trumann School District
Deer-Mt. Judea School District	Crossett School District
Arkansas Virtual Academy	Prescott School District
Hazen School District	Barton School District
Huntsville School District	Little Rock School District
Paragould School District	Imboden Charter School District
Drew Central School District	North Little Rock School District
Waldron School District	Hope School District
Ozark Mountain School District	Two Rivers School District
Texarkana School District	Jacksonville North Pulaski School District
Estem Public Charter School	Hampton School District
Marion School District	Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools
Bradford School District	Bearden School District
Magnolia School District	Lakeside School District (Chicot)
Riverview School District	Dermott School District
Junction City School District	Kipp Delta Public Schools
Warren School District	Shirley School District
Newport School District	Brinkley School District
Hot Springs School District	Mineral Springs School District
Decatur School District	Arkansas School For The Blind
Star City School District	Osceola School District
Rector School District	Friendship Aspire Academies
Jonesboro School District	Arkansas
Nettleton School District	Graduate Arkansas Charter
Blevins School District	

Districts continuing with state intervention

Marked Tree School District	Blytheville School District
Future School Of Fort Smith	Earle School District
Augusta School District	Pine Bluff School District
Dumas School District	Strong-Huttig School District
Exalt Academy Of Southwest Little Rock	Lafayette County School District
Lee County School District	Premier High Schools Of Arkansas
Watson Chapel School District	Hope Academy Of Northwest Arkansas
West Memphis School District	Marvell-Elaine School District
Helena/West Helena School District	Arkansas School For The Deaf
Camden Fairview School District	Responsive Ed Solutions Premier High School Of Springdale*
Clarendon School District	
Forrest City School District	
Scholarmade Achievement Place Of Arkansas	

Academics



Middle of Year Scores

**Ranked #1 Nationwide
Among 28 KIPP
Foundation Regions,
including 278 schools
nationwide, from
California to New York.**

Middle Of Year Growth

**# 3 Fastest Growth Since
BOY (Beginning of Year)
of 28 KIPP Regions and
278 KIPP Schools
nationwide.**

DIBELS Middle of Year Performance and Growth

(All) (All) (All) (All) All Testers

Performance:
At or Above Benchmark (%) - MOY



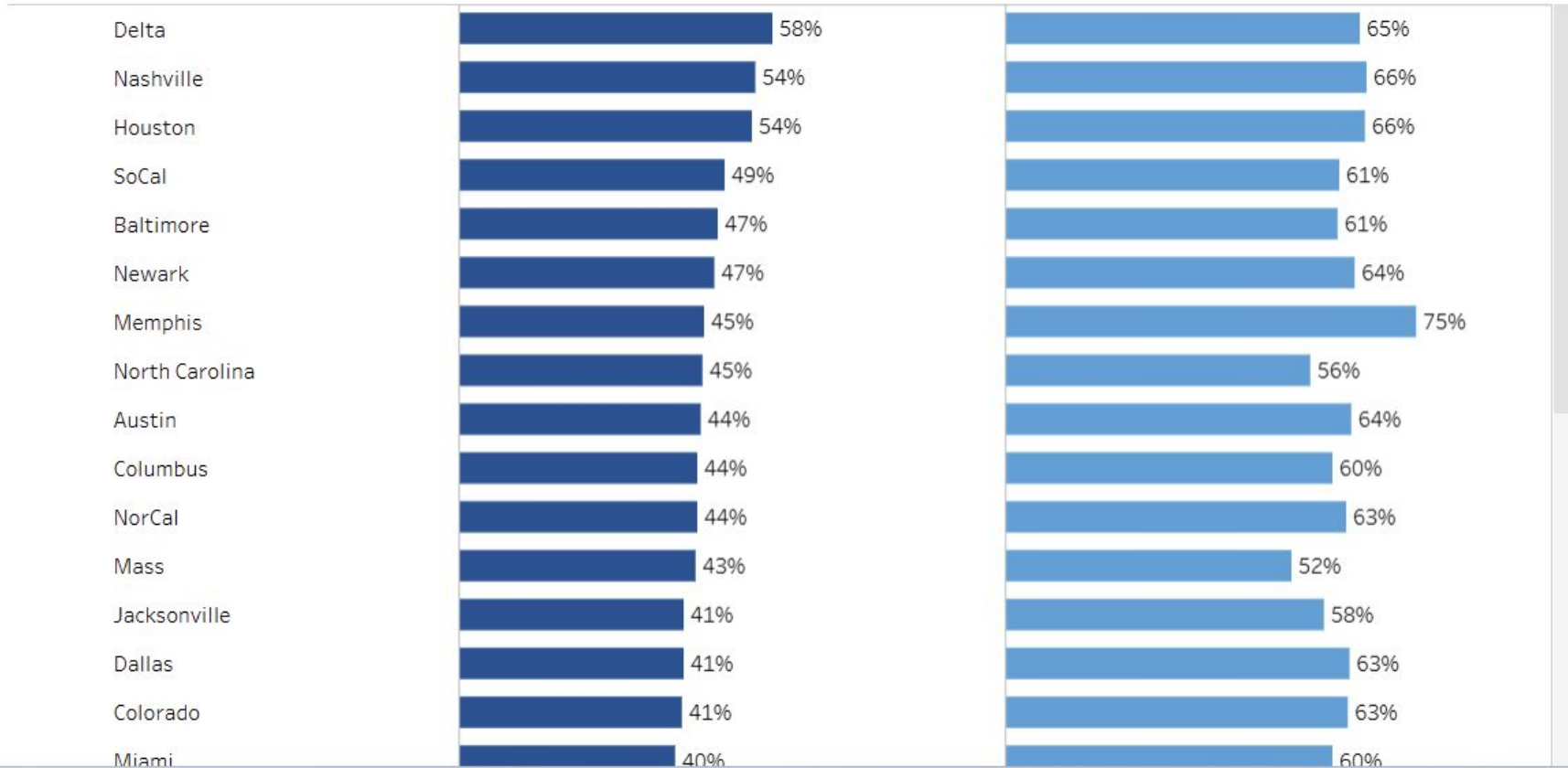
Growth:
Average, Above Average, or Well Above Average(%) - BOY to MOY




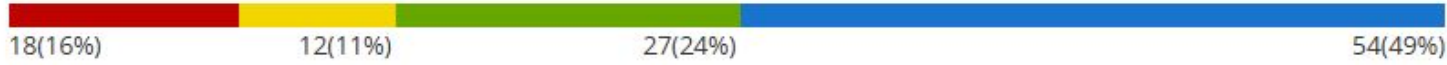





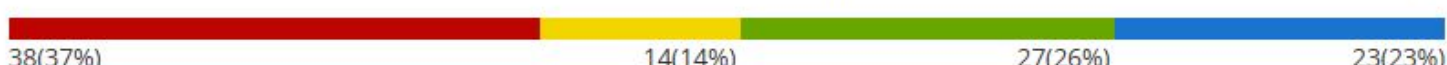
Sort By
Performance

Assessment Period
MOY
Performance Threshold
At or Above Benchmark

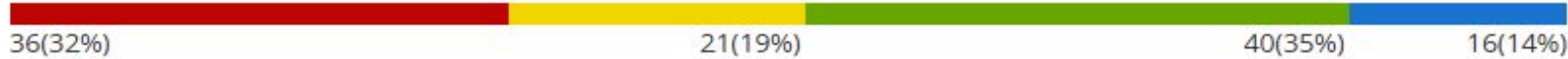





Growth Period
BOY to MOY
Growth Threshold
Average, Above Average, or Well Above Average



DIBELS Overall Regional Performance

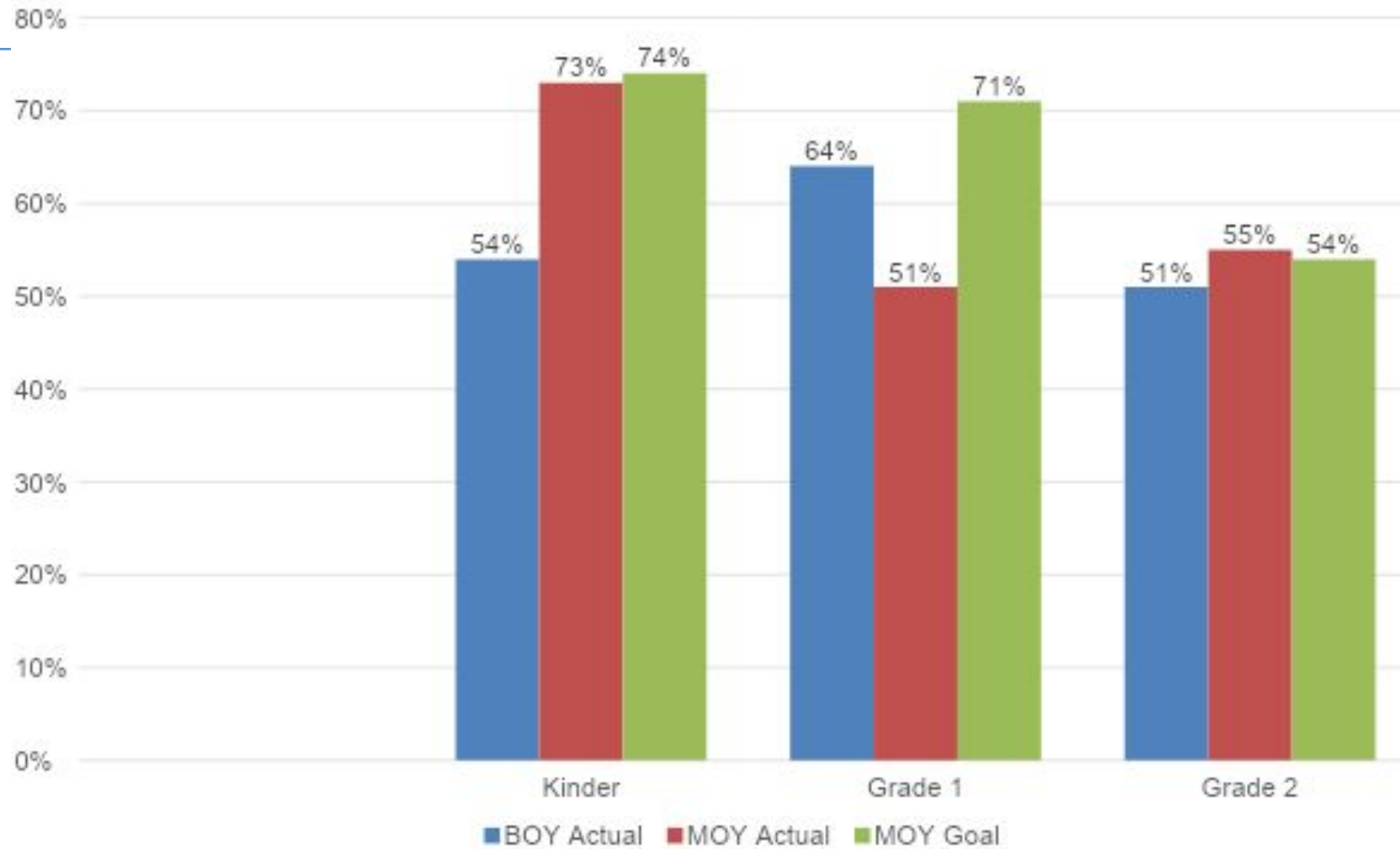
Grade K	
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	24-25 MOY  111
Grade 1	
KIPP Delta AR	24-25 BOY  100
	24-25 MOY  98
Grade 2	
KIPP Delta AR	24-25 BOY  129
	24-25 MOY  120
Grade 3	
KIPP Delta AR	24-25 BOY  108
	24-25 MOY  102

DIBELS Overall Performance: KIPP Delta

Grade 4	
KIPP Delta AR	24-25 BOY  113
	24-25 MOY  98
Grade 5	
KIPP Delta AR	24-25 BOY  112
	24-25 MOY  102
Grade 6	
KIPP Delta AR	24-25 BOY  22
	24-25 MOY  20

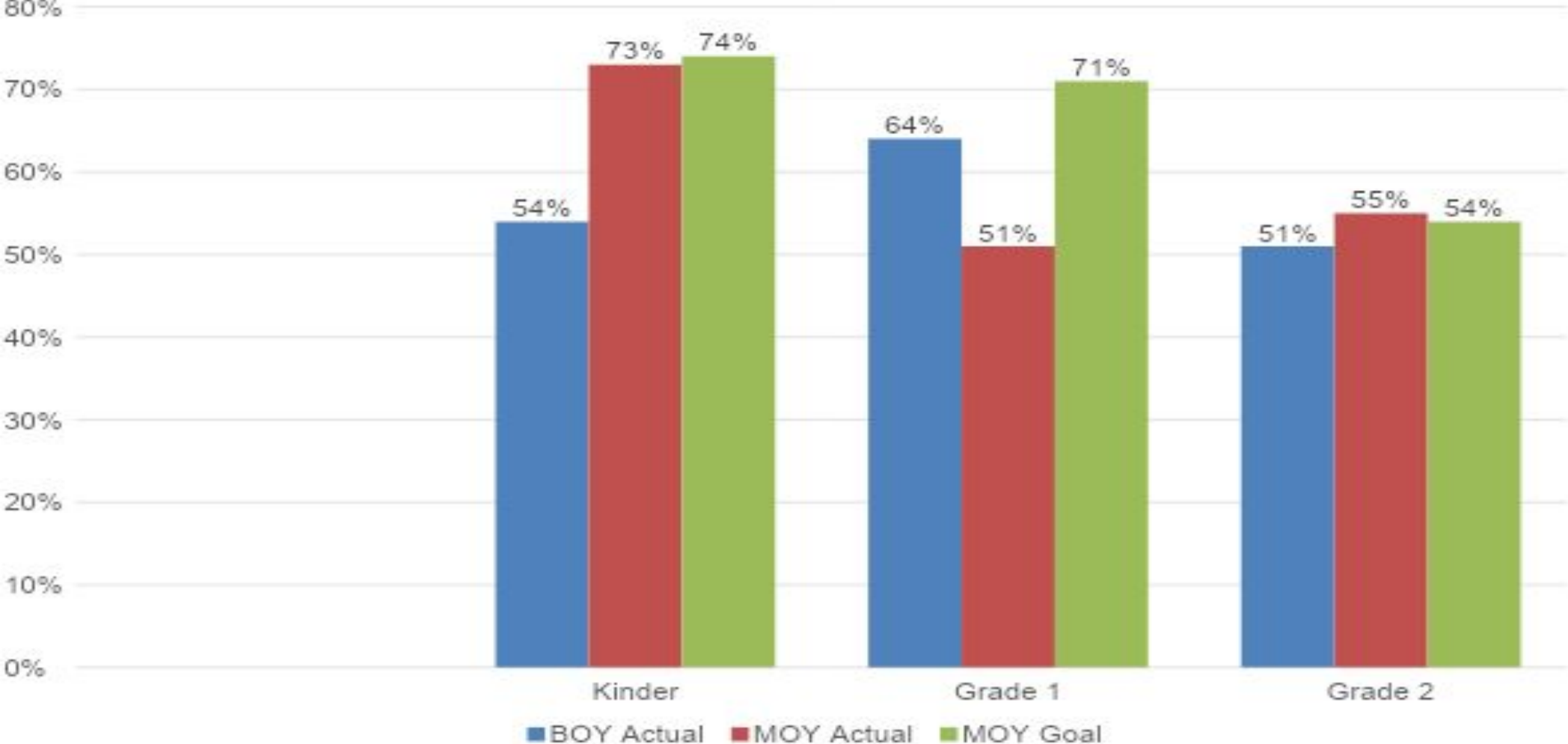
DIBELS Performance against our annual goals

Percentage of Students At/Above Benchmark, BOY to MOY



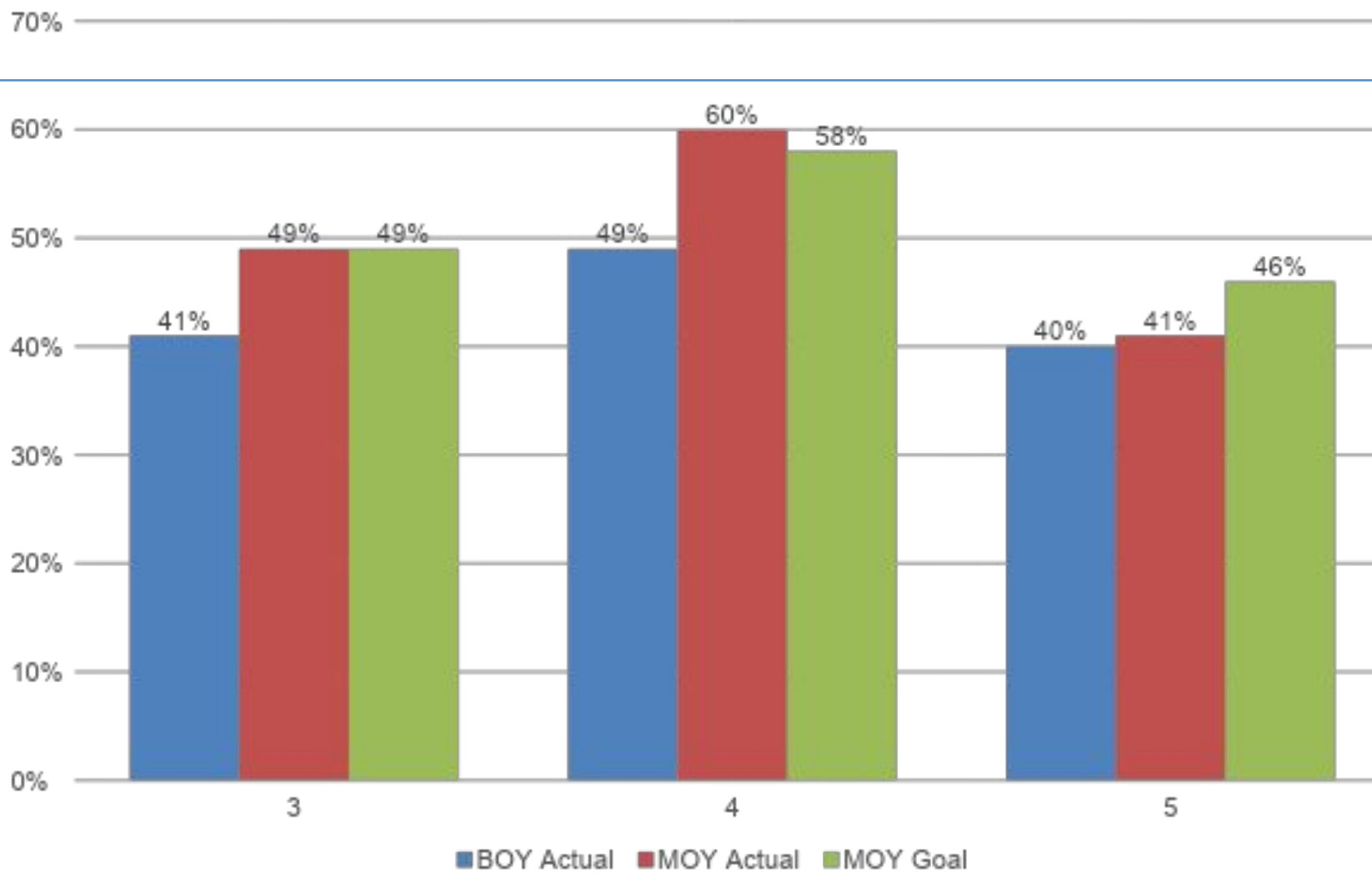
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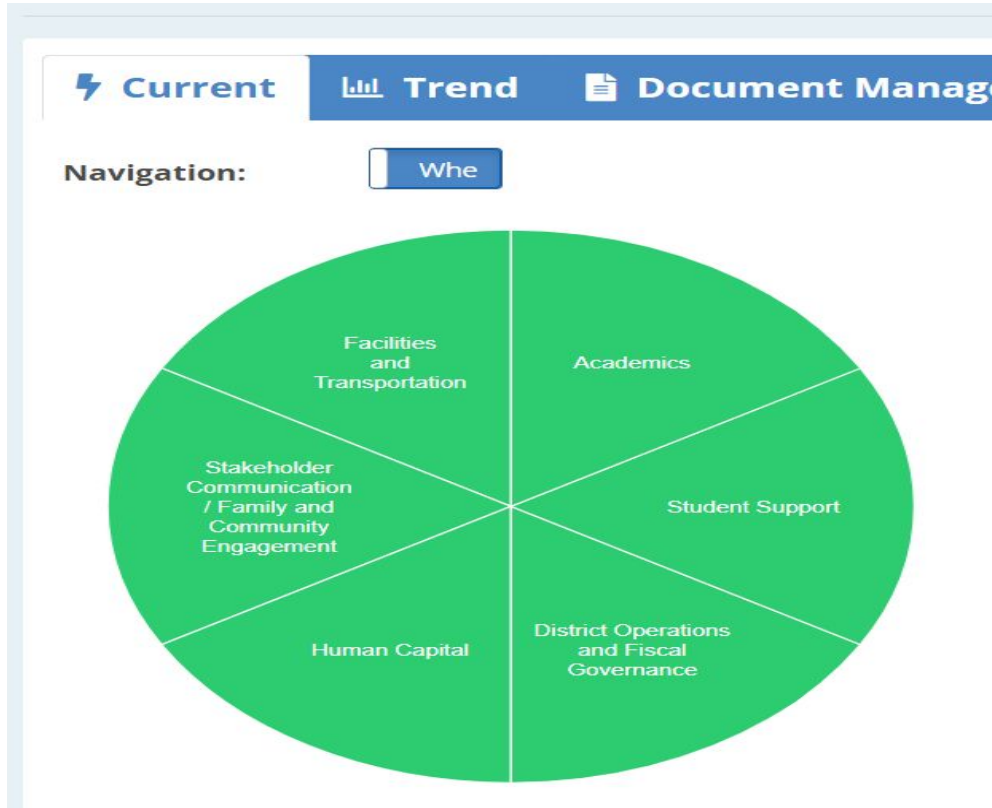


DIBELS Performance against our annual goals

Percentage of Students At/Above Benchmark, BOY to MOY



ADE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION



ADE Standards for Accreditation October-January

Academics: 14 errors

Student Support: 7 errors

District Operations and Fiscal Governance: 21 errors

Human Capital: 10 errors

Stakeholder Communication / Family Engagement: 7 errors

Source: Dese Standards for Accreditation



SPED

KIPP:

Probation: Status

KIPP Delta Public Schools sanctioned for not complying with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and for not offering a full continuum of special education services as required by that law.

Complaint One: Complaint filed by a parent in June 2023 resulted in an investigation and final report in August 2023 that provided a corrective action plan. By November, 2024 many of the items in the CAP had not been completed;

STATUS 02/20/2025: CAP Items Required of KIPP Delta In Place & Parent Has Signed CAP Agreement.

Complaint Two: Filed Sept. 3, 2024 resulting in a State investigation and on-site visit Oct. 2, during which State officials determined no related services were being provided to students eligible for an Individualized Education Program (IEP);

Status 02/20/2025: All Related Services Are Current on Ongoing Services Regarding All Student IEPs, in all services, ie Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Physical Therapy; all students with Related Services on their IEPs are being provided compensatory (make-up) services (see chart & tracker) with a realistic prospect of being completed before beginning of 2025/26 School Year;

Complaint Three: Regarding a SPED student not receiving a 1:1 aide in a timely manner as prescribed by student's IEP;

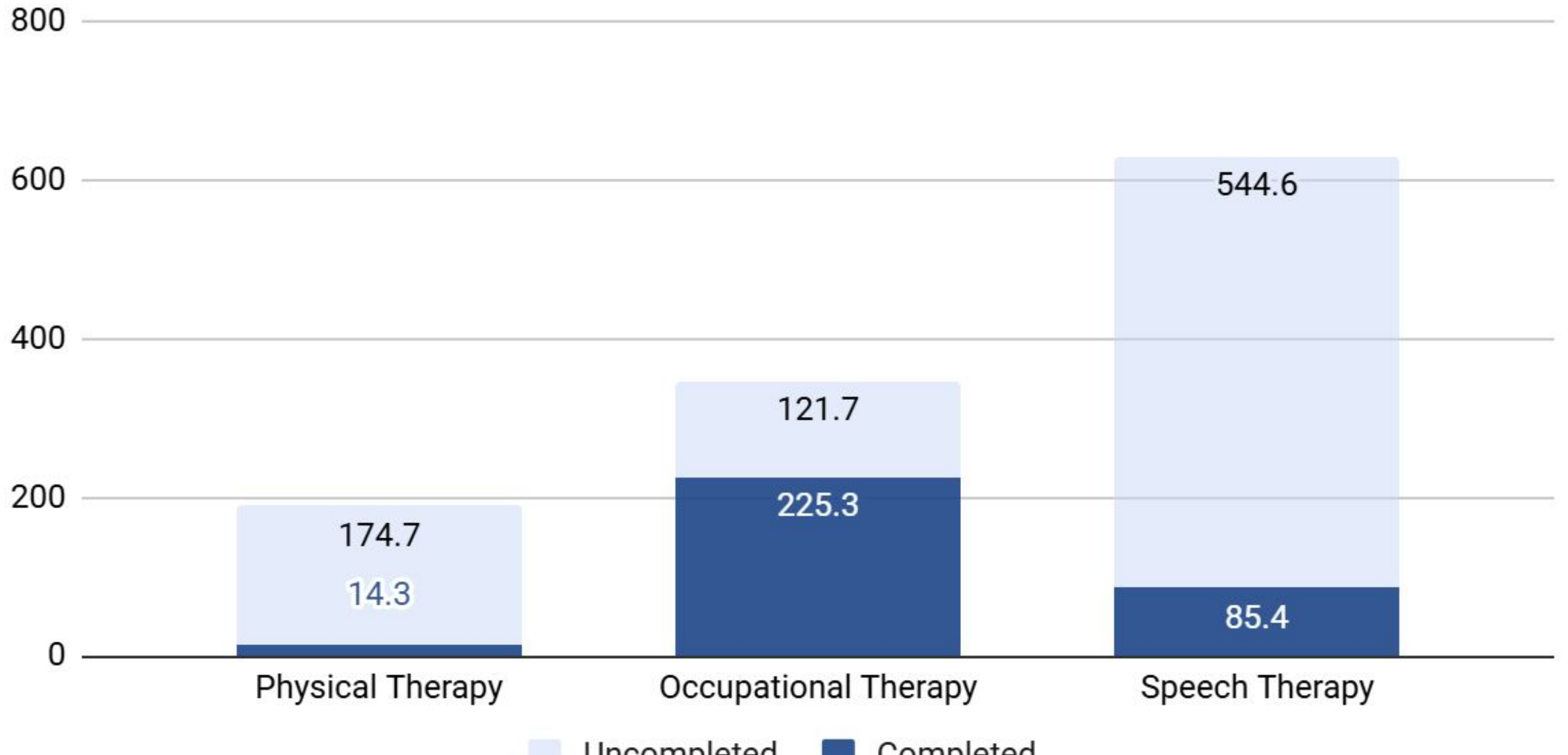
Status 02/20/2025: Student has received 1:1 Aide and Parents and Student Are Satisfied, Complaint Officially & Voluntarily Withdrawn;

Complaint Four: Regarding a SPED student not receiving related services as prescribed in the IEP.

Status as of 02/20/2025: Student is Current with Ongoing Related Services and Making Substantial Progress on Compensatory Services, Complaint is being Officially & Voluntarily Withdrawn.

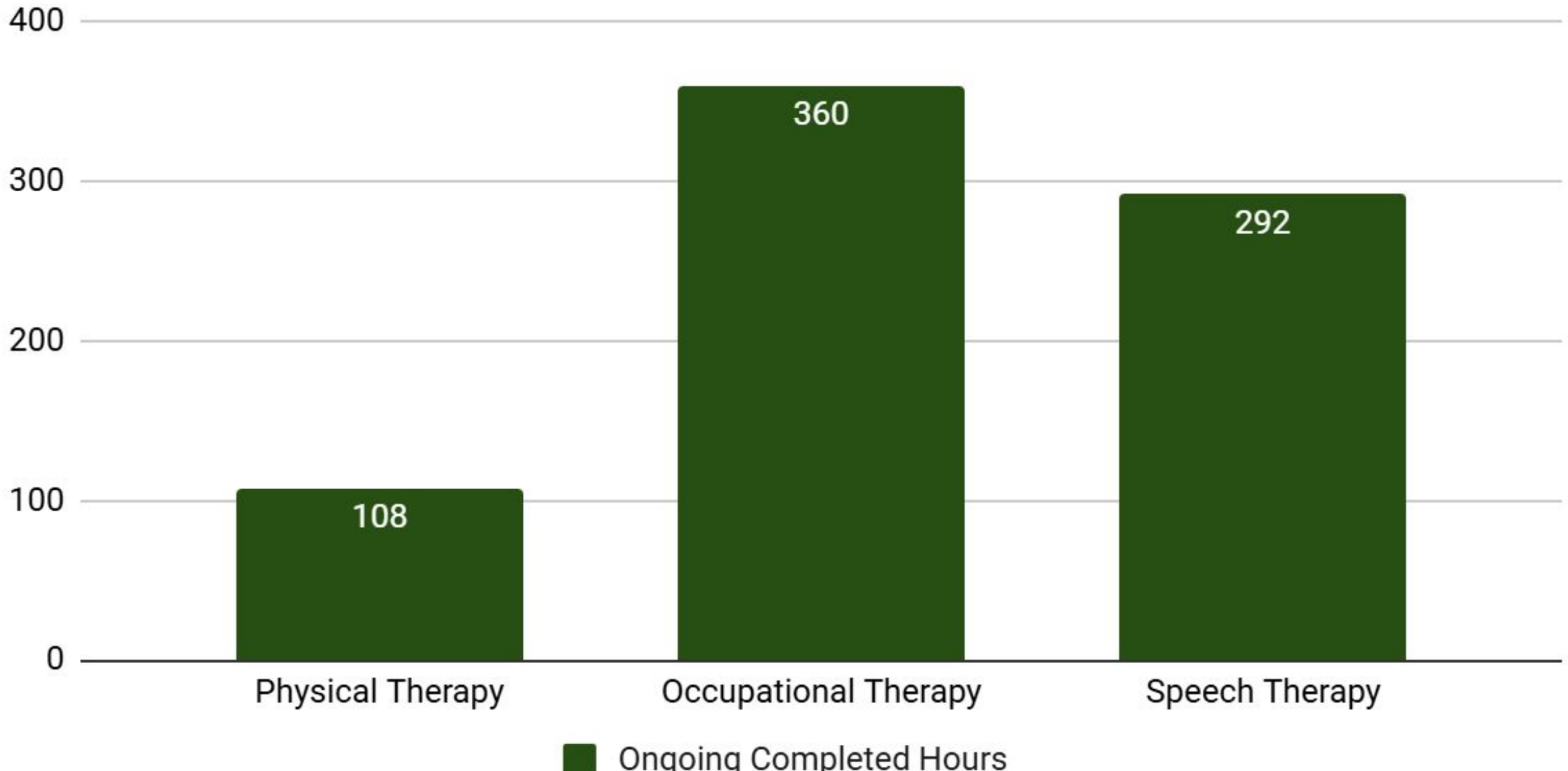
KIPP Delta SPED Related Services

Compensatory as of 2/12/2025



KIPP Delta SPED Ongoing Completed Hours

Current as of 2/12/2025





Finances

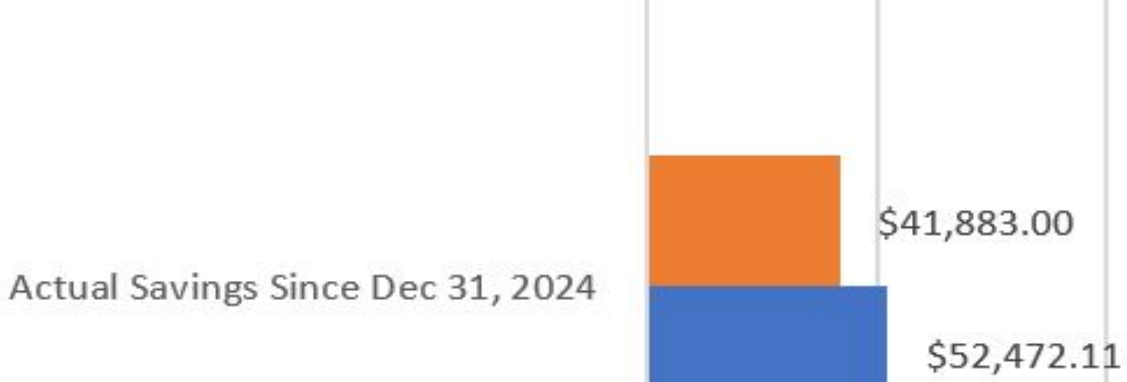
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FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

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District :		KIPP DELTA													
Unrestricted Funds:															
2024-2025		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected	TOTAL
		July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Period 13	
BEGINNING BALANCE		1,478,363.47	2,351,005.79	4,585,939.13	4,101,768.58	3,374,118.96	4,272,376.69	2,604,021.31	2,411,879.18	2,255,503.13	2,099,127.08	1,942,751.03	1,760,828.98	1,578,906.93	
REVENUE															
Local Tax (received July - December)															0.00
Local Tax (received January - June)															0.00
Other Local Revenue															0.00
Foundation Funding		795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00	795,012.00		9,540,144.00
Other State Aide		44,396.00	553,467.00	18,355.13	17,850.00	124,539.13	91,543.13	43,396.00	43,396.00	43,396.00	43,396.00	17,850.00	17,850.00		1,059,434.39
Other Revenue															0.00
Loan Proceeds		750,000.00													750,000.00
Transfers (From Building Fund Only)															0.00
Total Revenue		1,589,408.00	1,348,479.00	813,367.13	812,862.00	919,551.13	886,555.13	838,408.00	838,408.00	838,408.00	838,408.00	812,862.00	812,862.00	0.00	11,349,578.39
EXPENDITURES															
Salaries & Benefits		595,404.74	(1,179,011.69)	1,054,845.64	389,302.16	739,281.88	711,112.37	712,639.75	736,615.31	736,615.31	736,615.31	736,615.31	736,615.31		6,706,651.40
Other Expenditures		121,360.94	292,557.35	242,692.04	1,151,209.46	(717,988.48)	1,843,798.14	317,910.38	258,168.74	258,168.74	258,168.74	258,168.74	258,168.74		4,542,383.53
Debt Services Payments															0.00
All Other Debt Payments (all types of debt)															0.00
Transfers to Bldg fund															0.00
Transfers to Food Service Fund															0.00
Other:															0.00
Total Expenditures		716,765.68	(886,454.34)	1,297,537.68	1,540,511.62	21,293.40	2,554,910.51	1,030,550.13	994,784.05	994,784.05	994,784.05	994,784.05	994,784.05	0.00	11,249,034.93
ENDING BALANCE		2,351,005.79	4,585,939.13	4,101,768.58	3,374,118.96	4,272,376.69	2,604,021.31	2,411,879.18	2,255,503.13	2,099,127.08	1,942,751.03	1,760,828.98	1,578,906.93	1,578,906.93	

Savings Chart



Contractal Savings
Salary Savings

Total Actual
Administrative Savings
*(non-teacher)
12.31.24-1.31.25
\$94,355.11
Total Projected
(6.30.25) **\$524,115.00**

\$- \$50,000.00 \$100,000.00 \$150,000.00 \$200,000.00 \$250,000.00

E-Finance & Audit Issues:

- Legislative Audit Identified Multiple Gaps in Deposits and Expenditure Transactions for FY 2023, mostly due to lack of data and coding entry;
- Legislative Audit Made Multiple Recommendations to KIPP Delta regarding future bookkeeping, regulatory policies, procedures and practices;
- December, 2024 Kipp Delta Enters Contract with the Arkansas Public School Resource Center for bookkeeping services;
- February, 2025 Kipp Delta enters into outside contract to monitor compliance with all audit recommendations and standards;
- As of 02/20/2025, 90% of accounting back-entries have been identified and entered through December, 2024.

Thank you!