

Putnam County Junior High School

School Board Report

February 11, 2015

Winter Benchmarking Information – MAP Testing

I have attached some data from our MAP testing winter benchmarking. The three attachments are broken down per grade level in both math and reading. I wanted to highlight some comparative items to reference some positive signs of growth from the beginning of the year. First of all, the test taking process went so much smoother the second time around. As you may recall, we had quite a few technical issues with our 1:1 piloting. The fall testing cycle consumed quite a few class periods and was rather disruptive to the school days. This time around, the technical issues were non-existent. The 7th and 8th grade were able to login and take both their tests during one morning compared to missing several class periods due to the inability to consistently login. The 6th grade was able to rotate through the lab and also utilize the Chromebook cart to get the testing completed with a minimal disruption to their schedule.

I would like to focus on some specific areas as follows:

6th Grade Mathematics

Mean RIT up 3 pts Norm Grade Level Mean RIT up 3.2 pts

There were five less students in the Lo %ile<21

6th Grade Reading

Mean RIT up 2 pts Norm Grade Level Mean RIT up 2 pts

There were four less students in the Lo %ile<21 and four less students in the LoAvg %ile 21-40

7th Grade Mathematics

Mean RIT up 4 pts Norm Grade Level Mean RIT up 3 pts

There were three less students in the Lo %ile<21 and five more students in the Hi%ile>80

7th Grade Reading

Mean RIT up 1 pt Norm Grade Level Mean RIT up 2 pts

Over half of the grade level is at or above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT 34/65 students

8th Grade Mathematics

Mean RIT up 1 pt

Norm Grade Level Mean RIT up 2.6 pts

There were four students that moved up into the Avg %ile 41-60 Close to 50% Grade At or Above Grade Level Mean RIT

8th Grade Reading

Mean RIT up .7 pt

Norm Grade Level Mean RIT up 2 pts

There were six students that moved up into the Avg %ile 41-60 and 31/63 students At or Above Grade Level Mean RIT

These are overall grade level comparisons. We are continuously working on evaluating the multiple sub groups and their performance on the MAP test. For example, we will analyze the growth or results from students in the advanced math sections, special education clusters, and students that are receiving RtI services. Overall, the results were very positive and there was consistent growth in all grades in both reading and mathematics. Again, this process went so much better and literally a very minimal amount of instructional time was lost. We will be gearing up for the third benchmarking session scheduled for this spring. We are looking at MAP testing prior to our spring break. Again, we the technology infrastructure working well our building will complete this assessment piece in a matter of a couple mornings.

PARCC

The junior high is finalizing our PARCC testing schedule for the upcoming testing window. Our goal at the junior high school is to administer one test per morning. There are five tests in all for the PBA – performance based assessment. Our goal is to complete this phase over one week. We will look to run an abbreviated schedule that is similar to our current 2:05 dismissal. This will reduce the length of each class period from 42 minutes down to 37 minutes. This is probably the least disruptive to the educational environment. We will look to follow the same type of schedule during the EOY – end of year assessment. This also has five separate tests to administer.

Athletic Updates

The boys' 7th and 8th grade basketball seasons concluded. The 7th grade lost to El Paso-Gridley. The 8th grade lost in the regional semi-finals to Metamora. The junior high volleyball season is in the finishing stretch. The teams will be competing in the LTC tournament the week of February 23rd. The 7th grade play in Lowpoint-Washburn and the 8th grade plays at Midland. The 7th grade regional beings on Saturday, February 28th and the 8th grade begin on Saturday, March 7th. Junior High track practice will look to begin either March 2nd or 9th depending on weather.

Staff Evaluations

I am final stages of completing all staff evaluations for this school year. Again, this is a busy and rewarding process. I have had the opportunity to have some very meaningful and productive discussions with staff during the process. Overall, the staff is doing very well. I am very proud of how the newly hired staff members have blended with the veteran staff. I will have all staff recommendations available for the March school board meeting.