

# Browning Elementary

Board Report for August 13, 2024

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## **New School Year:**

We are prepared for the 2024-25 school year and look forward to students returning back to school in a couple of weeks. Thanks to the SLT and SBE planning, we have planned our work around safety matters, attendance matters, graduation matters and culture matters.

## **Custodians:**

Browning Elementary looks amazing thanks to the maintenance department and our school custodians Angela Spotted Eagle, Quentin New Rober and William Lawrence. The school grounds outside the building and inside have been cleaned and prepped in preparation for the new school year.

## **Core planning at SBE:**

Grade level teams came in for SBE Core Content planning to plan the upcoming 2024-25 school year. Teams worked on planning instructional curriculum maps for science, social studies, writing, reading and math.

In addition, the teams learned about the new statewide assessment that starts this year called MAST which stands for Montana Aligned to Standards through year. Third grade students will no longer take the SBAC state test as the state has moved to a new test. The new requirement is a big change for our third grade students who will now be required to complete the MAST four times throughout the year.

Core Teams at SBE spent their valuable time looking at their planning documents to revise their teaching plans to be in alignment with the state standards to ensure that students are taught the specific grade level standards for reading and math in each of the testing windows.

The testing windows are as follows:

- Window 1: October 14-November 22
  - 3-5 Math testlets
  - 2 ELA Beginning of year (BOY) testlets
- Window 2: January 13-February 21
  - 3-5 Math testlets
  - 2 ELA Middle of year (MOY) performance tasks
- Window 3: March 24-May 2
  - 3-5 Math testlets
  - 2 ELA End of year (EOY) performance tasks
- Window 4: May 5-May 23
  - 1 Anchor testlet for math
  - 1 Anchor testlet for ELA

In each window students are assessed on ELA and Math state standards that were taught prior to that window. In each window there are a specific number of testlets that need to be completed for assessment.

This will be an adjustment as we move away from testing once a year to four times a year. We will receive instant student reports that will be provided to families on their child's performance in meeting the grade level proficiency standards. It will help teachers make instructional decisions in a timely manner to adjust their instruction to ensure that standards are being met.