

CRES Board Report: May, 2023

2022-2023 Goals

- **#1 - All Students Ready for School**

80% of students in the Little Rangers program who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023 will be able to identify 11 or more uppercase letters, as assessed by the BPS Early Childhood Assessment Kit.

- **#2 - Read by 3rd Grade**

Each grade level, 2nd through 3rd, will achieve an overall Student Growth Percentile on the spring 2023 STAR Reading assessment as follows: 2nd grade will achieve a SGP of 50, and 3rd grade will achieve a SGP of 70. 1st grade will deploy the STAR Early Literacy Assessment to determine a benchmark.

- **#3 - Close the Achievement Gap**

The proficiency gap on the Spring STAR math assessment between CI students qualifying for free and reduced lunch and students not qualifying for free and reduced lunch will decrease from 25.5% in 2022 to 20% in 2023.

- **#4 - Career and College Readiness**

90% of 9th, 10th, and 11th graders at Crosby-Ironton High School will be on track to graduate based on credits at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. *On track is defined as being able to still graduate without credit recovery.

- **#5 - All Students Graduate From High School**

90% of seniors who begin and end the 2022-2023 school year at Crosby-Ironton High School will graduate.

ata – I am currently in the process of compiling and analyzing year-long STAR math and reading data as I prepare for our Title 1 Family Advisory Council meeting. This data, along with MCA data (which I have not had time to look at yet) will be at the core of our Comprehensive Needs Assessment, which is a part of our Title 1 application process. June is a very busy month when it comes to preparing and submitting our Title 1 application, but I'm trying to get a headstart on it. I will also be using this data to determine if we met some of our World's Best Workforce goals.

2024-2025 Ideas - The CRES Site Team has been working with the staff on some new ideas for the 2024-2025 school year. These ideas include using the first two student contact days of the school year to do individual K-6 entrance conferences, which is exactly what kindergarten currently does. Each classroom teacher, and special education teacher when appropriate, would meet for 15-20 minutes with individual families. Also, during this time, our Title 1 team could complete some of their assessments, we could have school pictures taken, and take care of some other activities that often take away from classroom time. We are reaching out to neighboring districts who already do this to learn more about how it works in their schools. This idea would replace the traditional CRES Open House Night.

Another idea we are considering is adding a second parent-teacher conference later in the year, possibly in February. This is a very common practice in other districts. In fact, until I came to CRES, I had never worked in a district that didn't have two PT conferences during the year.

If we were to implement both of these ideas, we would increase our family-engagement opportunities significantly. We would have two PT conferences, three AFTT nights, and one individual entrance conference for each student.

MCTM Conference – Nine CRES teachers and I attended the MN Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) conference in Duluth on April 21 and 22. This was a very informative conference, and much of what we learned will shape the future of math instruction at CRES. Peter Liljedahl was one of our

keynote speakers. Prior to the conference, everyone on the math leadership team had received a copy of his book "Building Thinking Classrooms". This book contains 14 strategies that we will be examining and working to integrate into all of our math classrooms over the next year or so. The team will be using the book for a book study, and then planning how to provide staff development to the rest of the math teachers in the building.

Field Trips - Many of our grade levels have taken field trips over the past few weeks. I am happy to, once again, announce that our students continue to represent Crosby-Ironton very well on these trips.

Respectfully submitted;
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