

Somers Board of Education Meeting.
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:00 PM
Somers High School Media Center, 5 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

All visitors to Somers Public Schools must wear a mask.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**
 1. Mr. Carlos Mezger, MBA World Language Teacher will be recognized.
Mrs. Margot Martello, Principal of Mabelle B. Avery Middle School will recognize Mr. Carlos Mezger for his work.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Draft Minutes of Board of Education Meeting of September 27, 2021 3
Draft Minutes of Board of Education Meeting of September 27, 2021 for the Board to review and approve.
5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 1. Warrant of October 12, 2021. 8
Board to consent to warrant of October 12, 2021
 2. 2nd Warning of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Calendar 14
The Board to consent to 2nd Warning of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Calendar.
 3. 2nd Warning 2022-2023 Budget Process Calendar 15
Board to consent to 2nd Warning 2022-2023 Budget Process Calendar.
 4. Somers Public Schools Staff leaving or retiring
Karen Saxton, Nurse at Somers Elementary School resigned and will be leaving on October 15, 2021.
Amanda Welch, Somers High School Physical Education Teacher will be going out maternity leave from January 3, 2022 thru April 4, 2022.
Tom Eaton, SES IT Support, leaving in October
Stacy Corbin - SHS Monitor, leaving October 22, 2021
Jennifer Sugarmeyer - going out for Maternity/ CRL on October 25, 2021 till end of school year.
Retiring 12/31/21 Somers Elementary School Heidi McCarthy, (Music Teacher) - 35 years
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Quarterly Budget Report 16
Mrs. Levin will be there for any questions in the Quarterly Budget Report.
 2. Discussion to Add Livestreaming to Future BOE Meetings
The Board will discuss adding livestreaming to future BOE meetings.
8. **OLD BUSINESS**
9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 1. Standardized Test Data 2021 19
Mrs. Senecal will be there for this presentation.
 2. Informational 2021-22 Organization Chart for Board. 46
Informational 2021-22 Organization Chart for Board.
 3. Superintendent's Update
The Superintendent will update the Board.
10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. Curriculum
 2. Policy Committee

3. Planning Committee
4. Salary & Negotiations Committee
11. **CREC UPDATE**
12. **AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Somers Board of Education Meeting
Somers High School Media Center
September 27, 2021
7 PM**

Attendance Taken At: 7:02 PM

Present Board Members: Bruce Devlin, Anne Kirkpatrick, Jan Martin, Sarah Bollinger, Krista Cherry, Marissa Marks, Kate McLellan, David Palmer, Chris Thiesing

Others: Brian Czapla, Dr. Denise Messina, Caroline Hargrave, Dina Senecal, Dorothy Ruggiero, Caitlin Cooke, Pat Soucy, Tom Chilicki, Jim Formica, Christophe Huestis, Shannon Kelleher, Theresa Kochanek, Lindsay Jamgochian, Giselle Genece

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Devlin at 7:03 p.m. in the Somers High School Media Center.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla asked Dr. Denise Messina, Director of Pupil Services, to introduce Caroline Hargraves, Coordinator of Pupil Services, to the BOE. Dr. Messina stated that Ms. Hargraves stood out in a strong pool of candidates with strong endorsements from her previous district in Stafford. Besides her many qualifications for special education and social-emotional learning, Ms. Hargraves has a background as a Behavioral Specialist for CREC. She began her career as an intern at SHS with Lisa Grenier, School Counselor. Dr. Messina stated that Ms. Hargraves has come at the most opportune time as the State will be adopting a new IEP beginning 2022-2023 as well as a new database for special education. Ms. Hargraves thanked Superintendent Czapla and the BOE. She stated that Pupil Services has been quite busy. One of her goals has been familiarizing herself with the teachers and buildings.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Draft Minutes of Board of Education Meeting on September 13, 2021

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the draft minutes of Board of Education Meeting of September 13, 2021.

Motion to approve the September 13, 2021 Draft Minutes. This motion, made by Kate McLellan and seconded by Sarah Bollinger, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

5. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by David Palmer and seconded by Anne Kirkpatrick, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

6.1. Warrant of September 27, 2021

Rationale: The Board will review and consent to the warrant of September 27, 2021.

6.2. 2nd Warning of Somers DBS Policy 2210.3 - Staff Covid-19 Vaccinations

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the 2nd Warning of Somers DBS Policy 2210.3 - Staff Covid-19 Vaccinations.

6.3. 2nd Warning of Somers DBS Code 9273 - Civility Code

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the 2nd Warning of Somers DBS Code 9273 - Civility Code. Policy Committee members are available for questions.

6.4. 2nd Warning of Somers DBS Code 9221 Method of Filling Vacancies

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the 2nd Warning of Somers DBS Code 9221 – Method of Filling Vacancies. Policy Committee members are available for questions.

6.5. Retirement of three Somers Public School Teachers

Rationale: Mrs. Lori Polis, Special Education Teacher at Somers Elementary School, will be retiring as of January 1, 2022.

Mr. Roy Slater, Technology Engineering Ed Teacher at Somers High School, will be retiring on January 28, 2022.

Mr. Michael Byrnes, Special Education Teacher at Somers High School, will be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. 1st Warning of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Rationale: The Board to review the 1st Warning of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Calendar.

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla stated that the 2022 Board of Education meeting calendar has remained the same as previous years and follows the same format. The meeting calendar will be brought to the next Board of Education meeting for approval.

7.2. 1st Warning 2022-2023 Budget Process Calendar

Rationale: 1st Warning 2022-2023 Budget Process Calendar for Board to review.

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla stated that the 2022-2023 Budget Process Calendar has remained the same. The town has not yet set dates for the public hearing, town meeting, and referendum.

7.3. Approval of MOU with the SEA

Rationale: Board to review and approve the MOU of the SEA Contract.

Motion to approve the MOU of the SEA contract. This motion, made by Sarah Bollinger and seconded by Jan Martin, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla stated that this is a memorandum of understanding regarding the potential change in work conditions in relation to Covid. A sick bank has been established where everyone donates a sick day to the sick bank. This was done last year as well and not used. There is no financial impact on the district and minimal operational impact.

7.4. Board of Education Candidate Workshop on October 25, 2021

Rationale: Discussion on Board of Education Candidate Workshop on October 25, 2021.

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla recommended two BOE Candidate Workshops. The first workshop would be held prior to the election and would consist of a member from CAFE discussing what it means to be a BOE member as well as committee chairs providing an overview of their roles. Superintendent Czapla would like to invite a member of CAFE back post-election to discuss budgeting, strategic planning, FOI, etc. Discussion ensued among BOE members.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1. To Accept as Complete the Somers Elementary School Oil Tank Replacement Project

Rationale: The Board to accept as complete the Somers Elementary School Oil Tank Replacement Project.

Motion to accept as complete the Somers Elementary School Oil Tank Replacement Project. This motion, made by Anne Kirkpatrick and seconded by Jan Martin, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9.1. Curriculum and Instruction Presentation

Rationale: Mrs. Senecal will be there to answer any questions on the Curriculum and Instruction presentation.

Discussion: Dina Senecal, Director of Curriculum, updated the BOE on the timeline of curriculum and instruction. She stated that curriculum and instruction always goes back to the mission and vision of educating the whole child. Academic achievement and social/emotional learning are two components to educating the whole child.

Prior to 2018, there had been a lack of horizontal and vertical alignment, so there was not a smooth progression from grade to grade; there weren't materials to support curriculum and instruction; professional development was described as "flash in the pan"; there was an increase in mental health needs of students which

affected classrooms; and, test scores were declining. In order to address these issues, the focus is on change in order to get the results.

Mrs. Senecal presented a timeline from 2018-2021. She stated that with any type of initiative there is a staggered approach to implementation. At SES, Foundations is a three-phase roll-out. This helps the district cost-wise because training the teachers is implemented over time. MBA has a Student Success Skills program that focuses on executive functioning. SHS has an increase in AP course offerings. The pandemic changed the curriculum roll-out dramatically. There was a need for technology support for remote and hybrid learning.

Mrs. Senecal discussed where curriculum and instruction are heading:

- Piloting IReady, a new diagnostic platform for grades 1-10 (The teachers have had positive feedback stating that IReady is easy to read with personalized instruction and provides targeted interventions).
- The addition of a Coordinator of Pupil Services
- A new SEL program pilot, "School Connect," through advisory once a month at SHS
- Additional AP courses at SHS in Computer Science and Language and Composition for a total of 12
- Additional universal screeners in ELA at SES
- New ELA program implementation at MBA
- Curriculum guides by subject and grade level for parents/guardians (including subject areas)
- Ongoing PD to support current initiatives and programs (important for new staff)
- The return of periodic data teams at SES and MBA

Discussion ensued among BOE members.

9.2. Superintendent Updates

Rationale: The Superintendent will give the Board an update on events at Somers Public Schools.

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla updated the BOE on recent events. He stated that there are still some positive Covid cases, but the numbers seem to be declining. Schools are all doing very well as far as in-person learning with a sense of normalcy. He acknowledged Pat Soucy from First Student as well as all of the bus drivers. There has been no disruption in bus routes.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. Curriculum

Discussion: No report.

10.2. Policy Committee

Discussion: Anne Kirkpatrick stated that the committee met prior to the 9/27/21 BOE meeting from 6-7 p.m. with the charge given from the BOE to review policy 0521 to determine if it had been violated. The committee received the legal opinion from Attorney William Connon. Based on his opinion, the policy had not

been violated. The information in question was provided to staff as a resource. They were not required to use or read the information. The information was not mandated to be used in the classroom. Six residents attended the policy meeting, and comments from the public were allowed prior to the motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made at the end of the meeting and agreed upon unanimously that the committee did not feel the policy was violated based on legal opinion. The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on 10/12/21 at 6 p.m. in room 211 at SHS.

10.3. Planning Committee

Discussion: No report. David Palmer stated that the next meeting will be held prior to the next BOE meeting.

10.4. Salary & Negotiations Committee

Discussion: No report.

11. CREC UPDATE

Discussion: Krista Cherry stated that there was a virtual and in-person meeting on 9/15/21. There were two presentations including new policies coming out of legislation as well as the Head Start Program. Krista Cherry stated that she will share the presentations with the BOE.

12. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Discussion: A member of the audience referenced a letter sent to the Superintendent.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:02 p.m. This motion, made by Jan Martin and seconded by Kate McLellan, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Jan Martin, BOE Secretary

Date

Shannin Burns, BOE Recording Secretary

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 70768

Check Batch: 46770
 Check Header: (N/A)
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
46770	20654	10/12/2021	V62704	A&D Portable Rentals	0.00	90.00
	20655	10/12/2021	V61279	A+ Pump & Service, LLC	0.00	230.00
	20656	10/12/2021	V02185	Allston Supply Co. Inc.	0.00	142.26
	20657	10/12/2021	V52670	SYNCB/AMAZON	0.00	870.86
	20658	10/12/2021	V60446	Anderson, Kenneth W	0.00	130.00
	20659	10/12/2021	V60040	Anthem Life Insurance Company	0.00	2,417.31
	20660	10/12/2021	V51604	Awards & More	0.00	10.00
	20661	10/12/2021	V60758	Bendzinski, Mike	0.00	250.00
	20662	10/12/2021	E00450	Bergamini, Lisa	0.00	25.20
	20663	10/12/2021	V61672	Best Plumbing Specialties	0.00	183.61
	20664	10/12/2021	V60600	BSN Sports LLC	0.00	926.76
	20665	10/12/2021	V00129	Carolina Biological Supply Co.	0.00	34.14
	20666	10/12/2021	V02541	Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	0.00	133.87
	20667	10/12/2021	V54308	Gale/CENGAGE Learning	0.00	50.00
	20668	10/12/2021	V61551	Cleaning Stuff	0.00	47.09
	20669	10/12/2021	V02198	The Connecticut Water Company	0.00	3,997.50
	20670	10/12/2021	V61473	COX Business	0.00	917.64
	20671	10/12/2021	V60709	DBS Financial Services LLC	0.00	2,372.53
	20672	10/12/2021	V00236	Demco, Inc.	0.00	77.93
	20673	10/12/2021	V02751	Dependable Ductwork Cleaning	0.00	2,025.00

Approved by:

Date:


 Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services
 10/16/21

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Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
	20674	10/12/2021	V60416	DG Graphics	0.00	2,141.19
	20675	10/12/2021	V60530	Didax	0.00	615.52
	20676	10/12/2021	V00381	Discovery Education, Inc.	0.00	5,174.36
	20677	10/12/2021	V60252	EAI Education	0.00	54.30
	20678	10/12/2021	V00159	Eversource Energy	0.00	13,352.76
	20679	10/12/2021	V61448	FireTech	0.00	488.00
	20680	10/12/2021	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	264.60
	20681	10/12/2021	V02186	Flinn Scientific, Inc.	0.00	67.65
	20682	10/12/2021	V61236	Gateway Enterprise Corporation	0.00	339.00
	20683	10/12/2021	V00511	Granger	0.00	51.96
	20684	10/12/2021	E00569	Grandpre, Susan	0.00	205.00
	20685	10/12/2021	V60494	Grella, Mike	0.00	150.00
	20686	10/12/2021	V00564	Hillyard-New England	0.00	795.76
	20687	10/12/2021	V21177	Home Depot CRC	0.00	666.94
	20688	10/12/2021	V61403	Hooker & Holcombe, Inc	0.00	4,255.00
	20689	10/12/2021	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	7,067.01
	20690	10/12/2021	V61543	JP Maguire Associates, Inc	0.00	841.81
	20691	10/12/2021	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	66.38
	20692	10/12/2021	V61604	Kelly Refrigeration & Freezer	0.00	475.00
	20693	10/12/2021	V02898	MagnaKleen Services	0.00	193.34
	20694	10/12/2021	V01370	McGraw-Hill School Education Holdings, L	0.00	2,410.81
	20695	10/12/2021	V60053	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	0.00	446.75
	20696	10/12/2021	V61553	Northern Speech Services	0.00	82.70
	20697	10/12/2021	V60983	OMNI Group, The	0.00	20.00
	20698	10/12/2021	V00582	Pisco Education, LLC	0.00	252.45
	20699	10/12/2021	V52686	Plimpton & Hills	0.00	179.56
	20700	10/12/2021	V62718	Popco Service Inc	0.00	845.62
	20701	10/12/2021	V60803	Prestwick House, Inc	0.00	654.50
	20702	10/12/2021	V60259	School Nurse Supply Inc.	0.00	433.42
	20703	10/12/2021	V01292	School Specialty, LLC	0.00	2,420.83
	20704	10/12/2021	V51324	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	0.00	13.35
	20705	10/12/2021	V60911	SHI International Corp	0.00	1,993.19
	20706	10/12/2021	V60026	Signarama	0.00	27.99
	20707	10/12/2021	E00309	Slater, Roy	0.00	79.79
	20708	10/12/2021	V01485	Social Studies School Services	0.00	114.13
	20709	10/12/2021	V61373	Somers Star Hardware	0.00	549.82
	20712	10/12/2021	V62744	Steve's Stump Grinding, LLC	0.00	1,382.55

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	20713	10/12/2021	V53987	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance, Inc	0.00	2,592.91
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	20715	10/12/2021	V62741	UltimateSLP	0.00	528.48
	20716	10/12/2021	V62722	United Healthcare Insurance Company	0.00	209,046.92
	20717	10/12/2021	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	460.34
	20718	10/12/2021	V00616	Vernon Board of Education	0.00	13,646.00
	20719	10/12/2021	V53413	W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	91.20
	20720	10/12/2021	V61410	Cardmember Service	0.00	1,216.08
	20721	10/12/2021	V61689	West Hartford Lock Co. LLC	0.00	285.00
	20722	10/12/2021	V00882	West Music Company	0.00	35.00
	20723	10/12/2021	V60641	William H Sadlier, Inc.	0.00	190.58
	20724	10/12/2021	V51162	Wilson Language Training Corp.	0.00	39.00
	20725	10/12/2021	V60943	Zoro Tools Inc	0.00	779.80
Totals:					0.00	\$293,110.71

70 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

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Batch: 46723
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch # 46723	Control Total \$293,110.71	Status Posted	Created By Ibergamini	Created On 10/01/2021	Last Updated By Ibergamini	Last Updated On 10/06/2021
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General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
October, 2022					
Generated Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-000000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			288,042.24	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-000000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	288,042.24
	Total Generated Distributions			\$288,042.24	\$288,042.24
User-Entered Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-000000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			89.02	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-000000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	293,199.73
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10-100-2-2-16-243-611-01-5-00240	K-5 - LANGUAGE ARTS WORKBOOKS			190.58	0.00
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10-100-2-2-20-242-611-01-5-00169	K-5 - MUSIC SUPPLIES			123.73	0.00
10-100-2-3-14-241-611-01-5-00157	MA - GENERAL SUPPLIES			618.08	0.00
10-100-2-3-30-242-611-01-5-00210	MA - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			114.13	0.00
10-100-2-4-02-242-611-01-5-00165	HS - ART SUPPLIES			1,428.02	0.00
10-100-2-4-08-242-611-01-5-00175	HS - FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUPPLIES			30.32	0.00
10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			505.24	0.00
10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			91.20	0.00
10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-01070	HS - ENGLISH SUPPLIES			654.50	0.00
10-100-2-4-28-242-611-01-5-00206	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			101.79	0.00
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10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00178	HS - GUIDANCE SUPPLY			0.00	89.02
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10-215-9-9-94-242-611-02-5-00217	K-5 - SPEECH/HEARING SUPPLIES			816.18	0.00
10-219-1-5-50-134-690-05-5-00875	SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT SUPPLIES		Yes	676.78	0.00
10-221-1-4-52-231-690-05-5-00283	HS - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			50.00	0.00
10-222-2-3-52-231-690-03-5-00153	MA - OTHER LIBRARY SUPPLIES			77.93	0.00
10-222-2-5-14-233-611-03-5-00150	SW - EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE		Yes	5,174.36	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES			4,379.24	0.00

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46723	\$293,110.71	Posted	Ibergamini	10/01/2021	Ibergamini	10/06/2021
10-231-1-5-74-134-530-10-5-00048		B.O.E. - PUBLICATION POSTAGE			822.80	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-590-10-5-00049		B.O.E. - PRINTING			1,147.64	0.00
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10-240-6-3-66-830-440-03-5-00527		MA - COPIER RENTAL			648.23	0.00
10-240-6-4-66-830-440-04-5-00763		HS - COPIER RENTAL			648.22	0.00
10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141		K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS			769.96	0.00
10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363		K-5 - TELEPHONE		Yes	242.38	0.00
10-260-5-3-64-642-530-04-5-00365		MA - TELEPHONE			351.05	0.00
10-260-5-4-64-642-530-04-5-00366		HS - TELEPHONE		Yes	315.14	0.00
10-260-5-5-64-642-530-04-5-00367		CO - TELEPHONE		Yes	469.41	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00377		SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES			1,802.15	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			1,001.57	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00439		HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			1,354.49	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440		SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR			47.09	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00442		SW - GROUNDS KEEP			1,512.55	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00445		SW - TOOL SUPPLY			93.61	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00447		SW - GENERAL REPAIR			712.53	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467		SW - GENERAL PAINT			13.35	0.00
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10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00361		HS - ELECTRICITY			4,037.85	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-722-690-05-5-00373		SW - WATER			3,997.50	0.00
10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS		Yes	2,471.75	0.00
10-279-4-3-42-530-580-06-5-00336		MA - ATHLETIC TRIPS			514.60	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00512		LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE			2,417.31	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228		SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT			209,046.92	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			926.76	0.00
10-611-6-5-88-950-560-14-5-00621		VO-AG - TUITION			13,646.00	0.00
10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673		SP ED - TUITION			7,067.01	0.00
Total User-Entered Distributions					\$293,288.75	\$293,288.75

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 70767

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
46723	\$293,110.71	Posted	Ibergamini	10/01/2021	Ibergamini	10/06/2021
				Total for October, 2022	\$581,330.99	\$581,330.99
				Grand Total for Batch # 46723	<u>\$581,330.99</u>	<u>\$581,330.99</u>

285 Transactions Listed.



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2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10, 2022
Monday, January 24, 2022

Monday, February 14, 2022
Monday, February 28, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022
Monday, March 28, 2022

Monday, April 25, 2022

Monday, May 9, 2022
Monday, May 23, 2022

Monday, June 13, 2022
Monday, June 27, 2022

Monday, July 11, 2022

Monday, August 22, 2022

Monday, September 12, 2022
Monday, September 26, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Monday, October 24, 2022

Monday, November 14, 2022
Monday, November 28, 2022

Monday, December 12, 2022

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Board of Education Chambers in Central Office unless specified otherwise on the meeting agenda.

BOE approved



Board of Education Administrative Report

Title of Report: 2022-23 Budget Approval Process

Board Meeting Date: 9/27/21

Action

Report

Information

Discussion

Submitted by: Brian P. Czapla

Executive Summary

The Board of Education must approve the budget process and calendar (BOE Policy 3111).

Budget Process and Timeline

January 10, 2022:

- The Superintendent submits the proposed budget to the Board of Education for consideration.

January 24, 2022:

- Follow up discussions, questions, clarifications, and adjustments to the Superintendent's Proposed Budget.

February 14, 2022:

- The Board of Education approves a budget to be sent to a public hearing. An informational flyer will be developed for use at the public hearing.

March 2022 (dates to be determined):

- Public Hearing on Board of Education Approved Budget.
- Following the public hearing, a regularly scheduled meeting will be convened to approve or adjust the budget before sending it to the Board of Finance for study.

March – April 2022 (dates to be determined):

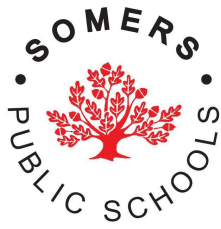
- The Superintendent/Board of Education presents the budget to the Board of Finance.

April 2022 (dates to be determined):

- Board of Finance Public Hearing
- Board of Finance approves a budget sent to Annual Town Meeting

May 2022 (dates to be determined):

- Annual Town Meeting
- Budget Referendum



Board of Education Administrative Report

Title of Report: Quarterly Budget Report

Board Meeting Date: 10/12/2021

Action

Report

Information

Discussion

Submitted by: Stephanie Levin

Executive Summary

Attached is the quarterly report for the 2021-2022 budget along with information regarding 2021-2022 COVID-19 expenses. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Report

The quarterly budget report indicates a positive variance of \$223,000. This projection will fluctuate as we continue through the year due to a number of variables such as costs that continue to be associated with COVID-19, increased enrollment, and contract expenses associated with retirements. The Superintendent and I continually monitor and manage the status of the budget and believe, at this time, there is flexibility within the budget to address future needs.

The COVID-19 expenses report highlights three areas of resources/spending including the operating budget, the Elementary & Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) Grant, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER III) Grant.

2021-2022

1st Quarter Report

CATEGORY	ITEM	Approved Budget	Projected Expenses	Variance	% + / -
Salaries	Teachers	11,207,686	11,101,885	105,801	0.94%
	Secretaries/Paraprofessionals	1,849,640	1,958,763	(109,123)	-5.90%
	Administrators	1,601,987	1,617,304	(15,317)	-0.96%
	Custodians/Maintainers	892,182	872,501	19,681	2.21%
	Other Instructional	552,541	662,766	(110,225)	-19.95%
	Nurses	259,233	255,449	3,784	1.46%
	Medical Advisor	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		16,364,769	16,470,168	(105,399)
Insurance & Benefits	Health Insurance	3,172,400	3,161,219	11,181	0.35%
	Social Security	514,900	523,387	(8,487)	-1.65%
	Pension	206,138	206,000	138	0.07%
	Worker's Comp	106,000	99,000	7,000	6.60%
	Property / Liability	93,225	93,025	200	0.21%
	Long Term Disability	44,000	44,000	-	0.00%
	Life Insurance	27,600	27,600	-	0.00%
	School Board Legal	10,300	10,000	300	2.91%
	Unemployment	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
	OPEB	32,300	32,300	-	0.00%
SUBTOTAL		4,211,863	4,201,531	10,332	0.25%
Tuition	Special Education	1,038,300	827,915	210,385	20.26%
	Non-Special Education	132,800	139,446	(6,646)	-5.00%
	SUBTOTAL		1,171,100	967,361	203,739
Transportation	Regular Transportation	790,200	789,600	600	0.08%
	Special Education Transportation	375,300	374,701	599	0.16%
	Athletics/Field Trips	39,950	32,500	7,450	18.65%
	SUBTOTAL		1,205,450	1,196,801	8,649
Utilities	Electricity	416,800	516,800	(100,000)	-23.99%
	Fuel	124,700	124,700	-	0.00%
	Telephones	41,700	31,603	10,097	24.21%
	SUBTOTAL		583,200	673,103	(89,903)
Maintenance	General/Dept Maint	538,933	538,933	-	0.00%
	Custodial Supplies	37,800	37,800	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		576,733	576,733	-
Instructional Resources	Books, Textbooks, Workbooks	72,420	24,196	48,224	66.59%
	Technology AV Materials	61,980	86,026	(24,046)	-38.80%
	General & Dept Supplies	164,509	47,452	117,057	71.16%
	SUBTOTAL		298,909	157,675	141,234
Extracurricular	Coaches	181,624	181,624	-	0.00%
	Activity Advisors	59,108	59,108	-	0.00%
	Athletic/Academic Act	90,400	90,400	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		331,132	331,132	-
Equipment	New and Replacement	305,430	271,184	34,246	11.21%
Admin Overhead	Miscellaneous	191,156	144,839	46,317	24.23%
GRAND TOTAL		25,239,742	24,990,527	249,215	0.99%
COVID				(25,729)	
ADJUSTED GRAND TOTAL				223,486	

2021-22 COVID-19 Expenses

	Budget	YTD Expenses	Projected	Projected Balance
Operating Budget	2021-2022	9/30/2021	EOY Expenses	FY22
Building systems/equipment	\$0.00	\$11,796.15	11796.15	-\$11,796.15
Sanitizing supplies	\$0.00	\$4,710.00	4710	-\$4,710.00
Custodial equipment	\$0.00	\$1,675.50	1675.5	-\$1,675.50
Custodial supplies	\$0.00	\$7,360.50	7360.5	-\$7,360.50
Nurse supplies	\$0.00	\$186.94	186.94	-\$186.94
	\$0.00	\$25,729.09	\$25,729.09	-\$25,729.09
Elementary & Secondary School	Budget	YTD Expenses	Projected	Projected Balance
Education Relief II (ESSER II) Grant - 9/30/22	2021-2022	9/30/2021	EOY Expenses	FY22
Payroll	\$113,097.00	\$5,803.29	\$104,415.00	\$8,682.00
Gr. 2 Teacher & 5 Tutors				
Benefits	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
Supplies	\$29,550.00	\$31,122.00	\$31,122.00	-\$1,572.00
Educational Materials - \$11,892				
Outdoor Education Space - \$19,230				
	\$161,647.00	\$36,925.29	\$145,037.00	\$16,610.00
American Rescue Plan - Elementary & Secondary Education Relief III (ARP ESSER III) - 9/30/23	Budget	YTD Expenses	Projected	Projected Balance
2021-2022	9/30/2021	EOY Expenses	FY22	
Payroll	\$253,458.00	\$12,208.22	\$149,612.00	\$103,846.00
2 Kind. & 1 Gr. 4 Teachers				
Benefits	\$68,300.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$48,300.00
Supplies	\$41,537.00	\$29,320.96	\$29,320.96	\$12,216.04
Educational Software - \$16,017				
Desks - \$13,228				
Air Filters - \$75.96				
	\$363,295.00	\$41,529.18	\$198,932.96	\$164,362.04

2021 Standardized Test Data



October 12, 2021

Dina M. Senecal

Mission:

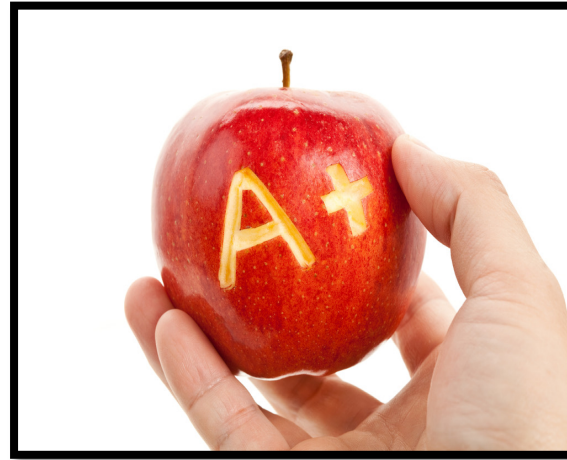
The mission of the Somers Public Schools is to prepare each student to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing global society.

In pursuit of this Vision and Mission, we believe in:

- The pursuit of excellence
- Life-long learning
- An environment conducive to success
- Student, family, and community partnerships
- Responsible citizenship
- Honoring equity, individuality, and diversity
- **Educating the whole child**



A Fuller Picture of What a 'Good' School Is



Promoting relationships and a positive mindset toward learning has a bigger impact on students' long-term success than raising test scores, new research shows.

Test scores are often touted as an objective way to measure how good a school is. And while this is true to a degree, they don't tell the whole story.

“Normal”
No disruptions in student
learning due to COVID



The last normal school year

...for students in...

Grade 7

Grade 6

Grade 5

Grade 4

Grade 3

Grade 2

Grade 1

Kindergarten

was

Grade 4

Grade 3

Grade 2

Grade 1

Kindergarten

never

never

never

@weareteachers



- No standardized assessment for the 19-20 school year.
- Comparing assessment results across schools and districts should not be made.
- When disaggregating test results by student, we must take into account the students primary mode of learning in addition to their test mode.

- District-wide, approximately 550 students participated in SBAC/NGSS
- District- wide, approximately 29 students took these assessments remotely.
- District-wide, 31 students opted out of the SBAC/NGSS assessments.

Standardized Assessments

Each year, students take part in state-wide standardized assessments.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments for students in grades 3-8 measure student knowledge in both Math and English Language Arts.

Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 also participate in the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment.



The Smarter Balanced scale is a vertical scale meaning that students performance in all grades is reported on the same scale.



This allows educators to compare a student's scale from a test in one grade to that student's score from a test in another grade.

An important aspect of a vertical scale is that the overall score range for each grade steadily increases, and the threshold between each level increases across grade levels.

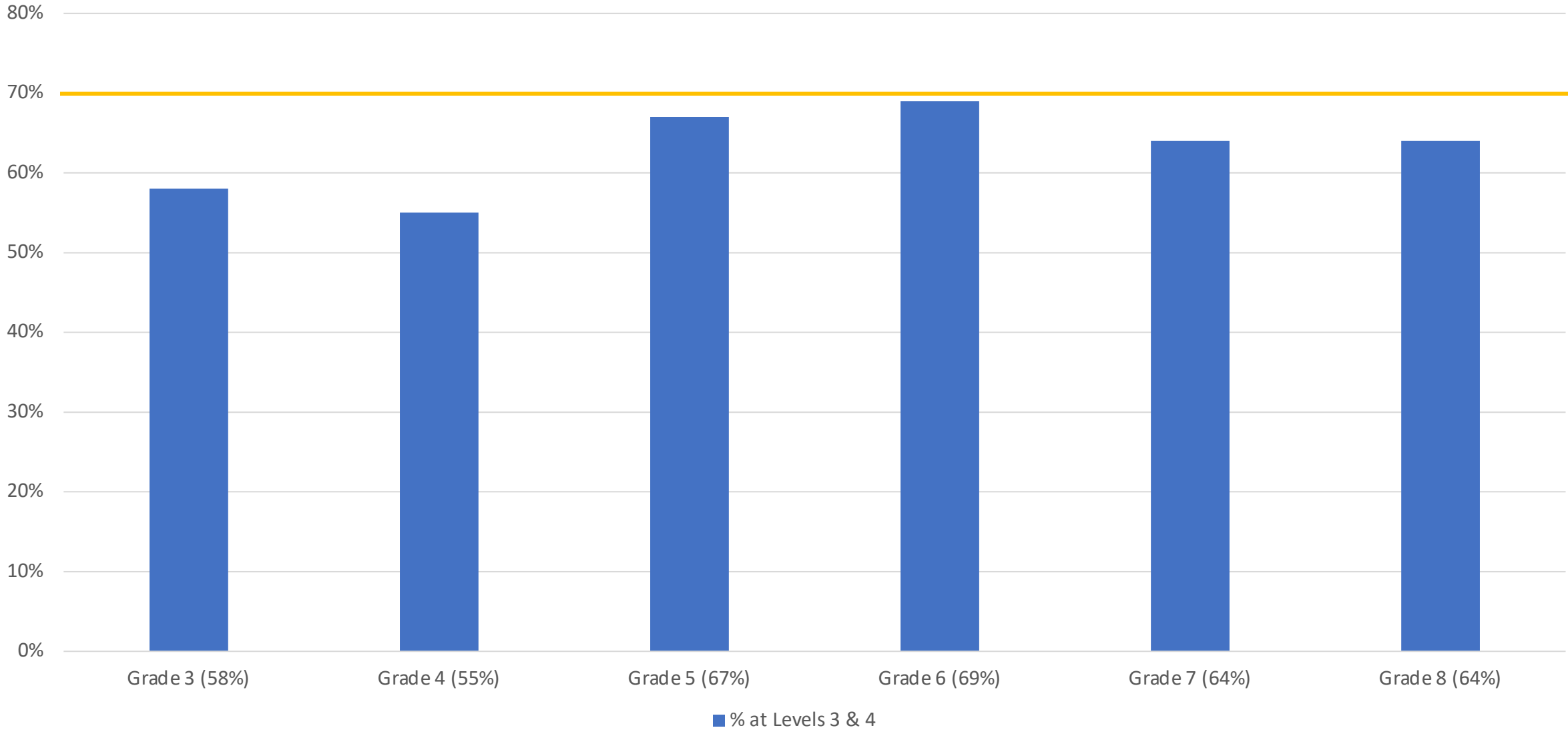
★	[Level 4	Exceeded the standard]
		Level 3	Met the standard	
		Level 2	Nearly met the standard	
		Level 1	Did not meet the standard	

ELA SBAC Data



ELA

% at Levels 3 & 4

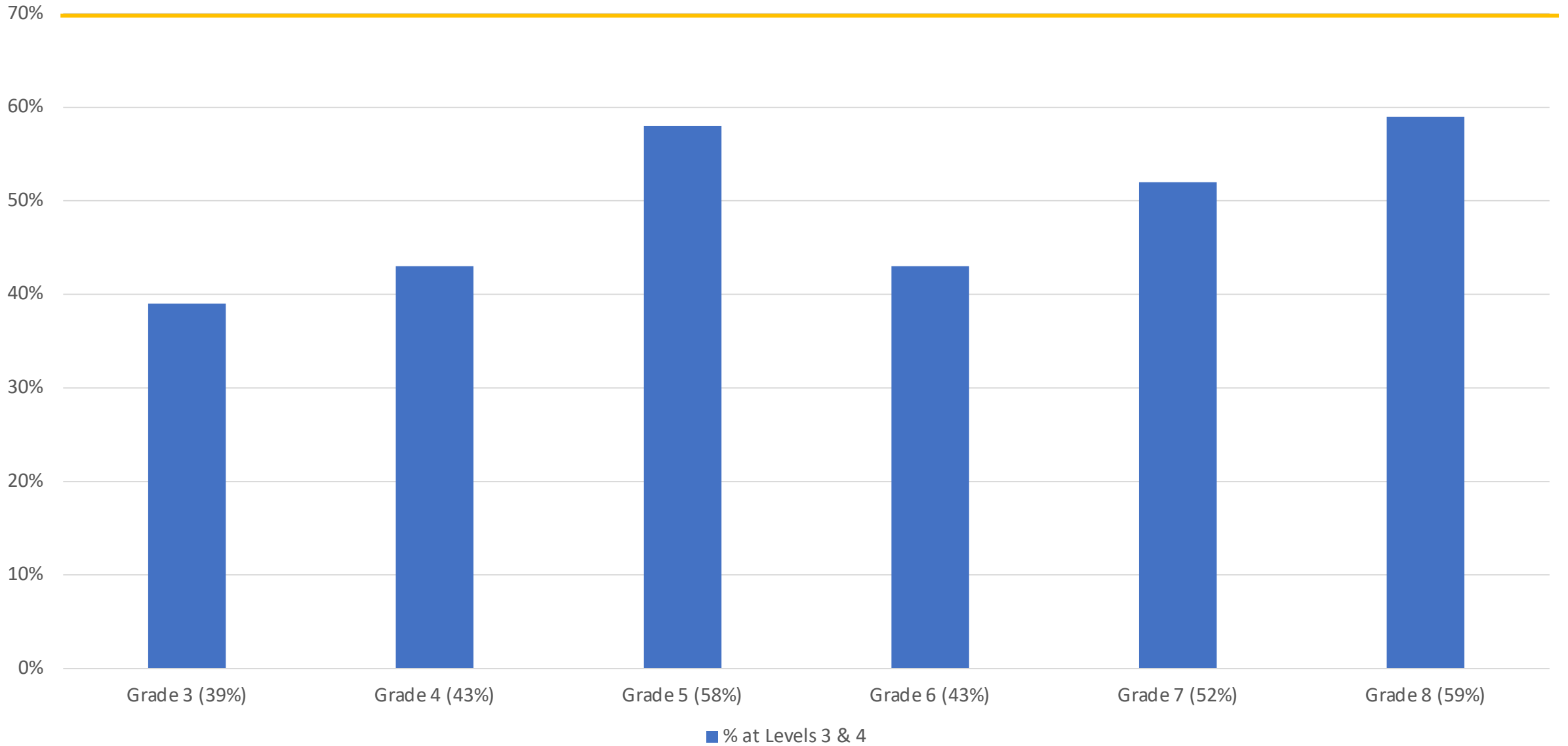


Math SBAC Data



Math

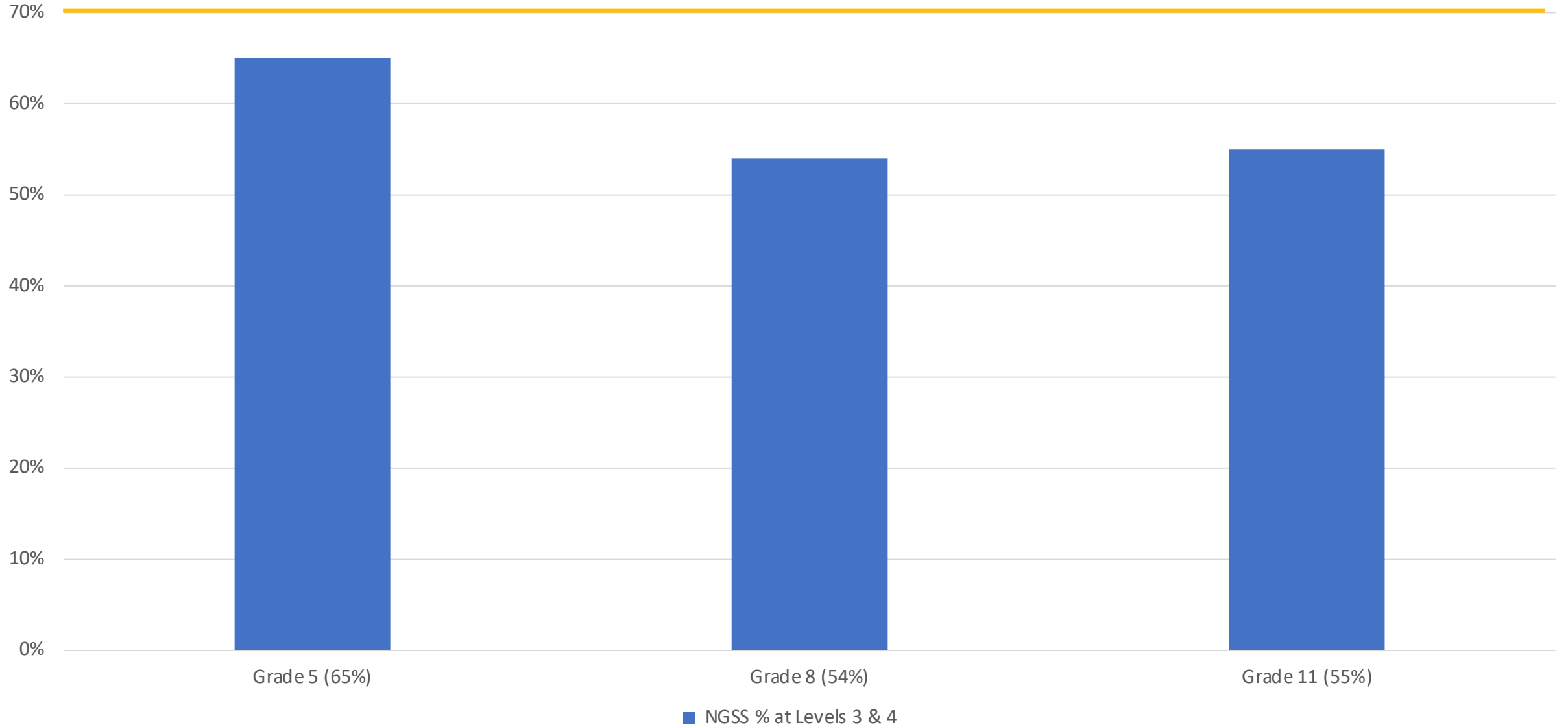
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NGSS Data

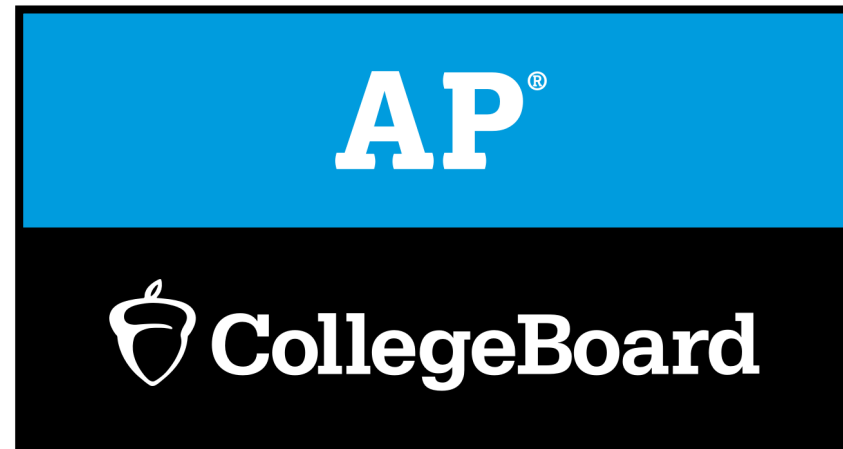


NGSS % at Levels 3 & 4



AP Data





- ✓ A score of **3 or higher** is generally considered good
- ✓ Keep in mind that every college sets its own policy about AP credit

AP Exam Score	Recommendation	College Course Grade Equivalent
5	Extremely well qualified	A+ or A
4	Very well qualified	A-, B+, or B
3	Qualified	B-, C+, or C
2	Possibly qualified	----
1	No recommendation	----

Course	Somers	CT	Global
Calculus	5.00	2.95	2.81
Art	4.00	3.64	3.50
Psychology	3.70	2.78	2.73
World History	3.40	2.78	2.73
English	3.15	2.73	2.49
Biology	2.71	3.13	2.83
US History	2.53	2.87	2.52
Physics	2.50	2.69	2.42
Chemistry	2.50	2.90	2.67

SAT Data



	Total Score 400-1600	ERW Score 200-800	Math Score 200-800
Somers (106 testers)	1057	535	523
Connecticut	1003	509	494

What are we doing with the Data?



School	Concepts and Procedures									
	Average Scale Score	Performance Distribution	Concepts and Procedures							
			Target E		Target F		Target G		Target H	
			Proficient?	Weak or Strong?	Proficient?	Weak or Strong?	Proficient?	Weak or Strong?	Proficient?	Weak or Strong?
District	2411 ± 6	<p>Percent Count: 37% 35, 55% 52, 8% 8</p>	☉	=	✘	—	☉	+	✘	=
Somers Elementary School	2411 ± 6	<p>Percent Count: 37% 35, 55% 52, 8% 8</p>	☉	=	✘	—	☉	+	✘	=

Legend

Proficient?

✓ Above the Proficiency Standard

☉ At/Near Proficiency Standard

✘ Below the Proficiency Standard

* Insufficient Information

Weak or Strong?

⊕ Area of Strengths

= Performance is similar to performance on the test as a whole

— Area of Weakness

* Insufficient Information

Concepts and Procedures

Concepts and Procedures

Target A

Target A Represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division.

Target D

Target D Solve problems involving the four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic.

Target G

Target G Solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects.

Target J

Target J Geometric measurement: recognize perimeter as an attribute of plane figures and distinguish between linear and area measures.

Target B

Target B Understand properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division.

Target E

Target E Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

Target H

Target H Represent and interpret data.

Target K

Target K Reason with shapes and their attributes.

Target C

Target C Multiply and divide within 100.

Target F

Target F Develop understanding of fractions as numbers.

Target I

Target I Geometric measurement: understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication and to addition.

Level	Grade 3
Math	
Level 4	2501-2621
Level 3	2436-2500
Level 2	2381-2435
Level 1	2189-2380

Grade 3 Math - Summative 2020-2021

Somers School District
Somers Elementary School

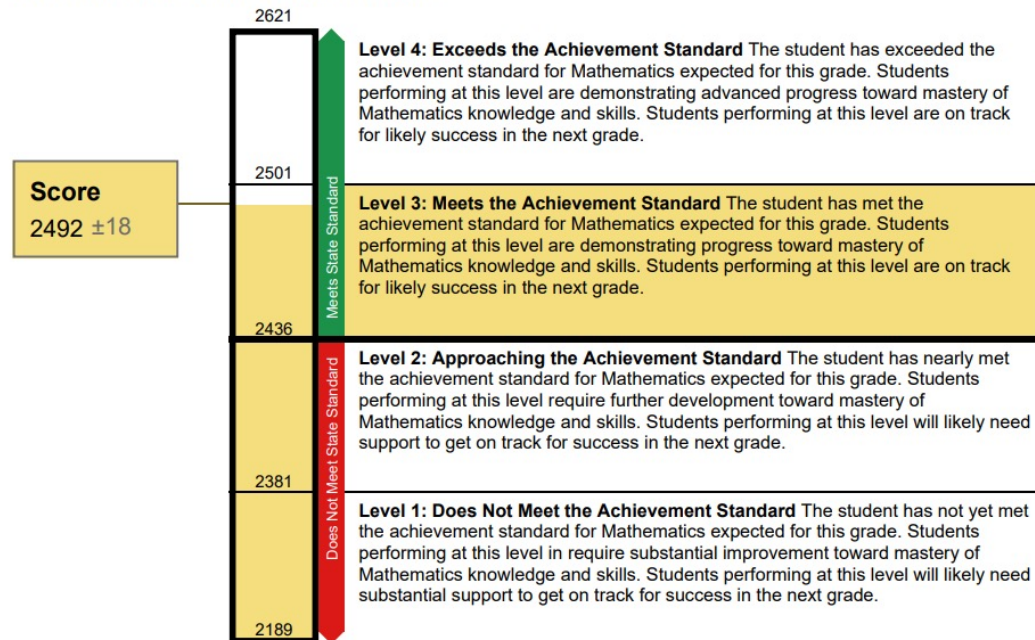
Performance: Level 3: Meets the Achievement Standard

Scale Score: 2492±18

Reported Quantile® Measure: 760Q

How Did Your Child Do on the Test?

9 points until
next level



Score
2492 ± 18

How Does Your Child's Score Compare?

Name	Average Scale Score
Somers School District	2416±6
Somers Elementary School	2416±6

Information on Standard Error of Measurement

A student's score is best interpreted when recognizing that the student's knowledge and skills fall within a score range and not just a precise number. For example, 2300 (±10) indicates a score range between 2290 and 2310.

Quantile® Information

The Quantile® Framework for Mathematics is a scientific approach to measuring mathematical achievement and mathematical skills and concepts. There are two Quantile measures: the Quantile student measure and the Quantile skill and concept measure. A Quantile student measure represents a person's mathematical ability on the Quantile scale. A Quantile skill or concept measure represents that skill or concept's difficulty level on the Quantile scale. When used together, they can help a student determine his or her readiness to learn new mathematical skills and concepts.

AP & SAT Assessment Results

- ✓ Professional Development time is used to discuss assessment results and develop plans to address areas of concern.
- ✓ SHS building administration incorporates assessment results/data driven instruction into monthly Math and English PLC time.
- ✓ AP teachers meet monthly with building administration to discuss progress within each course.
- ✓ Individually, AP teachers meet quarterly with building administration to discuss specific plans within their content area.

Multiple-Choice Performance

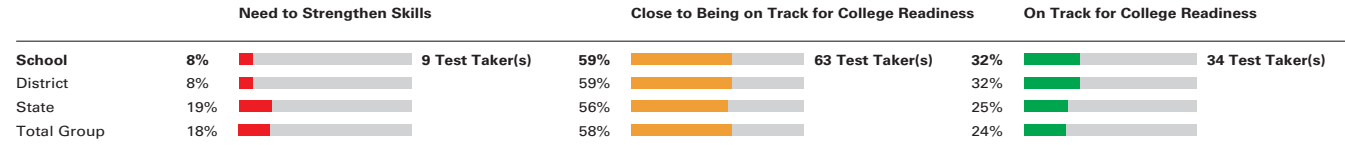
Reporting Category Type	Reporting Category	# of Questions	Mean Number of Correct Answers			Notes
			Group	State	Global	
UNITS	1, 4, AND 7: SHORT FICTION	24	16.0	15.7	15.0	📈 Above State and Global
UNITS	2, 5, AND 8: POETRY	21	14.1	13.7	13.0	📈 Above State and Global
UNITS	3, 6, AND 9: NOVEL/DRAMA	10	6.5	6.1	5.8	📈 Above State and Global
BIG IDEAS	1: CHARACTER; AND 2: SETTING	12	9.0	8.7	8.3	📈 Above State and Global
BIG IDEAS	3: STRUCTURE	9	5.6	5.8	5.5	📈 Above Global
BIG IDEAS	4: PERSPECTIVE	14	8.3	7.7	7.3	📈 Above State and Global
BIG IDEAS	5: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE	13	9.4	8.9	8.5	📈 Above State and Global
BIG IDEAS	6: LITERARY ANALYSIS	7	4.3	4.5	4.3	
SKILLS	1: FUNCTION OF CHARACTER; AND 2: FUNCTION OF SETTING	12	9.0	8.7	8.3	📈 Above State and Global
SKILLS	3: FUNCTION OF PLOT AND STRUCTURE	9	5.6	5.8	5.5	📈 Above Global
SKILLS	4: FUNCTION OF THE NARRATOR OR SPEAKER	14	8.3	7.7	7.3	📈 Above State and Global
SKILLS	5: FUNCTION OF WORD CHOICE, IMAGERY, AND SYMBOLS	7	5.2	4.8	4.5	📈 Above State and Global
SKILLS	6: FUNCTION OF COMPARISON	6	4.2	4.2	4.0	📈 Above Global
SKILLS	7: DEVELOP TEXTUALLY-SUBSTANTIATED ARGUMENTS	7	4.3	4.5	4.3	
STIMULUS TYPES	POETRY	31	19.8	19.3	18.5	📈 Above State and Global
STIMULUS TYPES	PROSE	24	16.8	16.3	15.4	📈 Above State and Global
	SUMMARY		36.0	34.9	33.2	📈 Above State and Global

AP English

SAT Scores

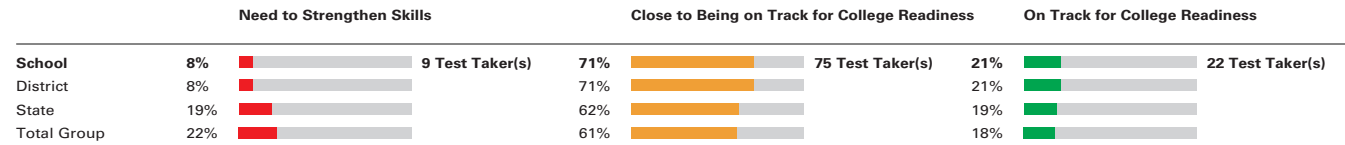
Reading

Mean Score **27**



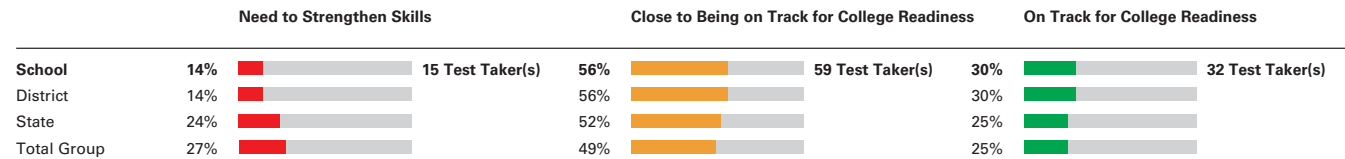
Writing and Language

Mean Score **27**



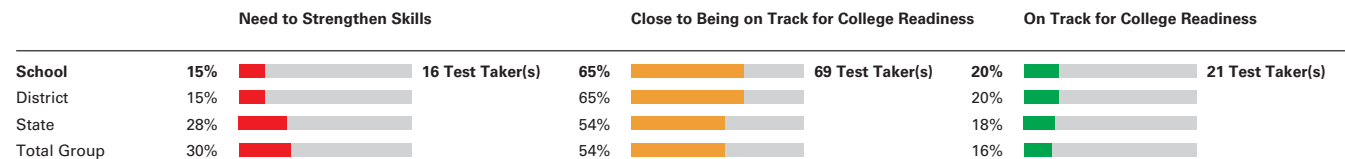
Expression of Ideas

Mean Score **9**

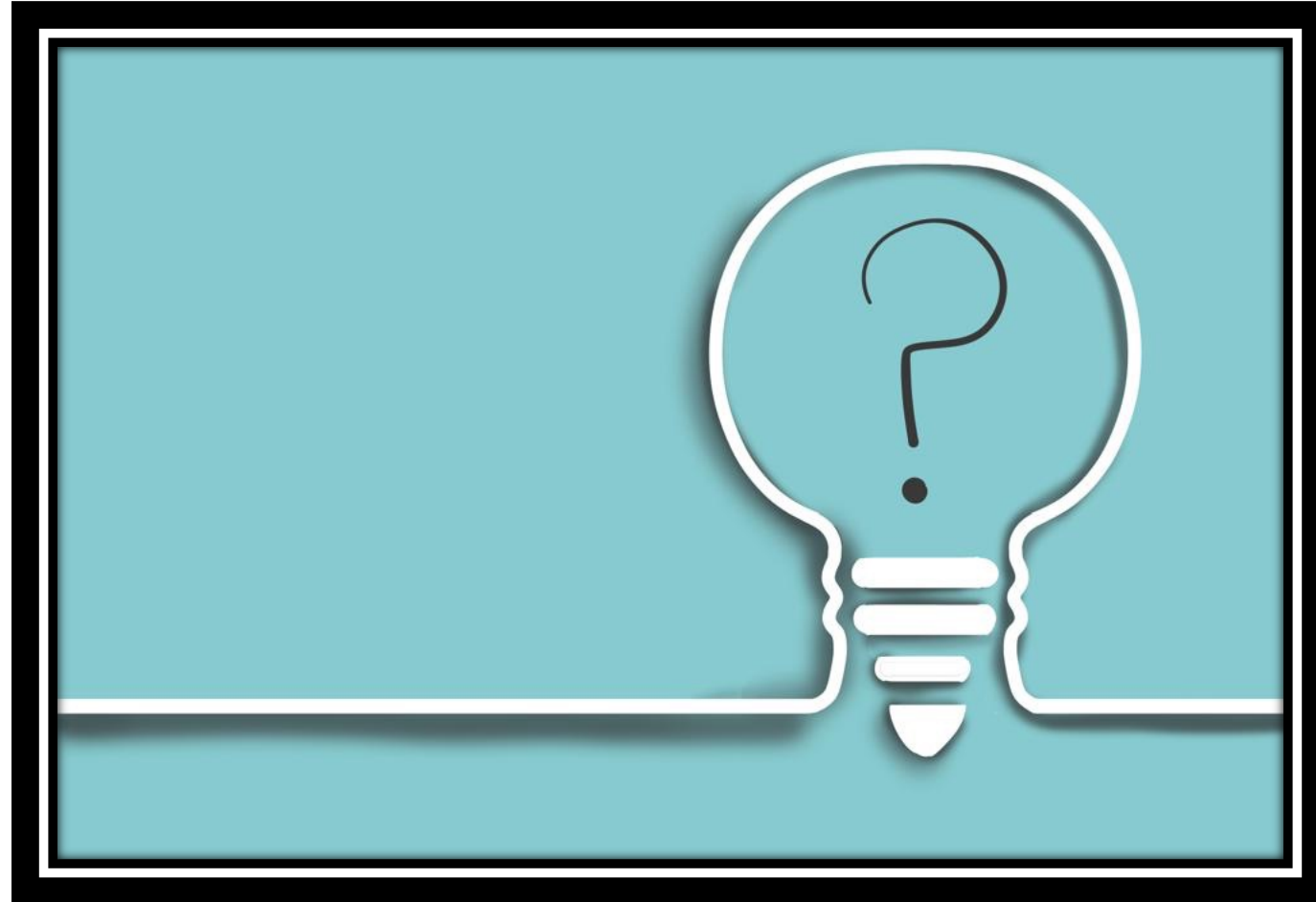


Standard English Conventions

Mean Score **8**



What questions do you have for me?



SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 2021-2022 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

