

There are several purposes to sharing today's data report:

- To provide an update on data since the last meeting when PSSA data was shared in October.
- To gather questions and/or concerns related to academic performance.
- To provide a more global, district perspective in relation to your individual student's performance.


## PSSA 2015

The next three slides are an overview of PSSA data that was shared in October.

| PSSA GRADE 62015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ELA |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 39.6 | 21.0 | 60.6 |
| District | 49.9 | 30.1 | 80.0 |
| Strayer | 49.3 | 31.3 | 80.6 |
| MATH |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 28.7 | 11.3 | 40.0 |
| District | 38.7 | 24.3 | 63.0 |
| Strayer | 40.1 | 20.9 | 61.0 |
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Strayer's performance exceeded state performance for both ELA and Math for all 3 grades.

| PSSA GRADE 72015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ELA |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 41.9 | 16.7 | 58.6 |
| District | 45.4 | 27.5 | 72.9 |
| Strayer | 48.7 | 23.1 | 71.8 |
| MATH |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 23.6 | 9.5 | 33.1 |
| District | 32.4 | 13.8 | 46.2 |
| Strayer | 31.3 | 12.5 | 43.8 |
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With the new cut scores established for the PSSAs in 2015, it is noteworthy that less than $10 \%$ of students statewide scored at the Advanced level in Math for both Grades 7 and 8 (next slide).

| PSSA GRADE 82015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ELA |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 43.6 | 14.3 | 57.9 |
| District | 56.0 | 23.9 | 79.9 |
| Strayer | 56.3 | 23.8 | 80.1 |
| MATH |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 22.0 | 7.9 | 29.9 |
| District | 39.8 | 15.8 | 55.6 |
| Strayer | 39.1 | 14.8 | 53.9 |
| SCIENCE |  |  |  |
| School | Proficient\% | Advanced \% | Total \% P/A |
| State | 32.3 | 26.5 | 58.8 |
| District | 41.1 | 38.3 | 79.4 |
| Strayer | 43.6 | 36.2 | 79.8 |

Science performance is only measured at Grade 8 at the middle school level. We have consistently performed at high levels on the Science PSSA. This test did not change from previous years, unlike the ELA and Math PSSA tests.

## 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 COMPARISON POINTS STATE AND DISTRICT GRADES 6-8 READING AND MATH PSSA

Due to the change in PSSA cut scores and the actual PSSA assessment itself, it is helpful to measure our changes in performance against the state performance.


This slide focuses on our ELA performance from 2014 and 2015. Grade 6 ELA actually had an increase despite the statewide decline. This is the one area in which we did see an increase in percent of proficient/advanced students. The consistent implementation of SpringBoard and its alignment to the PA Core Standards are contributing factors to this performance.


This slide focuses on our Math performance from 2014 and 2015. One of the biggest drops we saw was in Grade 7 Math performance. While all of the other drops were less than the State, we actually had a greater decline in the percent of proficient/advanced students (45.6\%).

## 2015 NEIGHBORING DISTRICT BUILDING COMPARISONS

When the PSSA data was released, we looked at some of our neighboring districts to see how our performance compared.

## GRADE 6 ELA 2015



You will notice that we do not have any CB schools in the comparison chart because CB middle schools have a Grade 7-9 configuration. For consistency purposes, we then kept these same comparison schools for the other PSSA tested areas and grade levels.

## GRADE 6 MATH 2015

| Place | School/District | Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Milford/Quakertown | 70.4 |
| 2 | New Hope Solebury | 63.6 |
| 3 | Strayer | 61 |
| 4 | Pennridge Central | 59.5 |
| 5 | Pennridge South | 58.6 |
| 6 | Pennridge North | 56.4 |
| 7 | Palisades MS | 47.9 |
| 8 | Klinger MS Centennial | 40.1 |



Grade 7 ELA was not quite as strong when compared across local schools.


We already noted our weaker performance in Grade 7 math, but this did not substantially affect our performance when compared to other local schools.


Grade 8 ELA performance was quite strong, with the top performing schools in a very small range.


Performance in Grade 8 Math was also relatively high as compared to other local schools.

## DECEMBER 2015 NWEA DATA

Strayer students in Grade 6-8 took their second NWEA assessment of the year in December. The data that follows provides a global perspective of the building performance.


When looking at the tables above, we want to see bars with more green (HiAvg) and Blue $(\mathrm{Hi})$, placing our students in the $61^{\text {st }}$ percentile and above.
Our Mean RIT in Grade 6 Math was a 227.4, while the Mean Grade Level RIT was 221.
This is a national point of comparison.
For Grade 6 Math, Numbers and Operations is a strength with 64\% of students performing at HiAvg or Hi .
Geometry and Data and Probability are not strengths yet - however, this content has not yet been taught in Grade 6 and we should see respectable gains in those areas by the final test administration later this school year.
By looking at this data in relation to an individual student's Progress Report, you will find some of the same information that is listed in this table within any student's report.


Grade 6 Reading is very consistent across Goal Areas. Overall, 61\% of the students were at HiAvg and Hi performance levels.


Language Usage is a strength across grades 6-8. You can see that overall performance is $64 \%$ of students at HiAvg and Hi levels.


For Math in Grades 7-8, students in Algebra 1 take a different assessment that is focused on the Algebra 1 Keystone exam. These students are not included in the data above. Despite this, we still have high levels of performance overall, with $61 \%$ of students at HiAvg and Hi performance.


The students in Grade 6 who had strong performance on the 2015 ELA PSSAs are showing continued high levels of performance on the Grade 7 Reading NWEA.


Language Usage continues to be a strength in Grade 7, with 69\% of students at HiAvg and Hi levels of performance.


A more significant number of students in Grade 8 Math are not included in these numbers due to taking Algebra 1. The Mean RIT for Grade 8 - despite the highest performing students not being included - is still higher than the Norm Grade Level Mean RIT.


Grade 8 Reading is strong, with 62\% of students at HiAvg and Hi levels of performance.


We see the same generally high performance in Language Usage continue for students in Grade 8.

## SEPTEMBER 2015 CLASSROOM DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS ALGEBRA 1 KEYSTONE DATA

The Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) data is useful for teachers as they are preparing students for the Algebra 1 Keystone exam. It is taken in September and again in January. Teachers may opt to give it to students one more time in March if more data is needed to support their success.

## CDT ALGEBRA 1 DATA (SAMPLE)



This is a sample of what a teacher is able to see in order to analyze students' progress. Each of the white dots represents a student. If a student is on the cusp of the Red/Green line, they still have skills that are in need of development. Students who are in the Green and Blue areas have strengths that need continued growth. Blue doesn't translate into Advanced performance, however, it does help us note students who are showing more strengths in certain areas of the test content. Teachers use this data, and will expect to see movement of all of the white dots into more Green and Blue areas by the time they take the test (the week of January 4-8).


Some of these action steps were shared in October. Others have been added based on the expanding efforts to meet every student's needs for support.

## ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Implementation of new Reading class in Grade 6 for all, Grade 7 for all but highest readers, and Grade 8 for students not reading on grade level
- Implementation of Membeam Program for building vocabulary skills (MS \& HS)

Last year, we had a combined RELA course that all students took. This year, we now have a separate Reading course and an ELA course.

## ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Part-time Learning Facilitator completely devoted to MS math support (planning, implementation, data analysis, etc.)
- Implementation of a process to ensure that each student's IEP needs are followed with fidelity
- Supervision of READ 180 implementation fidelity

These strategies are ongoing throughout the year and their success will be analyzed using different types of program data - common assessments, progress monitoring, and program data to name a few.

## ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Individual student success plans created for students who are earning below a C in all classes
- Strategic use of resource time to support students in need
- Flexibility and enrichment during resource time for high-achieving students

These steps are building specific strategies to enhance performance and utilize building resources and time.


