

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4 Academy Street, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2021**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on February 16, 2021. The South Middleton Board of School Directors met via Zoom. Mrs. Knouse called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

**School Directors**

Mr. John Greenbaum

Mr. William Hartman

Mrs. Stacey Knavel – Absent

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Mrs. Denise MacIvor

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz

Mrs. Edith Rob

Mrs. Bethanne Sellers

Mr. Jonathan Still – Absent

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Matthew Strine, Superintendent

Melanie Shaver, Durham, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Nicole Weber, Director of Business/Operations

Alex Smith, Director of Student Services

David Boley, Principal- W.G. Rice Elementary

Trisha Reed, Principal – Iron Forge Elementary

**Student Representatives**

Gibran Varahrami – Absent

Ajla Salkic- Absent

**Visitors**

**Board Secretary**

Cristeen Beck

**Solicitor**

Gareth Pahowka – Absent

## INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Strine introduced Mrs. Georgann Bailey and recognized her years of service and retirement. Thanked her and she will be greatly missed. Mr. Boley recognized Mrs. Bailey for her achievements over the years and how she made all students and families feel welcome. Always helpful to all staff and students. Dr. Strine read an email from Dean Clepper sharing his praise for Mrs. Bailey and wished her luck in her retirement. Mrs. Bailey thanked the Board of Directors, Dr. Strine, and Mr. Clepper for hiring her 23 years ago. Will miss Mr. Boley, Sharon Giselman, and the many families.

Dr. Strine announced the wrestling team winning their district tournament. Congratulated coach and team.

## CITIZENS PARTICIPATION –

Mrs. Knouse announced that the public comments already submitted would be read and reviewed. Members of the public can continue to submit comments via email at [smsdschoolboardcomment@smsd.us](mailto:smsdschoolboardcomment@smsd.us) or if they are joining the zoom meeting, they can indicate with raised hand that they wish to comment during the meeting.

Email received from Chris Totaro 217 Tavern Blvd Boiling Springs

Inquired about tracking students who have slipping grades at the end of the semester. Also inquired about Key Performance Indicators and compared to previous years? Gave examples. Second separate question about split 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams and being able to meet with teachers.

Dr. Strine responded those are questions he would like to work with Mr. Smith and Mrs. Shaver-Durham to answer those questions.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting: 02/01/2021 – Planning/Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the following financials in a block motion:

That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 61004 to 61051 in the amount of \$340,233.26, as represented in the attached summary.

That the Board approves payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 16693 to 16694 in the amount of \$1,100.10, as represented in the attached summary.

That the Board approves payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks 22265 to 22293 in the amount of \$3,338.52, as represented in the attached summary.

No checks disbursed from Cafeteria Fund bills during this time period.

No checks disbursed from Capital Reserve Fund bills during this time period.

That the Board approves payment of Construction Fund bills represented by check 1289 in the amount of \$5,000.00, as represented in the attached summary.

No checks disbursed from Trust Fund bills during this time period.

That the Board approves payment of Visa represented by transaction Visa1 to Visa61 in the amount of \$9,514.68 as represented in the attached summary.  
That the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for January 2021.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS/OPERATIONS, DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS SERVICES AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Dr. Matthew Strine- Superintendent, thanked the Board and members of the community for the opportunity to speak. Congratulated wrestling team. Provided update on COVID-19 vaccine and plan to vaccinate SMSD staff. Educators are in group 1b and will be some time before they can be vaccinated. Dr. Strine outlined the COVID dashboard on district website. Explained the closure matrix, reopening dates, and 14 day rolling window. Reminded everyone to social distance, wear a mask, wash hands frequently, and stay home when sick.

Mrs. Melanie Shaver-Durham – Director of Curriculum & Instruction, reported on Remote Learning Surveys (report and graphs attached to the agenda). Met with administrators to review the results and work on action steps to follow up on. Action steps and takeaways include - Mr. Hain will meet with student representatives and follow up with team leaders on how assignments are organized with clear due dates on canvas. Several takeaways from staff – all documents shared with community shared with staff first, strengthen communication, regular faculty meetings, improve attendance procedures, communication with procedures. Takeaways from survey for families – increased direct instructional time, how assignments are posted in google classroom/seesaw. Reviewed feedback received from Virtual Snow Days and reorganized elementary schedule.

Mr. Alex Smith- Director of Student Services, reported on CBM Data for grades K-5 with comparison graphs (report attached)

Mrs. Sellers inquired about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade passage reading fluency.

Mr. Smith responded that it's only a score on accuracy and rate, not comprehension.

Mrs. Sellers inquired about what math testing is covered in I-Ready and CBM.

Mr. Smith responded that it's a composite score.

Mrs. Knouse commented about effect of online learning and the different age groups.

Mr. Smith agreed and reiterated that students do learn best in person and working to do that safely.

Mrs. Sellers inquired about additional screeners for at-risk population.

Mrs. Shaver-Durham responded that Title I teachers use a second layer diagnostic.

Mr. Smith shared an update from the Student Services department. Kudos to Jessica White for efforts in covid compensatory time with over 40 students. Reported on Gifted Ed department and recent developments with new rubric to show growth that can be used K-12. Highlighted some programs for struggling students- credit recovery, signs of suicide prevention, and pilot group with teacher Rob Waynick for pathway program at IFES.

Mrs. Nicole Weber- Director of Business/Operations, reported on Business department and recent review of new software. Complimented Mrs. Robin Biggs for her work with transportation for students attending on Fridays. Met with staff for Safety Committee meeting to review protocols. Met with Decision Insite to look at future enrollment and growth for school district. More information to be reviewed on March 1 agenda. Thanked department leaders for completing

budget information in preparation for upcoming budget meeting. Attended PASBO webinar about Governor Wolf's proposed budget.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS –**

Dr. Strine shared information about new district website about Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity.

**BOARD REPORTS –**

**Citizen Advisory Committee- Mrs. Knouse**

First meeting was held and discussed meeting norms. Asked committee members to bring forward any issues to discuss.

**Athletics & Student Activities- Mr. Hartman**

Met on February 8 to discuss athletics with Karl, Band with Dave Yinger, Theatre with Kyle Weary, and Clubs with Alli Rose. Recognized student Connor Dieck for All-State Jazz. Shared news of success of wrestling team.

**Safety & Security – Mr. Greenbaum (co-chair)**

Shared overview of meeting – different grants received and how money will be allocated in budget. Highlighted presentation by Alex Smith about student mental health and resources available. Reviewed budget requests for safety and security related items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the agenda of February 16, 2021, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman, that the Board approves the 2021-2022 CPAVTS Budget.

**On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Knouse – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Still – Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Meikrantz – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Greenbaum - Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. MacIvor – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Hartman – Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Rob – Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. Knavel- Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Sellers – Yes</b>	

**Yes –7, No – 0, Abstentions- 0, Absent - 2**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the Act 1 Resolution Approving Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception.

Mrs. Meikrantz commented for clarification for the public, that this is not approving the actual budget, only the option for the exception.

Mrs. Weber responded that this just gives the district the option to research to tax above the index of 3%, there are several steps along this process.

Mrs. Knouse commented that this process needs completed in this timeframe.

**On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Knouse – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Still – Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Meikrantz –Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Greenbaum - Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. MacIvor – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Hartman – Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Rob –Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. Knavel- Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Sellers –Yes</b>	

**Yes –7, No – 0, Abstentions- 0, Absent - 2**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the following in a block motion.

**Second/Final Reading- Policy 200 – Enrollment in District**

That the Board approves the Second/Final Reading of revised Policy 200-Enrollment in District.

**Second/Final Reading- Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion**

That the Board approves the Second/Final Reading of revised Policy 233-Suspension and Expulsion.

**Second/Final Reading- Policy 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students**

That the Board approves the Second/Final Reading of revised Policy 103- Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students.

**Second/Final Reading- Policy 218.3 –Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault.**

That the Board approves the Second/Final Reading of new Policy 218.3- Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board and approves the following items in a block motion:

**Personnel - Extra Duty - Athletics - Resignation**

That the Board approves the following Personnel - Extra Duty - Athletics- Resignation:

- Dwayne Lawrence – Assistant JH Girls' Soccer Coach, effective 1/12/2021
- Matt Blakeslee - Head JH Girls' Soccer Coach, effective 2/7/2021

**Personnel - Classified - Retirement/Resignation**

That the Board approves the following Personnel - Classified- Resignation:

- T. Georgann Bailey - (Building Secretary - Rice) for retirement purposes, effective 2/19/2021

**Personnel - Extra Duty - Mentor Teacher**

That the Board approves the following Personnel - Extra Duty - Mentor Teacher:

- Mandi Abernathy (Mentoring Traci Barnhart-Stirkey) half year of SY 20-21 - \$257.50

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sellers, that the Board approves that the Board approves the purchase of EnVision Math Textbooks.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sellers, that the Board approves the 2021-2022 Boiling Springs High School Course Guide.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Spring 2021 Coaches – for March 1, 2021 Approval**

**Enrollment Report**

**Board Calendar February/March 2021**

February 23, 2021 - Policy Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

March 1, 2021 - Planning/Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2021 - Facilities Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

March 8, 2021- Budget Committee Meeting- 7:00 p.m.

March 16, 2021- Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 22, 2021 - Policy Committee Meeting- 6:00 p.m.

March 29, 2021- Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION**

Mrs. MacIvor thanked the emergency vehicles for coming out to celebrate wrestling team victory. Mrs. Rob invited the Board to the upcoming Policy Committee meeting on February 23 where 000 policies will be discussed to attend and give input.

Mr. Greenbaum complimented Zach Gump during snow season for his work clearing the campus and Dr. Strine for making decisions about snow days. Dr. Strine thanked township for their help.

Mrs. Knouse reminded everyone to social distance, wear masks,

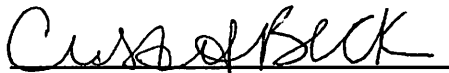
Mrs. Meikrantz congratulated Connor Dieck for his achievement. Commented on Georgann Bailey's ability to make everyone feel calm. Inquired about other school clubs and if they are still able to meet.

Mrs. Knouse commented that Mrs. Bailey was always very welcoming to families.

**ADJOURNMENT**

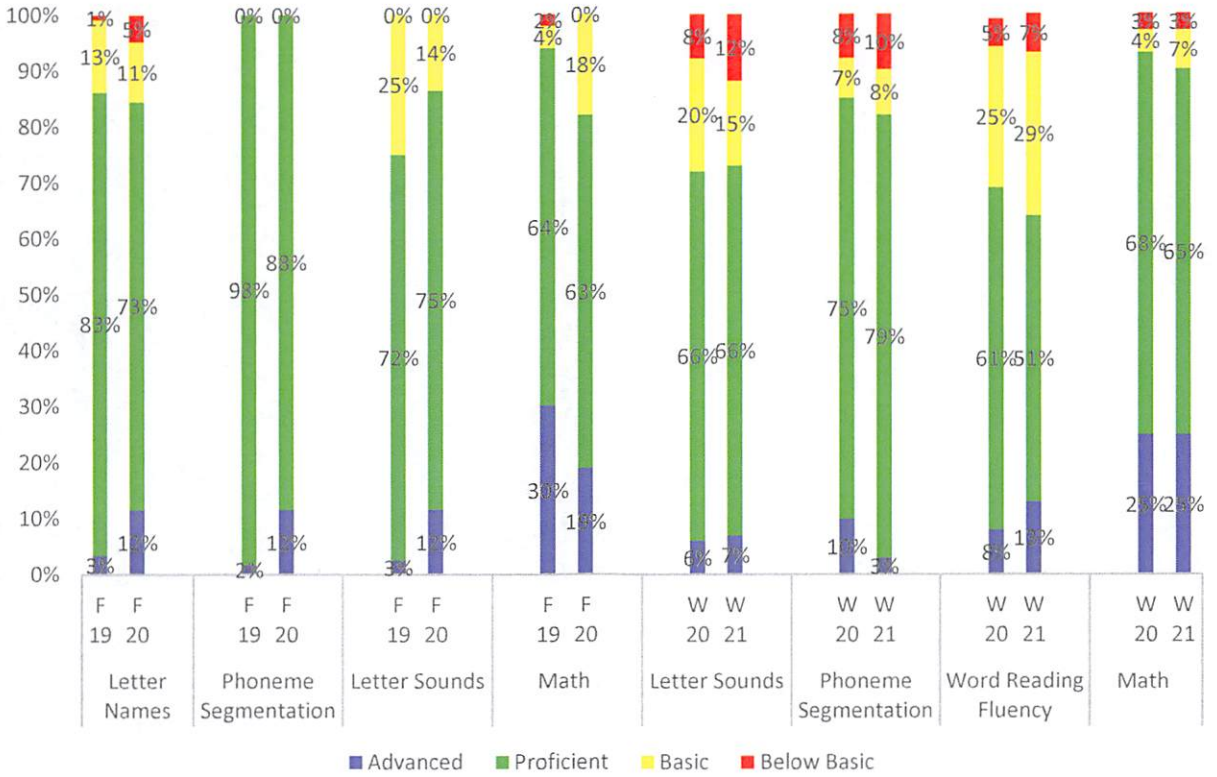
Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

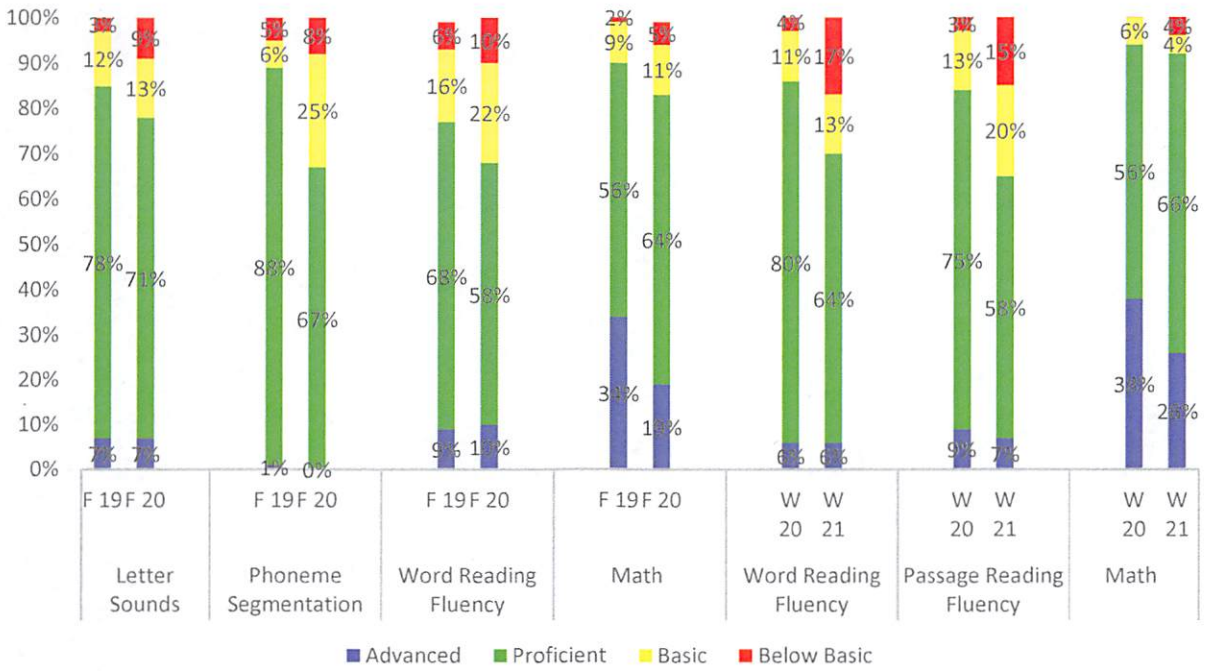
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Cristeen Beck  
Board Secretary

### Kindergarten CBM Comparison

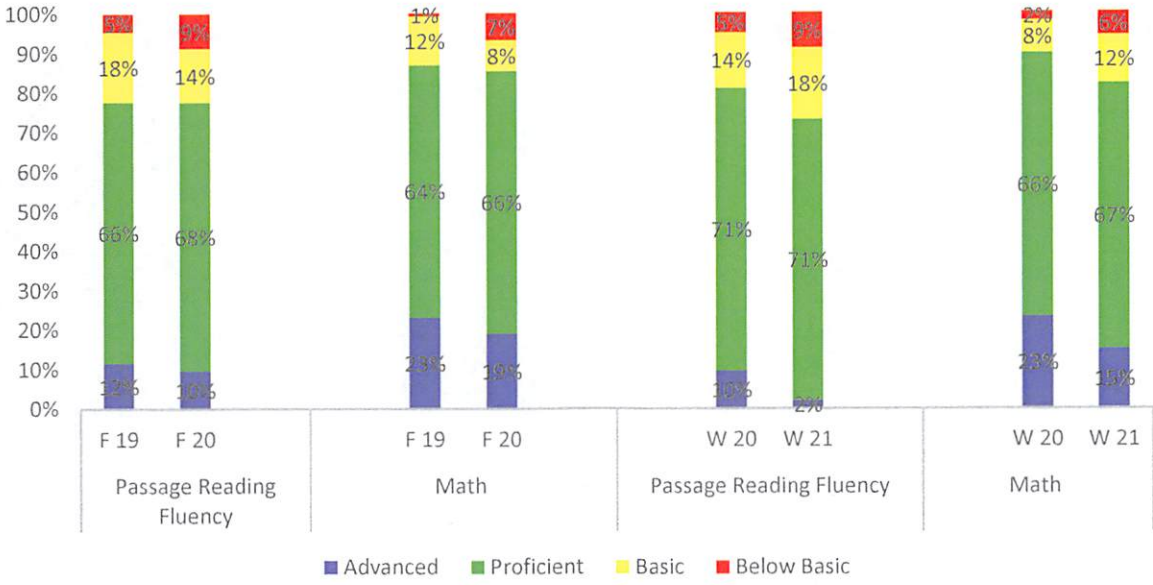


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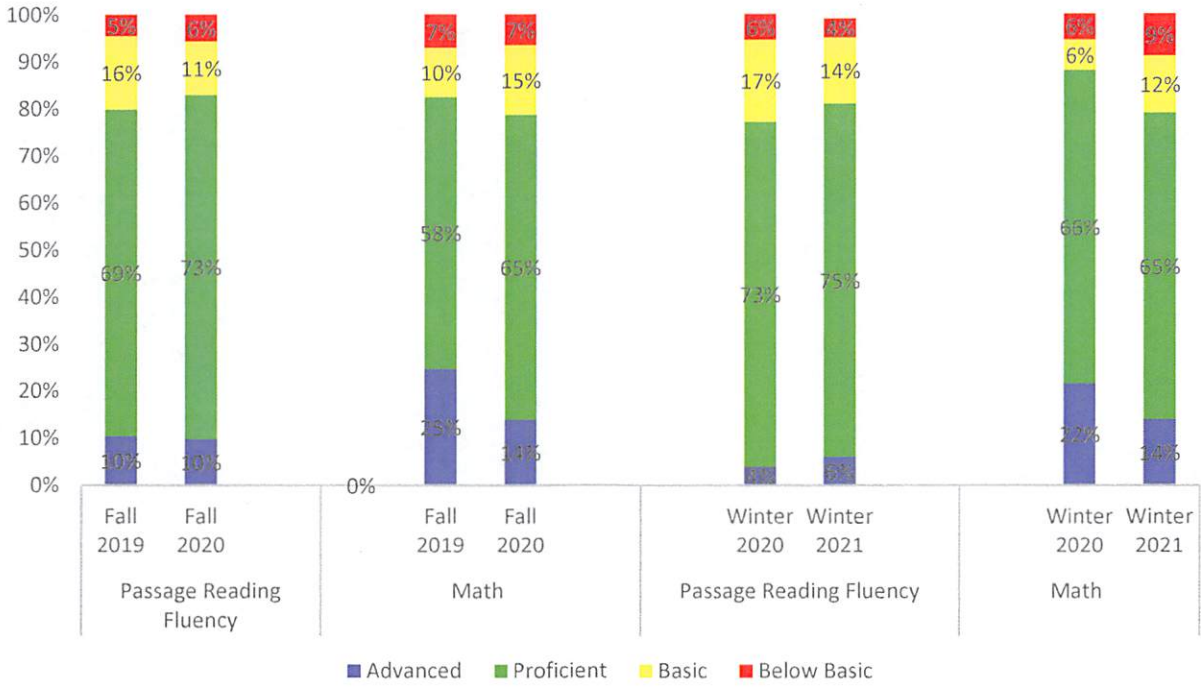




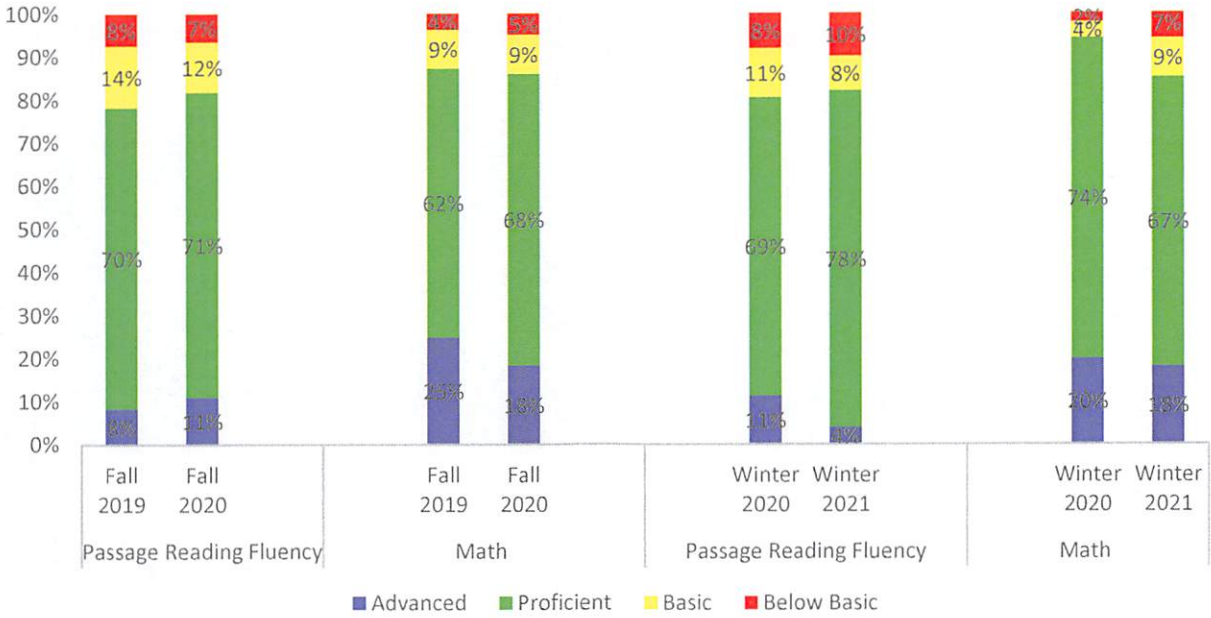
### 2nd Grade CBM Comparison



### 3rd Grade CBM Comparison



### 4th Grade CBM Comparison



### 5th Grade CBM Comparison

