

511 Attica State Assessment Review for Budget Considerations

511 Attica District Summary

(A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.

There are always a number of challenges that should be considered when evaluating student success in a district. Some of the key barriers that impact our School District include, but are not limited to:

- Difficulty in scheduling and finding more time to provide teacher/staff collaboration that would support improved student learning
- High percentage/number of free and reduced students and increased poverty rate
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- It is difficult to encourage a student's highest performance on an assessment that does not impact their future.
- We believe using one assessment score is not an accurate measure of student success, especially because assessments are written in a way to avoid 100% success for every assessment participant.

(B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Our School District faces a number of budget challenges when determining how to allocate funds to best meet the needs of our students. Given our population, the following budget considerations could have the biggest impact on student achievement:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Additional staff members hired to meet the individual learning and SEL needs of all students
- Maintain low teacher/pupil ratio for greater individualized instruction
- Allocating budget to focus on prevention, identification, and intervention concerning trauma and mental health issues

(C) Identify the amount of time the board estimates it will take for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on the state assessments if the budget actions would be implemented.

We measure growth each year and document in our KESA plans our success on a variety of student success factors. We emphasize growth and strive to lead the world in the success of each student. Although we do this and are proud of the work we do, many factors make it impossible to estimate a time that every student will achieve a definition of grade level proficiency. Such factors include:

- The current and future levels of school funding have a significant impact on student learning and any increases or decreases have an affect on student success. Any changes to those funding levels, in either direction, impact the ability of students to meet proficiency criteria.
- Lack of constitutional funding of special education continues to impact our ability to fully meet the needs of all students
- While assessment scores are one measure, our district does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency
- Similar to how other professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, etc, cannot ensure 100% success due to a variety of factors and obstacles, we will be unable to achieve 100% proficiency
- Many of the factors that affect student success, such as trauma, poverty, mental health and student disabilities, are out of the local board's control, so giving a time estimate on things that consistently change, or are under the control of other agencies, is not a realistic practice of a local school board.

Puls Elementary Building State Assessment Review

District: 511 Attica

School: Puls Elementary

Building Number: 8762

Grades Served: PreK-8

(A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.

Our teachers, students, and families face a number of challenges in ensuring student proficiency on assessments. Some of those challenges at this school include:

- Difficulty in scheduling and finding more time to provide teacher/staff collaboration that would support improved student learning
- Difficulty in retaining and attracting highly qualified teachers and replacing teachers as they retire
- High levels or an increase in absenteeism among our student population
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- Lack of, limited, or difficulties in engaging parents in the educational process

(B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Our students face a growing number of barriers to success and this school continually works to support them. Current budget constraints that impact our ability to successfully remove barriers for our students include:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Additional staff members hired to meet the individual learning and SEL needs of all students
- Increased funding and time for staff development
- Additional substitute teachers for teacher release time
- Increase paraeducator support in special education classrooms

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the budget actions would be implemented.

While our board of education, administration, teachers and classified staff work tirelessly to meet the academic and social emotional needs of all of our students, too many factors come into play that do not allow us to accurately assess when all students will be at a certain level. Some of those factors include:

- The current and future levels of school funding have a significant impact on student learning and any increases or decreases have an affect on student success. Any changes to those funding levels, in either direction, impact the ability of students to meet proficiency criteria.
- While assessment scores are one measure, our school does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency

Attica High School Building State Assessment Review

District: 511 Attica

School: Attica High School

Building Number: 8764

Grades Served: 9-12

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- Increased funding and time for staff development
- Additional substitute teachers for teacher release time
- Increased funding to expand extended school year and summer school programs for students
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