

To: Dr. Mahoney
Board of Education
From: Heidi Deininger
Re: Board Report
Date: June 13, 2023



Academics – We received our IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness, grades 7 & 8) and our PSAT/SAT scores (grades 9-11). As the scores are embargoed, we share a brief synopsis of the scores below:

Successes:

- 7th grade students grew tremendously as a cohort (from their 6th grade scores to their 7th grade scores)
- 7th grade students this year to 7th grade students last year also saw tremendous growth
- 8th grade students this year to 8th grade students last year showed strong growth
- 9th grade students this year to 9th grade students last year showed growth; especially in math
- 10th grade students this year showed growth in math compared to 10th grade students last year
- 11th grade students this year showed growth in ERW compared to 11th grade students last year

Areas of required growth/change:

- 8th grade ELA
- 8th grade math
- High school math
- 10th & 11th grade ELA

Instructional strategies/changes for 2023-2024:

- Change in 10th & 11th ELA teachers
- Increase in the amount of 8th grade students taking Algebra (2 sections)
- Change in 8th grade ELA teacher
- Introduction of Pre-AP English (class) in 9th grade (2 sections)
- Implementation of district-wide *Data Protocol* which is a systemic way of collecting & analyzing data and making instructional decisions based on the data
- Increase in math & ELA intervention at the high school; students with the most need will be scheduled into an intervention class period (similar to what is done in 7th & 8th grades)
- Curricular changes
- Designated data sources that are indicative of future standardized test scores (MAP, PSAT/SAT practice tests)

Culture – We are very proud of our results from the culture survey. The Leader in Me *Measurable Results Assessment* indicated growth in all of the following areas:

- Staff leadership
- Student leadership
- Supportive staff environment
- Supportive student environment
- Empowered learners
- Goal achievement
- Empowered teachers

**We believe this indicates:

- Our positive culture is growing and handled the combination of the schools positively
- Students are applying LIM values into our culture and their personal experiences

- Students feel safe and a sense of belonging in our school (this was a targeted area for us this school year)
- Students are involved in the learning, as well as in activities/athletics

OJSHS End of Year (presentation of 2022-2023 goals status)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Yqae_PGIrn37hpabgjsE5nzozwiBTEZdu-DUcwCbae4/edit?usp=sharing

Summer Work – There are many staff members who will be completing curriculum & instructional projects this summer. Here is a list of summer work:

- Collaboration session with Hinckley Big Rock (Rad and Dr. D); they reached out to us to learn more about our grade level teams, specifically 9th grade and the Hawks Take Flight program, as well as about our PLC process (May 25)
- Summer Learning – OJSHS summer learning already concluded. We hosted approximately 100 students who were here for a variety of reasons including credit recovery, intervention and enrichment. We had an amazing team of 7 teachers and one paraprofessional here to help our students be successful (May 30-June 9).
- Transformational Leadership – teacher leaders were trained by Phoenix Partners June 7-8
- ExSEL conference – team of staff from across the district attended a conference to learn more about making our SEL support stronger; specifically, at OJSHS, we plan to do more supportive, proactive interventions for SEL needs (June 12-14)
- PLC's at Work – team of 10 staff members will be attending a conference in Madison to continue to develop their leadership skills and deepen understanding of the professional learning community (PLC) model (July 12-15)
- Advanced placement and pre-advanced placement summer institute- Kristen Lookingland (pre-AP English), Angela Reynolds (AP Pre-Calculus) and Olivia Kincaid (AP Art) are receiving training to run these new advanced placement courses (June & July).
- Math department curriculum work – five person team will be revamping the entire math curriculum 7-12 to align with learning objectives and necessary skills of IAR and PSAT/SAT (June).
- Athletic Action Planning – Mr. Lawton and Dr. Deininger will be meeting with the Athletic Action planning team on June 22 to finalize an updated plan for continuous improvement in our athletic department. We have had very good attendance at the planning sessions including, parents, coaches, students and administration.
- FFA National convention – Mr. McMillan and Ms. Eden took a team of 10 high school students to the national convention this week (June 12-16)
- Band trip to Nashville – Mr. Hall and Mr. Eckardt took our band students on a trip to Nashville to perform at the Country Music Hall of Fame. More information about the trip is here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IzIHv2etN9AlgK9AI9So04ITNw_2dK5Z-xR8j6y1jQQ/edit?usp=sharing
- Leader in Me training – August 2nd; staff Lighthouse team and student Lighthouse team will be working with our coach to develop goals and a plan for the next year
- HK Fellows Professional Perspectives – In August, Kim Radostits and Dr. Deininger will be attending a session hosted by the Hunt Institute. At this session, we will be meeting with various policy makers from across the country to share our perspectives on education. More information is here <https://hunt-institute.org/programs/hunt-kean-leadership-fellows-program/>

*****As you can see, summer at OJSHS is for learning and growing...for both students and staff*****