



South Washington County Schools

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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DATE: November 17, 2016

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: To present updates on Every Student Succeeds Act, Title Programs,
and Worlds Best Work Force

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Personalized Learning Strategic Objective

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: November, 17, 2016

REPORT

The outcome for this learning session is to share with the school board and public updates in federal legislation to what was formally called No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and now is called Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) details of Minnesota Department of Education’s proposed application plan, to learn about current federal allocations and programming within the South Washington County Schools, and to hear an update on the World’s Best Work Force accountability plans.



World's Best Workforce: Summary Report 2015-16

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Support and improve
teaching and learning

2015-16 Goals for District 833

50%

Reduction in the achievement gap by 2017

3.5%

Annual increase in letter sound / identification for kindergarten readiness

Annual increase in eighth grade reading proficiency to measure progress towards Career & College Readiness

1.3%

Annual increase in literacy rate for third grade students on state testing

2.6%

.8%

Annual increase of students graduating 'on time' from high school

Annual Report to the Community

South Washington County Schools is sharing its report through the interactive infographic at the right. The team responsible for reporting on the World's Best Workforce 2015-16 has worked to combine the traditional requirements of the annual report on curriculum and instruction, reporting on the District's strategic plan, [Together We Are SoWashCo](#), and the requirements of the World's Best Workforce Report Summary.

The infographic to the right is a summary document available on the district's website where it is interactive, linking to each component depicted.

The strategic plan remains the guiding document for the school district. The World's Best Workforce Summary Report is a document that continues to be reviewed and updated and aligns to the strategic plan.

The infographic, and supporting information on the district's website, includes progress toward improving teaching and learning and striving to meet the World's Best Workforce goals, specifically progress toward: closing the achievement gap; all students ready for kindergarten; all students in third grade achieving grade-level literacy; all students attaining career and college readiness before graduating from high school (once data is received from the state); and all students graduating from high school (once data is received from the state).

An additional requirement of the state of Minnesota's World's Best Workforce Legislation is a public meeting. The district has set Tuesday, Nov. 22 as the opportunity for the public to hear an update on the World's Best Workforce in District 833. This public meeting will take place from 4-5:30 p.m. at East Ridge High School in the Media Center. Updates have been provided throughout the year to the School Board and community.

Questions about the World's Best Workforce can be addressed to Brian Boothe, Director of Professional Development and Accountability, at bboothe@sowashco.org.

Questions about the Strategic Plan can be addressed to Barbara Brown, Director of Communications, at bbrown6@sowashco.org.

Supporting Strategies

AVID - Career & College Readiness

Early Childhood Programming - Kindergarten readiness

Professional Learning Communities - Graduation rates

Climate and Culture - Closing the achievement gap

MN ELA Standards - Local Literacy Plan

Curriculum, programming and Continuous Improvement - All goals

2015-16 Results

Closing the achievement gap

2016 Goals	Mathematics	Reading
All students	80%	74%
Asian	83.5%	76.6%
Black	69.8%	62.3%
Hispanic	68.2%	62.7%
White	82%	76.4%
Free/Reduced	66.1%	59.4%



2016 Results	Mathematics	Reading
All students	69.2%	71.2%
Asian	75.4%	73.7%
Black	53.4%	57%
Hispanic	49.7%	57.5%
White	72.6%	74.3%
Free/Reduced	48.2%	52.9%

Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten readiness scores decreased from 46.3% in 2015 to 45.8% in 2016

Goal is to increase letter sound/identification by 3.5% annually.

Third grade literacy

Scores in third grade reading proficiency increased from 65% in 2013 to 67.3% in 2016

Goal by 2017 is to increase third grade reading proficiency to 75.5%

Career & College Readiness

Scores in eighth grade reading proficiency increased from 77.6% in 2013 to 81.1% in 2016

Goal by 2017 is to increase eighth grade reading proficiency to 82.8%

Graduation Rates

District graduation rate increased from 89.6% in 2013 to 91.1% in 2015.

Goal is to increase graduation rate to 92.7% by 2017.

Next Steps

Ongoing community engagement, review and alignment of the World's Best Workforce to Together We Are SoWashCo, the district's strategic plan.

Strategic Plan



Personalization

Objective 1



Climate & Culture for Students

Objective 2



Climate & Culture for Staff

Objective 3

Achievement & Integration Plan

Goal 1:
Close the achievement gap by 50% by 2017 as outlined in the WBWF.

Strategies:

- » Family engagement programs
- » AVID
- » Cultural liaisons & academic success coaches
- » Interventions based on WBWF data

Goal 2:
Implement inter-district partnerships (SPPS and ISD 196)

Strategies:

- » Professional Development
- » Student interactions
- » Enrollment choices
- » Be the Dream