Report to the Board of Education

February 11, 2020

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Upcoming Events:

2/7/20-Winter dance-6:00-8:00 Elementary school gym
2/25/20-BOE Meeting
3/6/20-Interim 3 ends
3/10/20-BOE Meeting
3/12/20-Grades 5-8 Roller Skating party-NRWE
3/24-3/27/20-New York State ELA Exam

Notes:

The middle school student council is working on a time capsule, will be completed by Friday February 14th. They are writing letters, and choosing things such as pictures, souvenirs, and other items to include in the time capsule.

In March, the Middle School Cougar News team will provide a demonstration to the Board, they are very excited to do this. They are going on a field trip to the Apple Store in Victor to learn more about how to use imovie. We will keep you updated.

Aimsweb

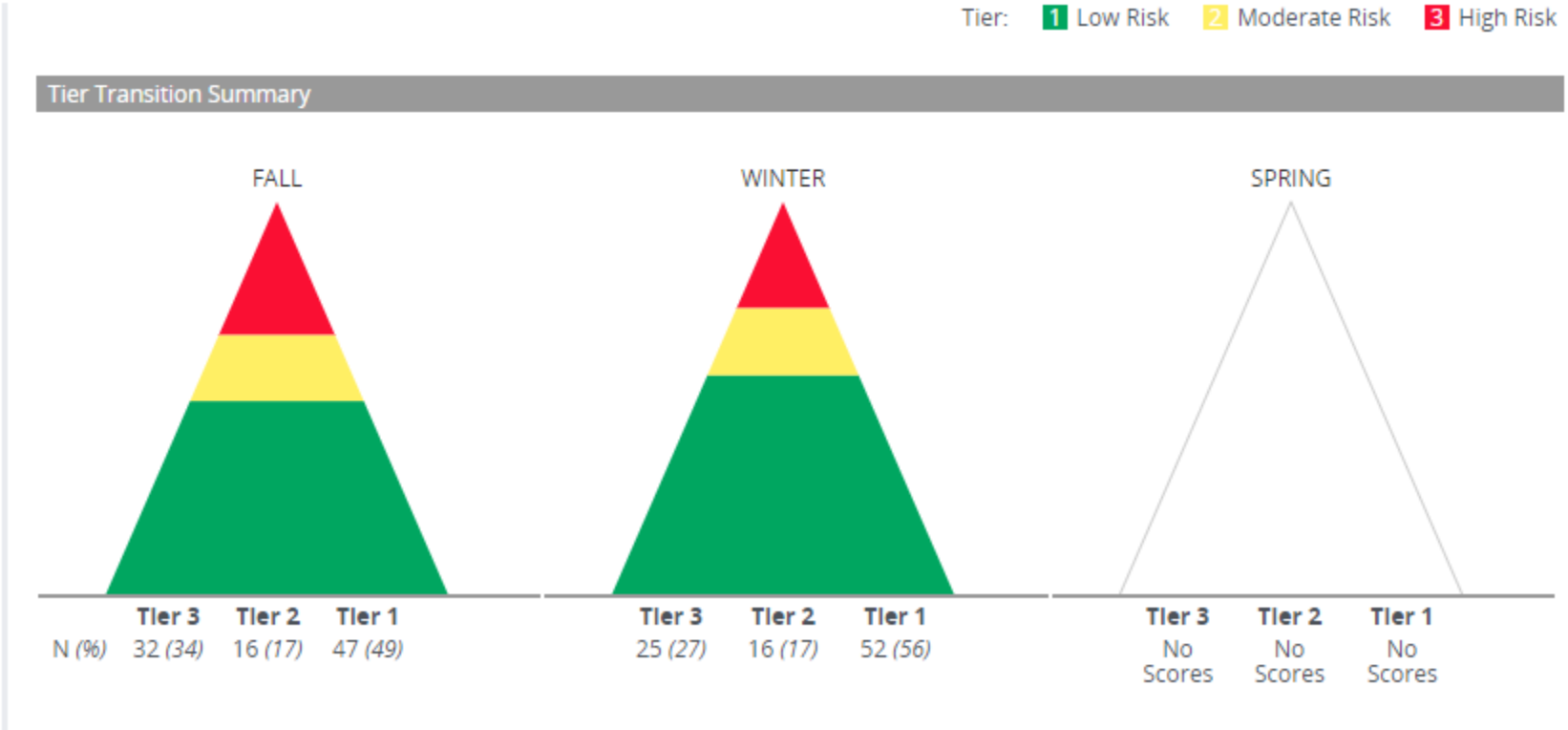
Below are a few graphs so you can get a sense of the information provided to teachers and school leaders via student participation in Aimsweb assessments.

Aimsweb is a computer-based assessment in reading in math that provides information about the effectiveness of tiered instruction. You may recall that tier 1 instruction involves teaching whole groups of students, using formative assessment data to provide the highest quality instruction possible at Tier 1, or the initial point of contact between the students and the learning.

Tier 2 instruction is delivered in addition to tier 1 instruction. It may consist of small group instruction inside or outside the tier 1 classroom for a specific length of time.

Tier 3 is delivered in addition to Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 3 instruction is implemented away from the regular classroom in a 1:1 setting.

Aimsweb provides assessment results organized by tiers. See below for an example:



The chart shows data from all fifth graders who took Aimsweb math in the fall and the winter of the 19-20 school year. The triangles look the same, but if you look closely you can see some differences in the areas represented by red, yellow, and green.

These differences are reflected in the numbers below the triangles. If you look at the triangle entitled "Fall," you can see the bottom of the triangle has N(%) numbers categorized as Tier 3, Tier 2, and Tier 1. Then, look at the numbers below the "Winter" triangle. I created the table below so we could look at them in a different way:

	Fall-number of students	Winter-number of students
Tier 1	47	52
Tier 2	16	16
Tier 3	32	25

Analysis:

- It's good to see an increase in the number of students achieving at Tier 1-this means that the student is close to the targets we have set for our students. In three months, five additional students at tier 1 is a promising sign.
- Interesting that there were no changes at Tier 2-this doesn't mean there are no different students in the group, however.
- A decrease of seven students at tier 3 is a positive sign. Keep in mind that students move from time to time, in the event that you were wondering why the numbers don't add up exactly.

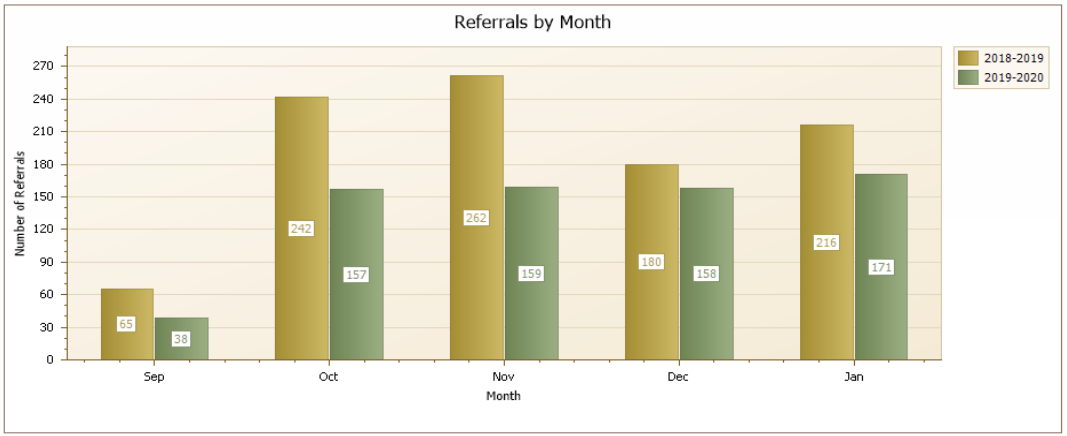
This is only one of the many reports that are available to educators with the use of Aimsweb. Each grade level has a reading report and a math report. Some are better than others, but Aimsweb has tremendous potential for providing information so that we can provide targeted supports and instruction for students so that all students have what they need to meet NYS standards.

Brady Farnand- NR-W Middle School Assistant Principal (5th-8th grade) – February 2020 - BOE Report
**Linked to focus areas determined by the Building Principal Mr. Mathews, and directly linked to our District Strategic Action Plan.*

Projected Middle School Enrollment – 2019-2020:

5th grade	96
6th grade	98

7th grade	69
8th grade	105

District Strategic Action Plan	Focus area	Progress
Focus Area 1	Action Step 1	***Actionable Items*** *Staff Referrals-* We have had a lower number of referrals each month this year compared to last school year. We have seen a reduction of referrals by 29% on the year! 
	Action Step 1	Attendance: After a rough December where many of our students were out with the flu, our attendance bounced back in January! This January was the most attended January in the last 3 years!
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		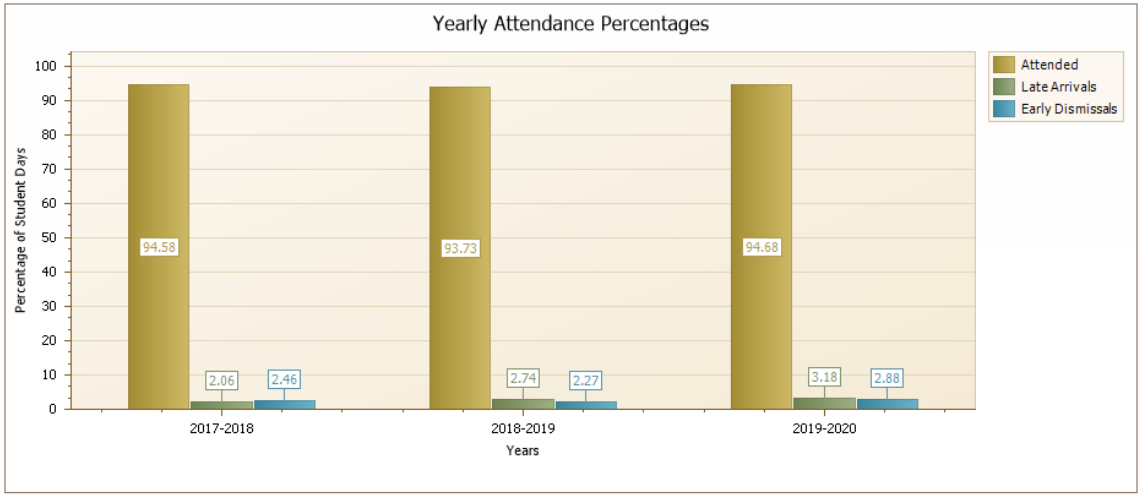
	Action Step 1	Attendance Celebration: This month we recognized all the students who had perfect attendance in the month of December. We celebrated with hot cocoa and a movie shortly after they arrived at school.
	Action Step 1	 Character trait of the month: For the month of January we focused on self-awareness. Town hall meetings and community circles were tailored to teach students about being self-aware and how that applies to

		school wide expectations. We discussed making positive choices and the ability to recognize when we need to take make better decisions and how to act upon that. In February, we will focus on compassion. <u>Just for fun!</u> The Wolcott Rotary Club hosted a luncheon on January 29th where one of our 7th grade students was honored as student of the month. James Bridson, a 7th grader, has taken control of health issues and takes pride and ownership in his own education. His determination and perseverance contributes to his academic success! Way to go James!