



PORT WASHINGTON-SAUVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

We have had a tremendous first quarter of the school year in the Port Washington-Sauville School District! We are excited about the new reading curriculum for grades K-8, as well as the School Continuous Improvement Plans (SCIPs) at each of our schools focused on *Climate, Instruction and Academics*, and the advanced work we are continuing to focus upon in the area of social emotional learning.

As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve our reading and math instructional practices to produce 100% growth for all students in a year's time at PWSSD. The school report card is one of several resources we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute ([Wis. Stat. 115.385](#)) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The current **school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2022-23 school year**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2022-23 report cards. Multiple years of data impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are used throughout the report card.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- **Achievement** - proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **Growth** - year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- **Target Group Outcomes** - outcomes for students with the lowest 25% test scores
- **On-Track to Graduation** - reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement and is not aligned with traditional 0-100 grading scales. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

Here are highlights from the Port Washington-Sauville District and school report cards:

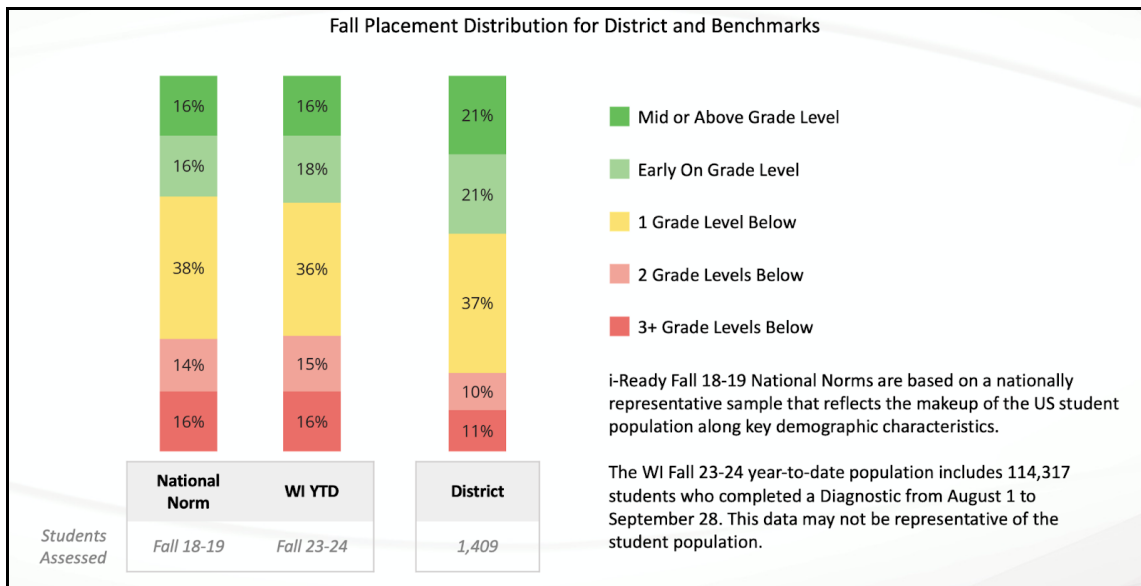
- *We are a district that exceeds expectations.*

- In the priority area of Achievement, the PWSSD has ELA and Mathematics scores higher than the statewide trends. PWSSD is 15.9 points higher than the statewide score in English Language Arts and 15 points higher than the statewide score in Mathematics.

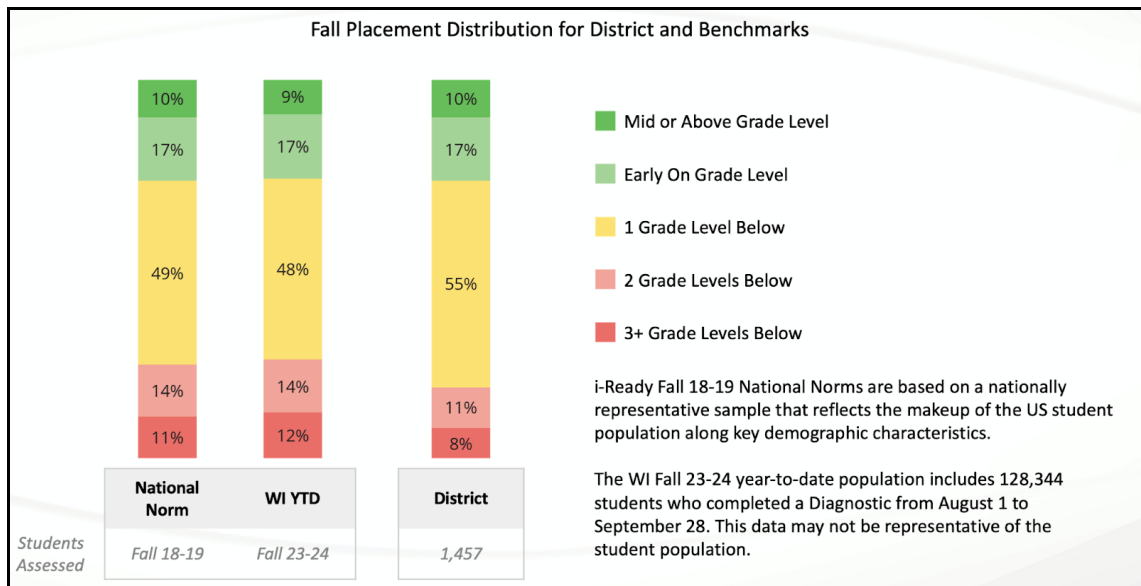
I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus in our school/district. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school. Trend data and comparison from district to district is not derived or intended to be derived by the report card. The PWSSD utilizes other resources to capture specific trend information.

When compared to state and national norms, PWSSD outperforms in both reading and math as evidenced by our fall iReady diagnostic data. This has been a consistent trend over the past several years. iReady is a criterion referenced assessments and measures student performance and growth toward grade level standards.

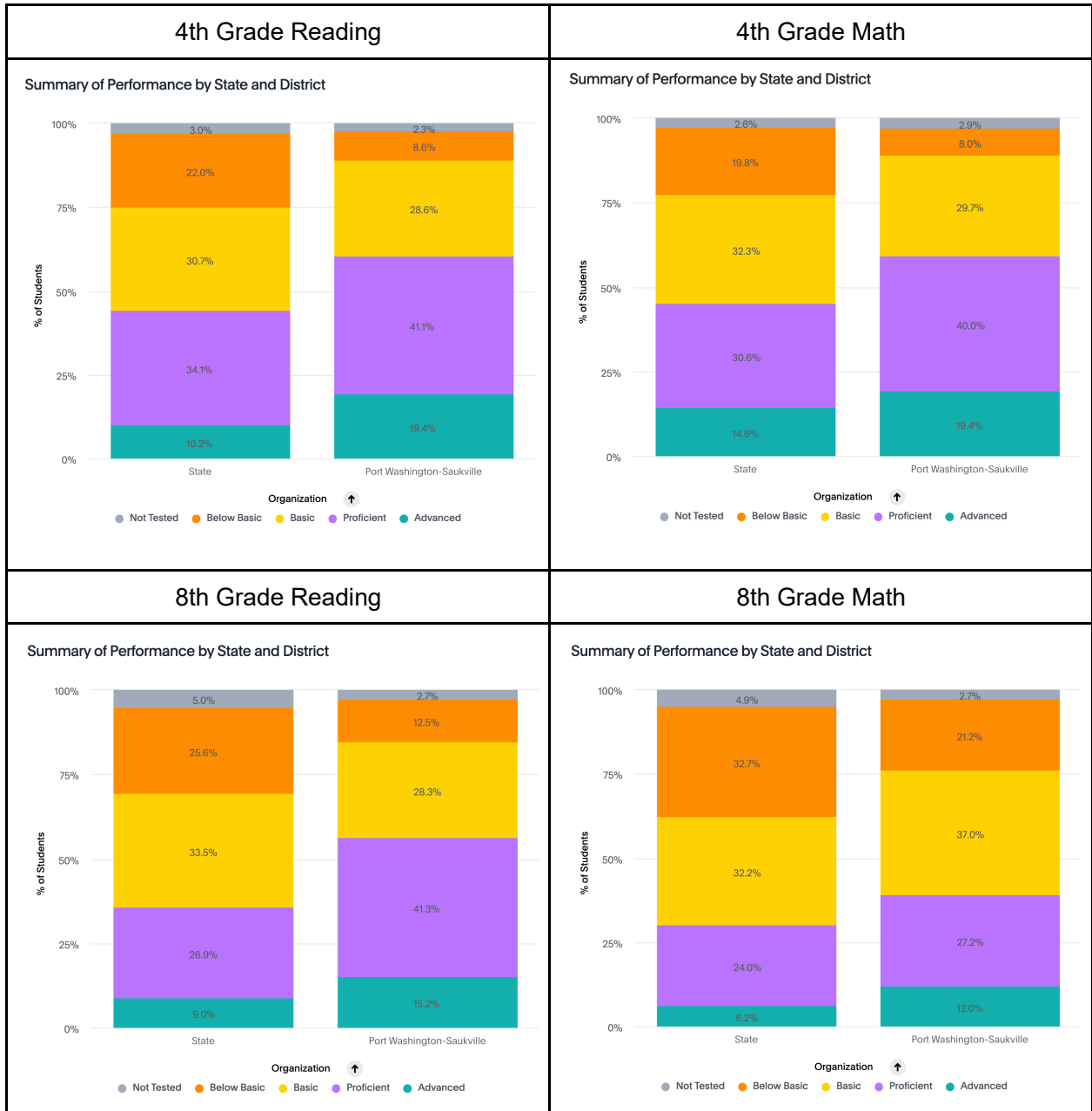
Our 2023 Fall iReady reading diagnostic results for K-8:



Our 2023 Fall iReady math diagnostic results for K-8:



On the 2023 Spring Forward Exam, our 4th and 8th grade reading and math data also indicate that our students are performing better than other students in the state.



School and district report cards, along with resources that explain the report cards, can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> or on our District website at: <https://www.pwssd.k12.wi.us/domain/22>.

If you should have any school building specific thoughts or questions, please contact the administrator of your child’s school. For any district-wide thoughts and questions, please reach out and contact Dr. Tammy Thompson Kapp, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. We look forward to working with you to make 2023-24 a successful school year for students!

Sincerely,

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