

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

(\*Attachments are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.)

**Committee of the Whole**

**October 14, 2019**

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on October 14, 2019 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Chairperson, at 6:03 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome  
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson  
Mrs. Rita Volkmann (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)  
Mr. Jay Weitlauf  
Mrs. Lee White

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Jane Giulini

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Miss Addie Clark, Student Representative

**1. Elementary School SBAC Data Presentation [ATTACHMENT #1]**

Ms. Austin gave a brief overview of the data to be presented. Each elementary Principal gave an overview of the percentage at level 3 or above for grades 3, 4, and 5 for GPS, State and their respective school for ELA and Math as well as the average percentage of target achieved in ELA and Math. Each school noted that there is co-teaching in grades 3, 4, and 5. Each Principal expounded on the outstanding efforts of their Interventionists for ELA and Math.

**2. Discussion re: Recommendation for Magnet School Program at Charles Barnum School**

Dr. Graner noted that it was his recommendation that Groton become a fully Magnet Elementary School District.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that Groton become a fully Magnet School District and that Charles Barnum Elementary School becomes a magnet school beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

**3. Groton 2020 Planning Timeline [ATTACHMENTS #2, 3]**

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the elementary and middle school Groton 2020 Planning Timeline.

4. 2020-2021 School Calendar [ATTACHMENT #4]

Dr. Graner and Ms. Austin reviewed the two proposed options for the 2020-21 School Calendar.

It was the consensus of the Board to start school for students on September 8, 2020, to have school on Columbus Day, and to have a half day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Dr. Graner was asked to survey the area Superintendents regarding whether they would be having school on Columbus Day next year.

Mrs. Volkmann suggested that the Board consider approving a two year school calendar.

This item will be on the Board agenda for October 28, 2019 for a vote.

5. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Newsome:

To adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

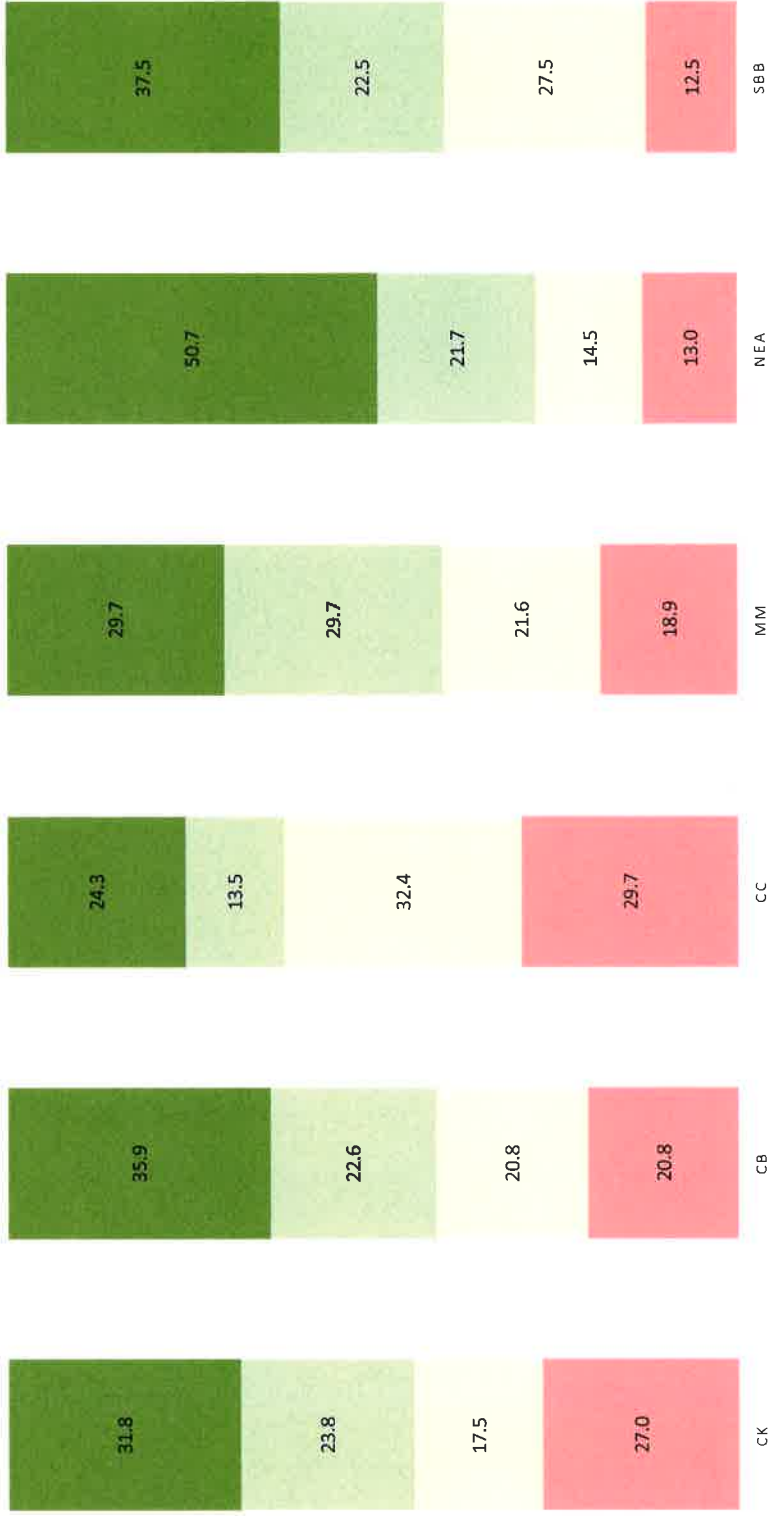
**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

2018-19  
SBAC Report  
Elementary Schools

Monday, October 14, 2019

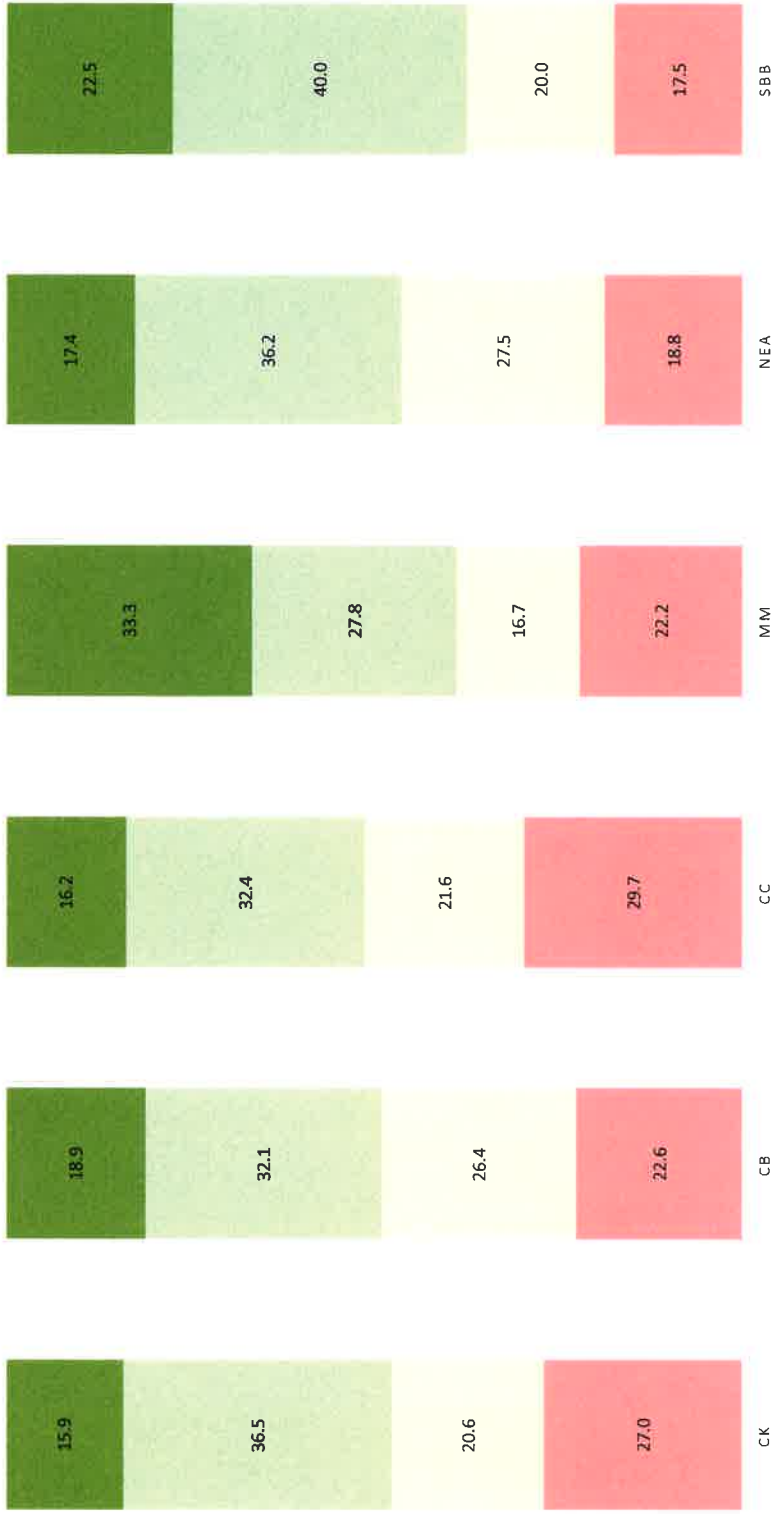
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■ % at 1   
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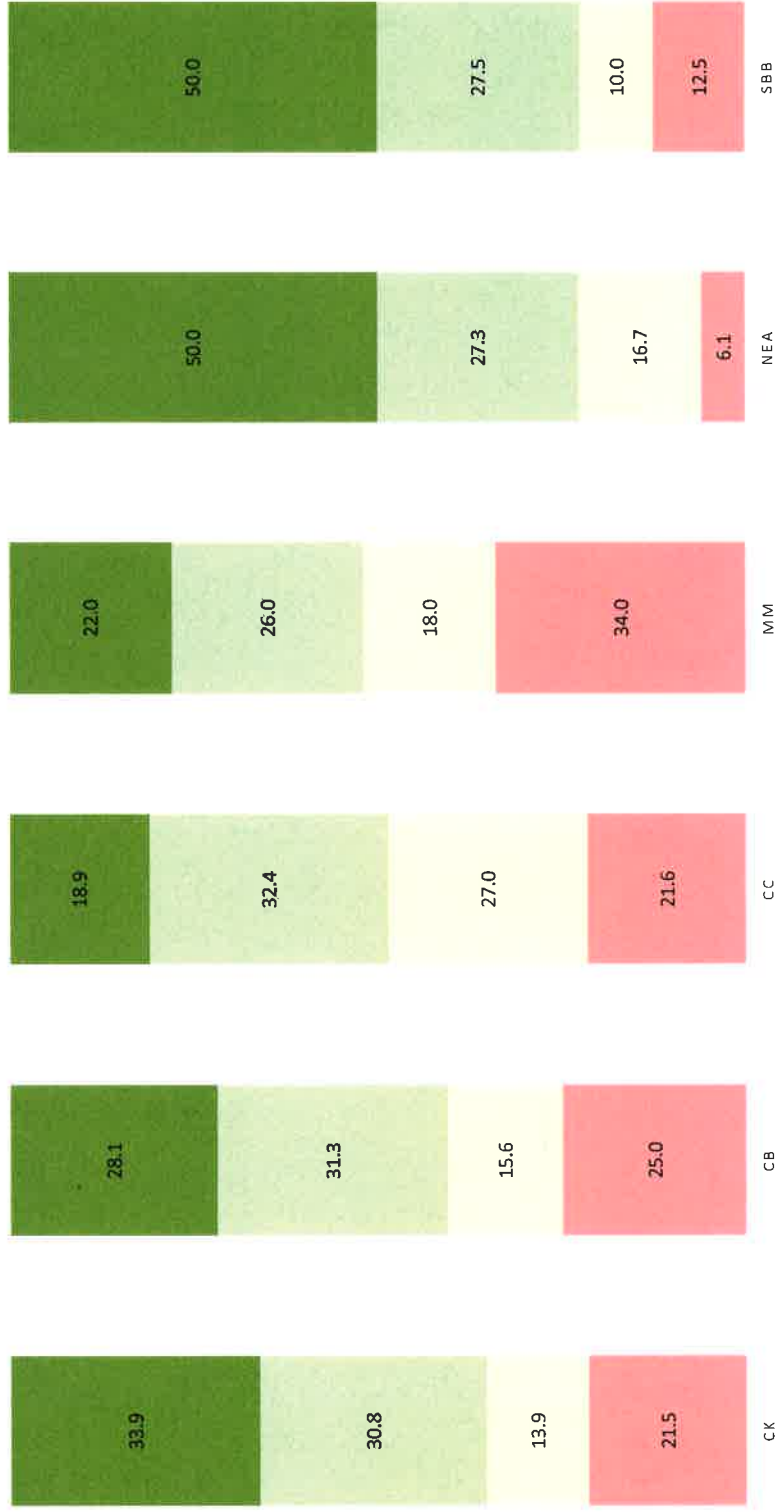
## GRADE 3 MATH

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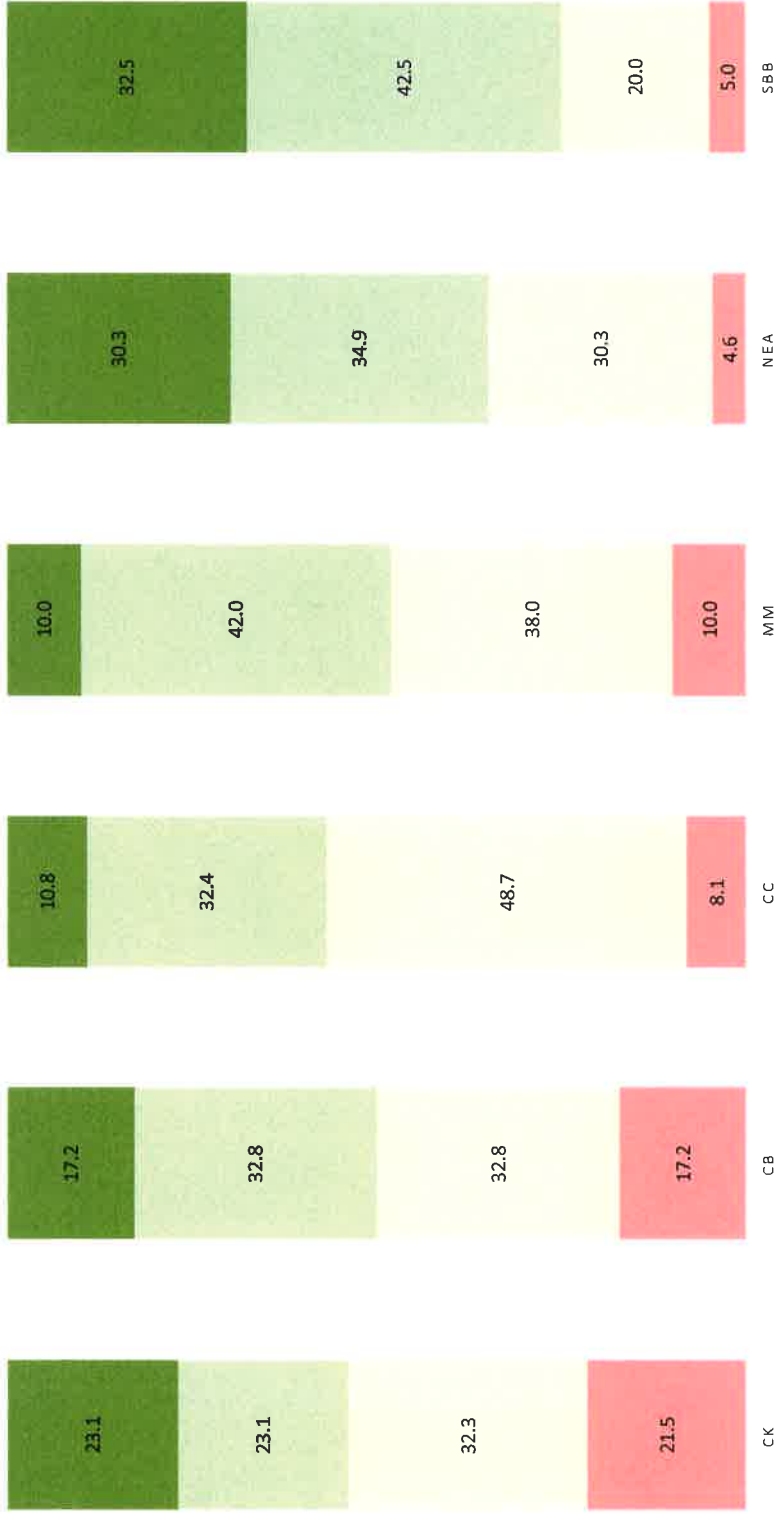
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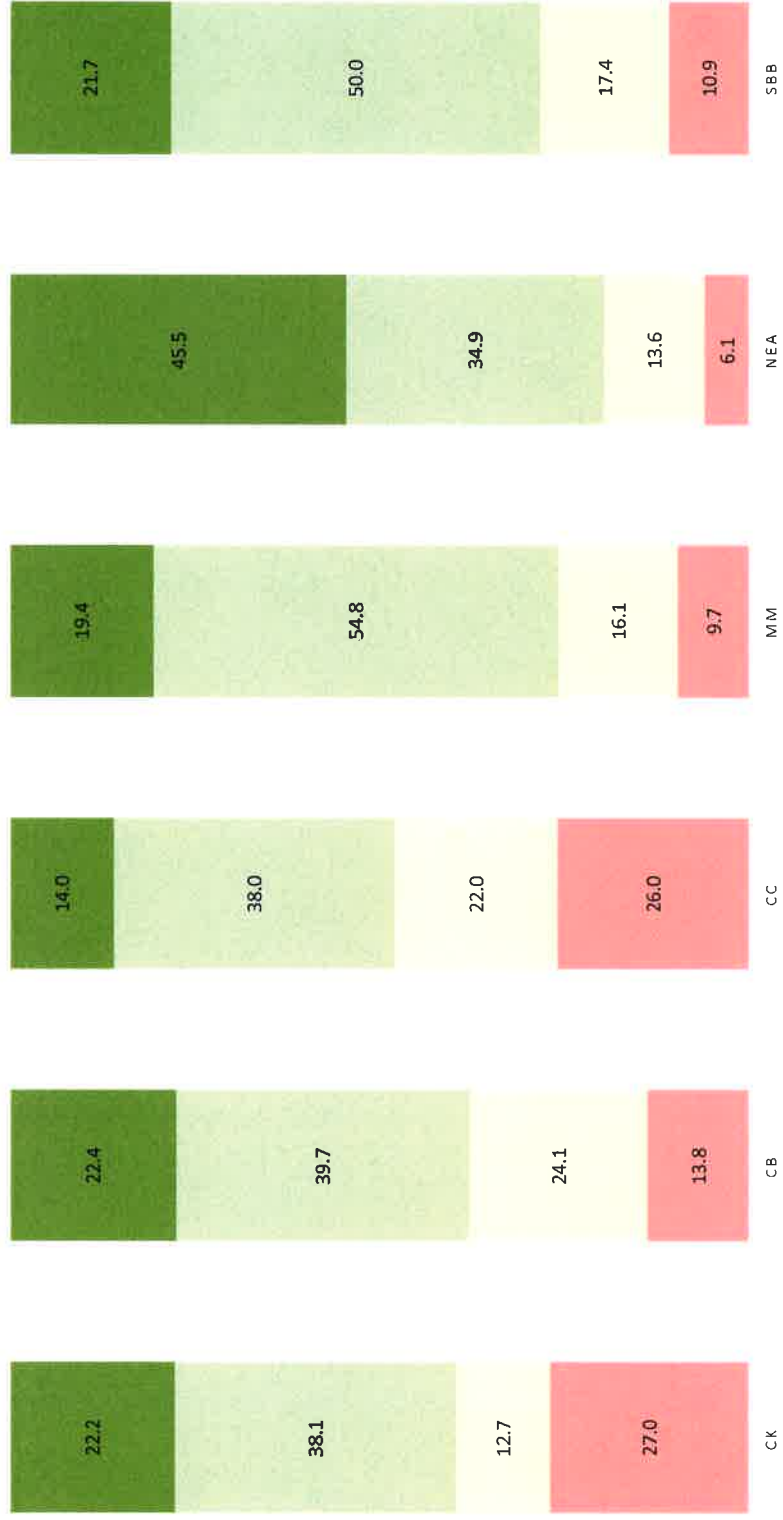
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## GRADE 5 ELA

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## GRADE 5 MATH

■ % at 1   ■ % at 2   ■ % at 3   ■ % at 4



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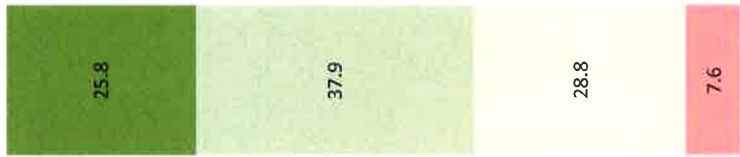
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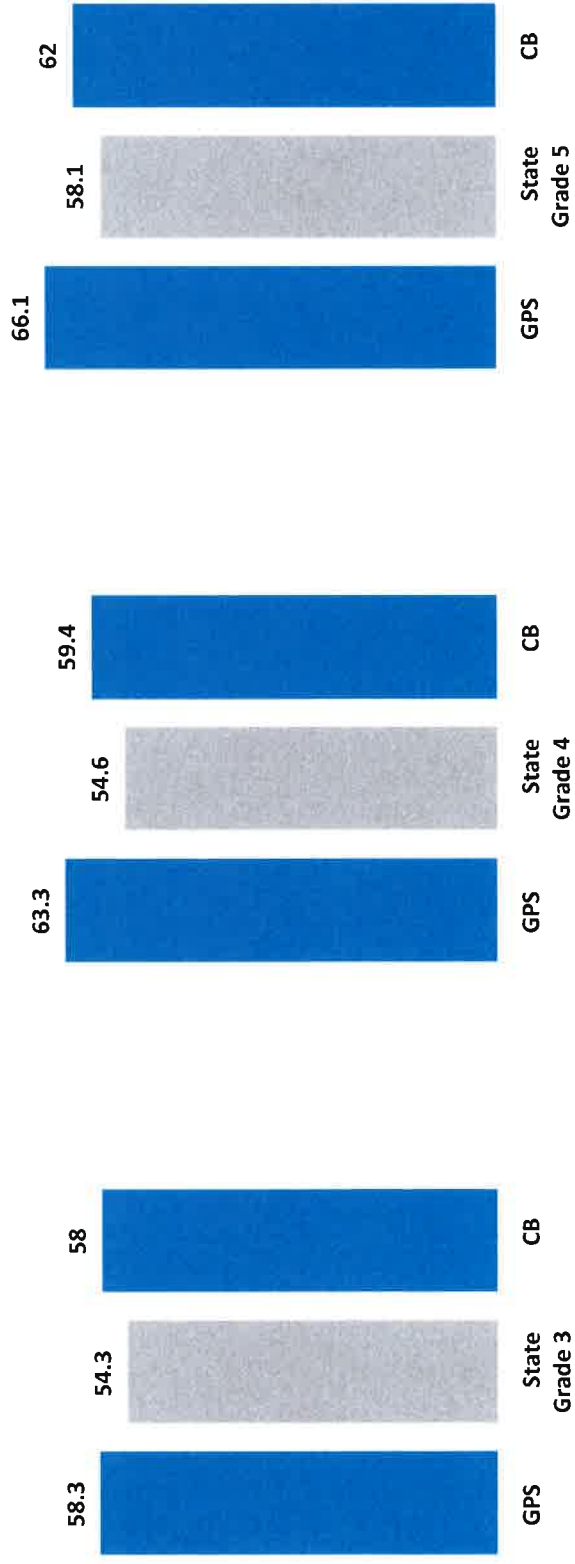
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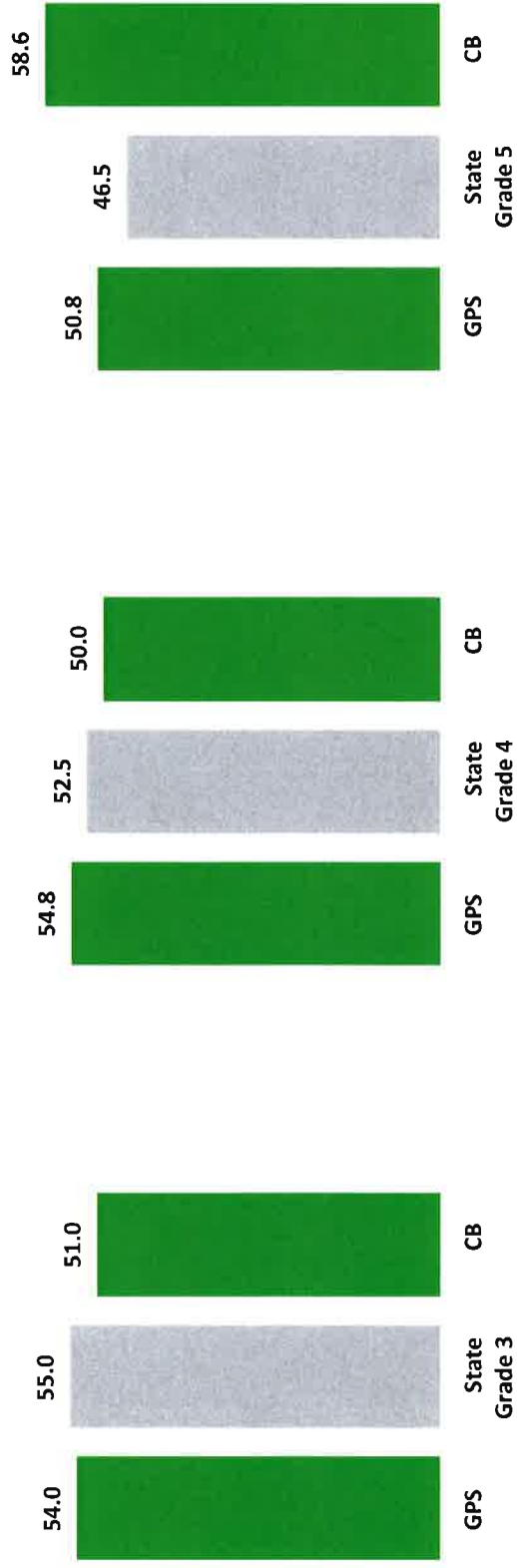
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# **Charles Barnum SBAC Report**

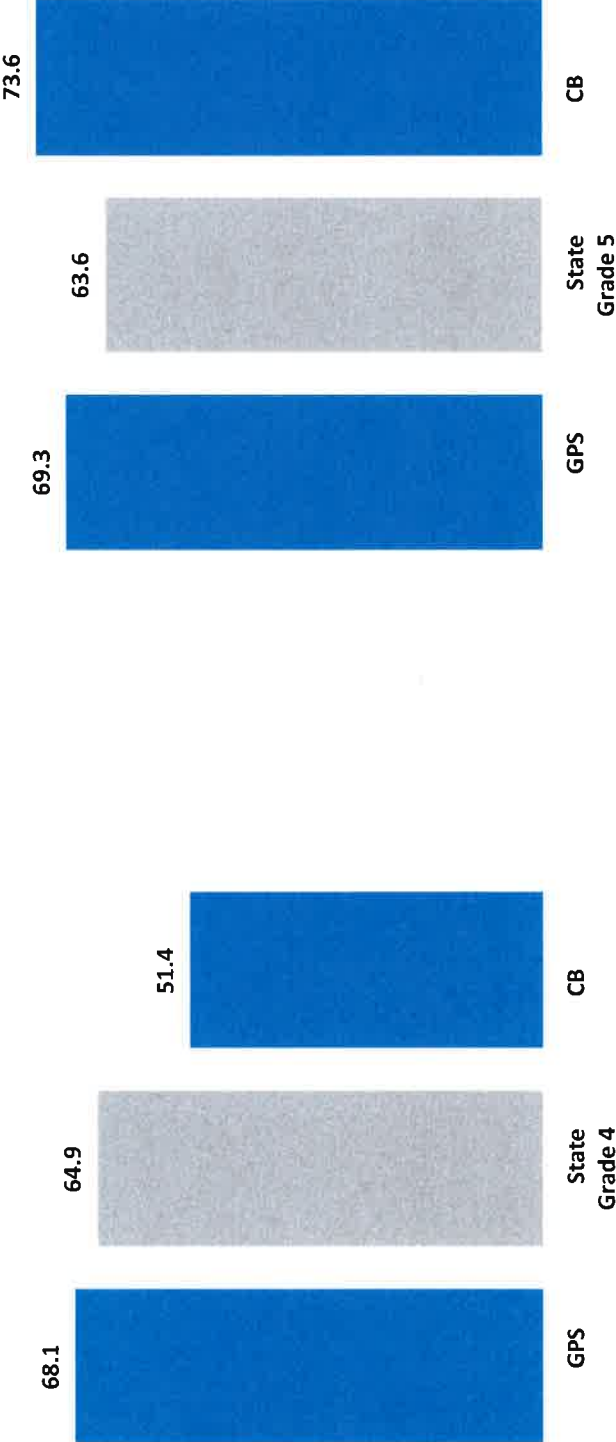
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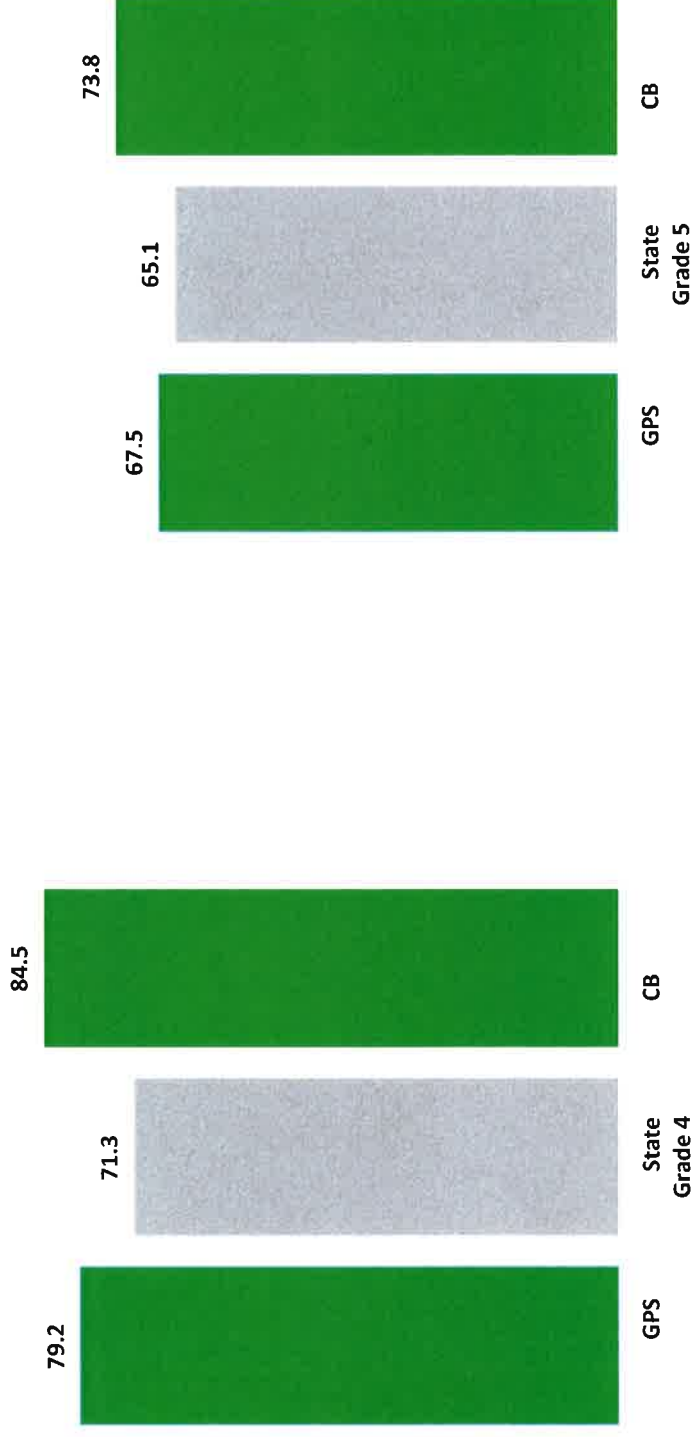
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# Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA for Grades 4 and 5 GPS, State, and Charles Barnum



## Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math for Grades 4 and 5 GPS, State, and Charles Barnum



**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA by Levels**  
**Charles Barnum**

<b>ELA</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>44.0</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>62.9</b>

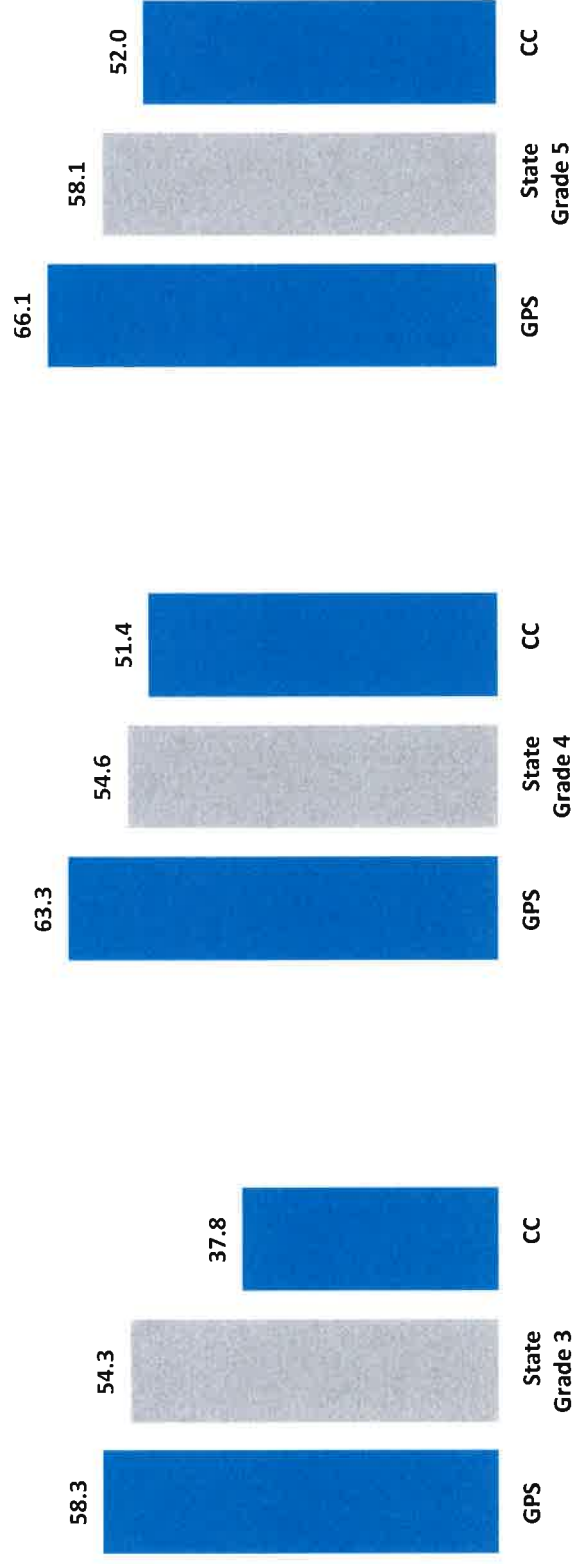
**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math by Levels**  
**Charles Barnum**

<b>Math</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>107.7</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>71.0</b>

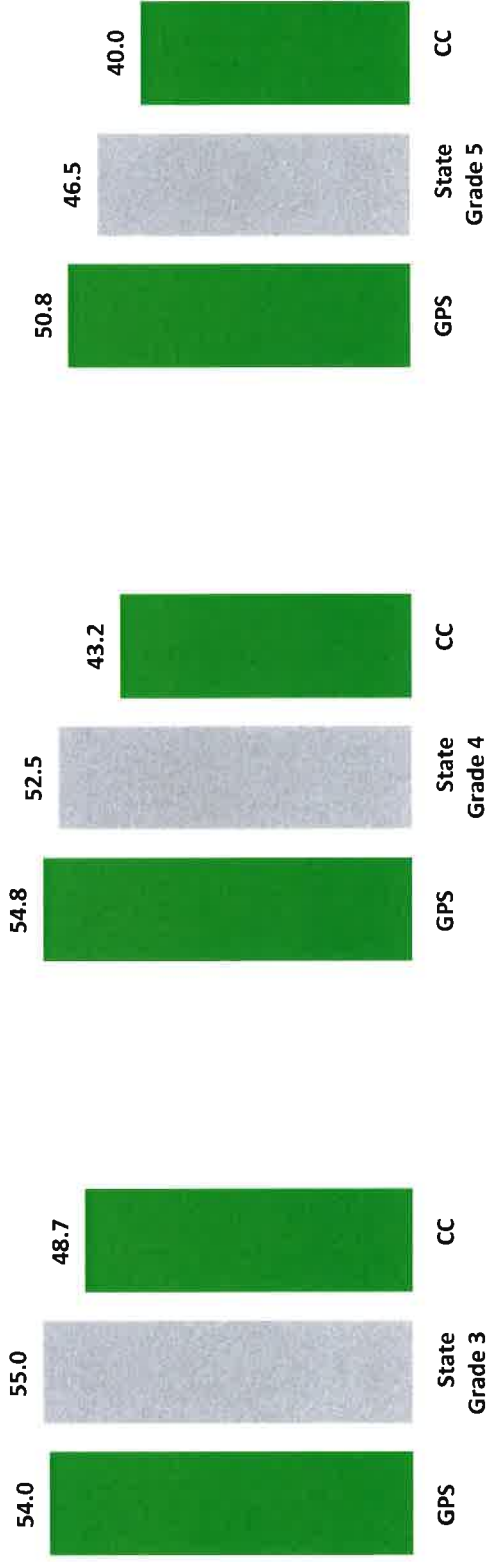


**Claude Chester**  
**SBAC Report**

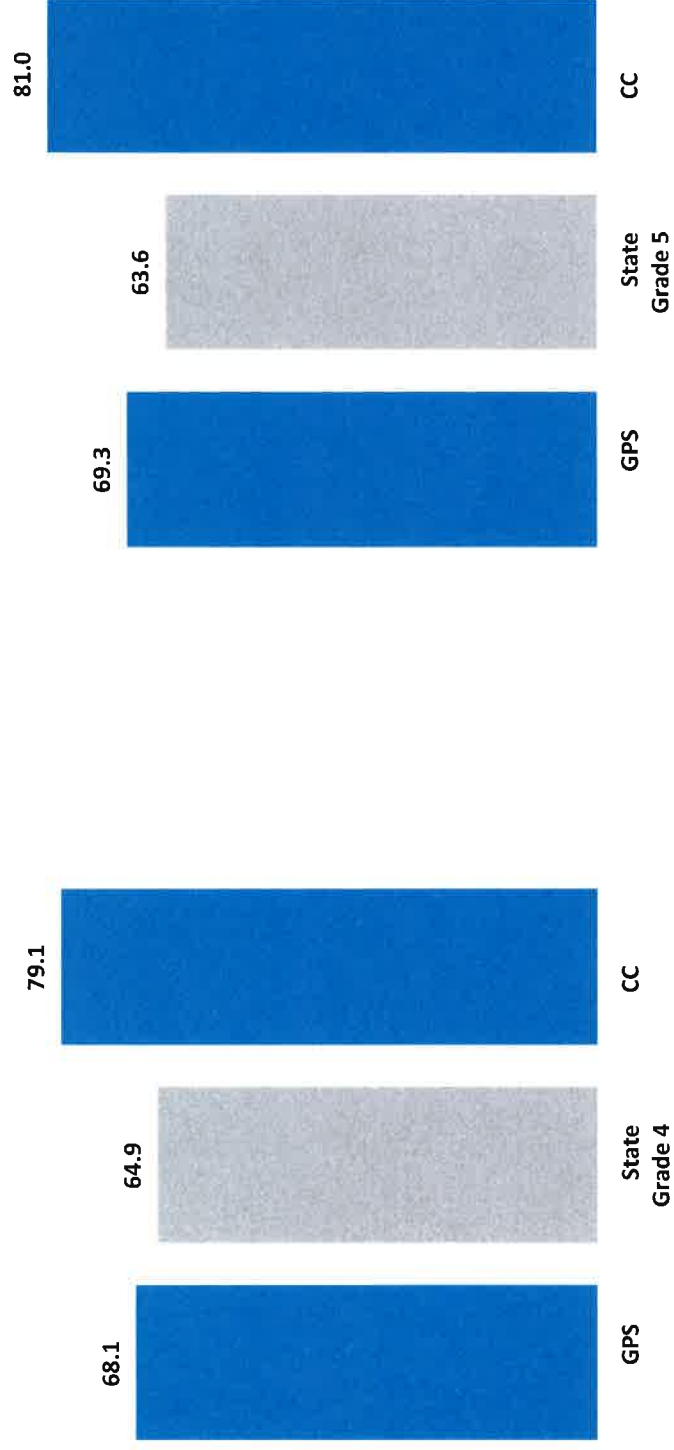
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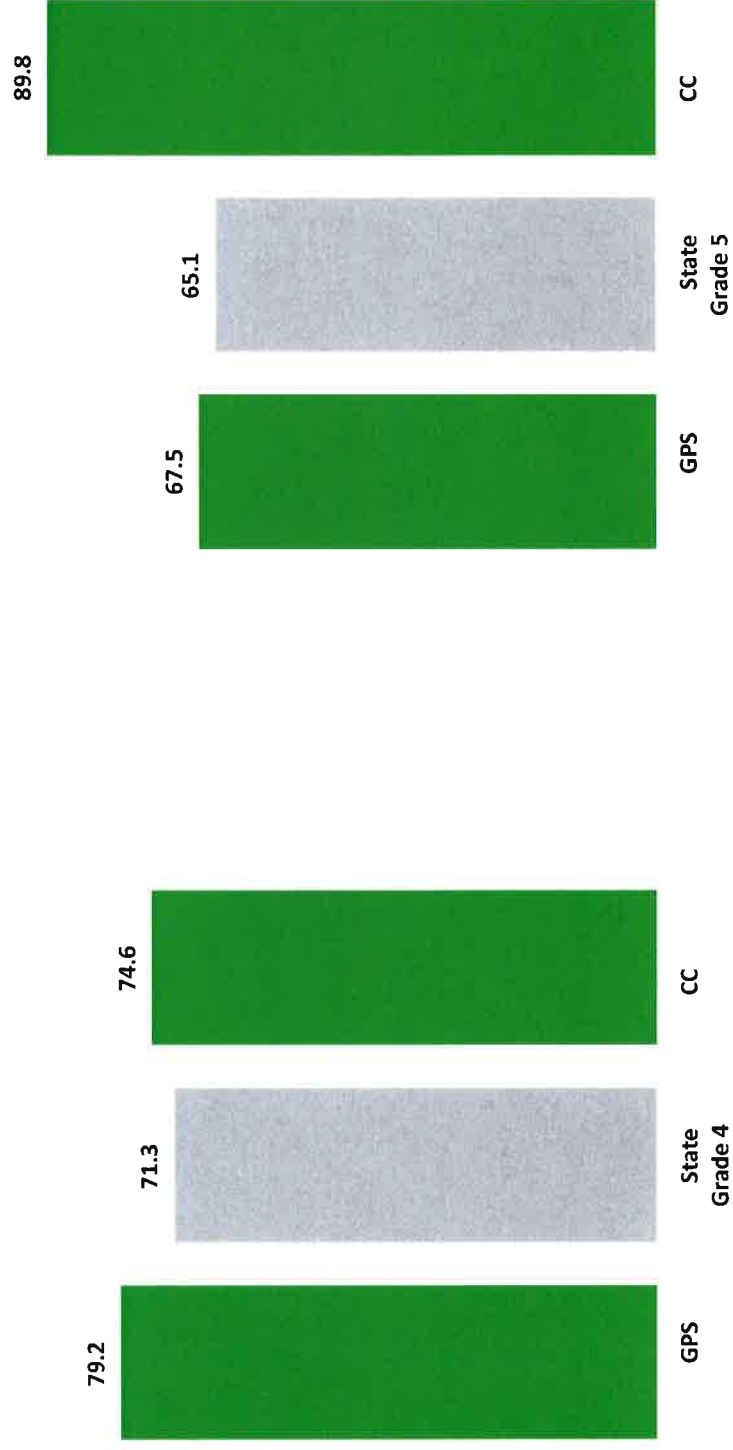
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**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA by Levels  
Claude Chester**

<b>ELA</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>80.4</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>57.7</b>

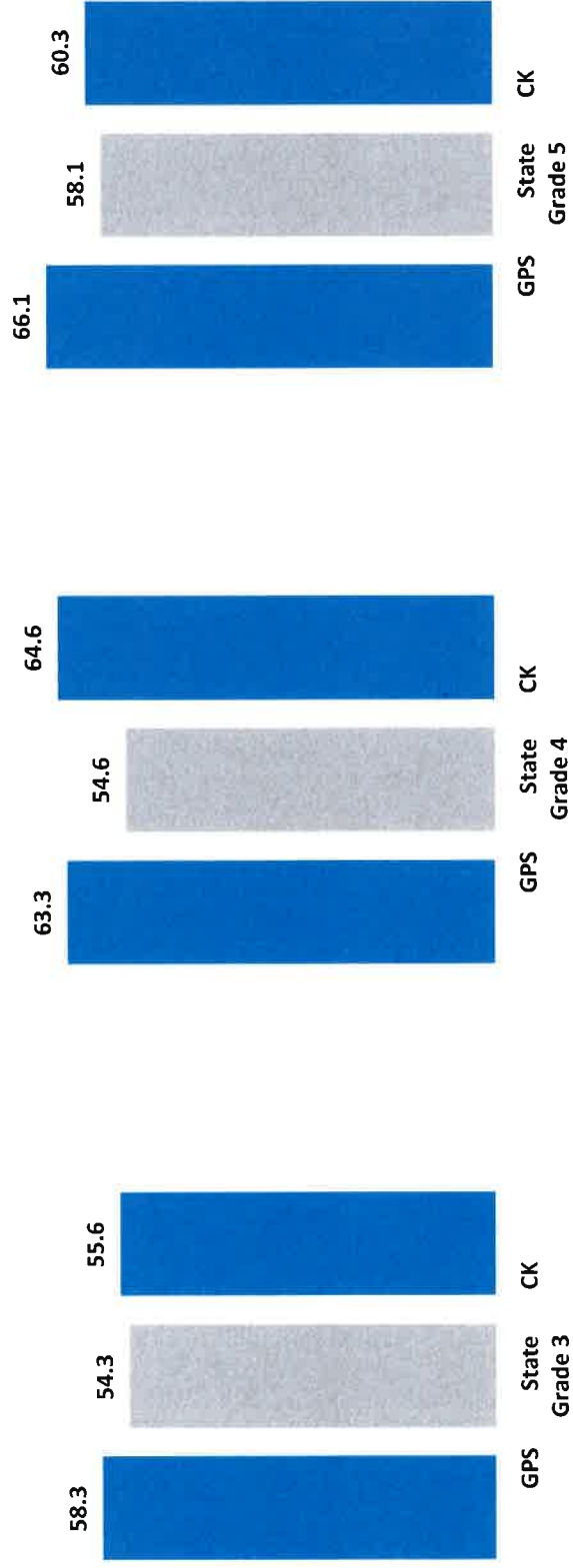
**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math by Levels**  
**Claude Chester**

<b>Math</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>54.0</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>110.0</b>

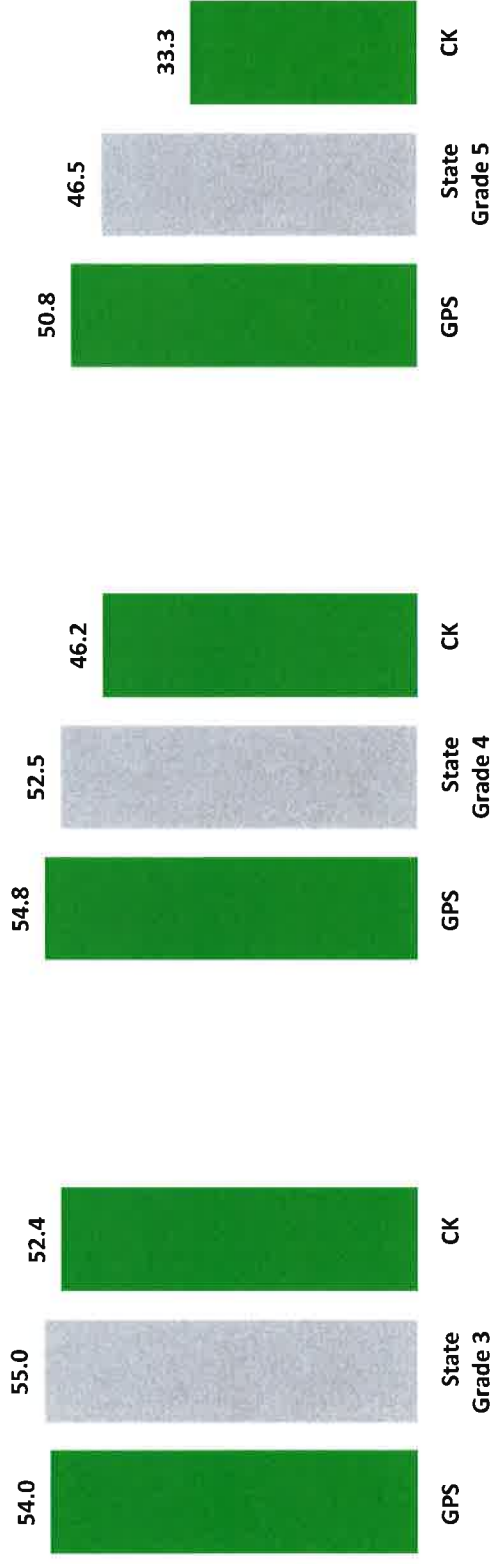
**Catherine Kolnaski**  
**SBAC Report**



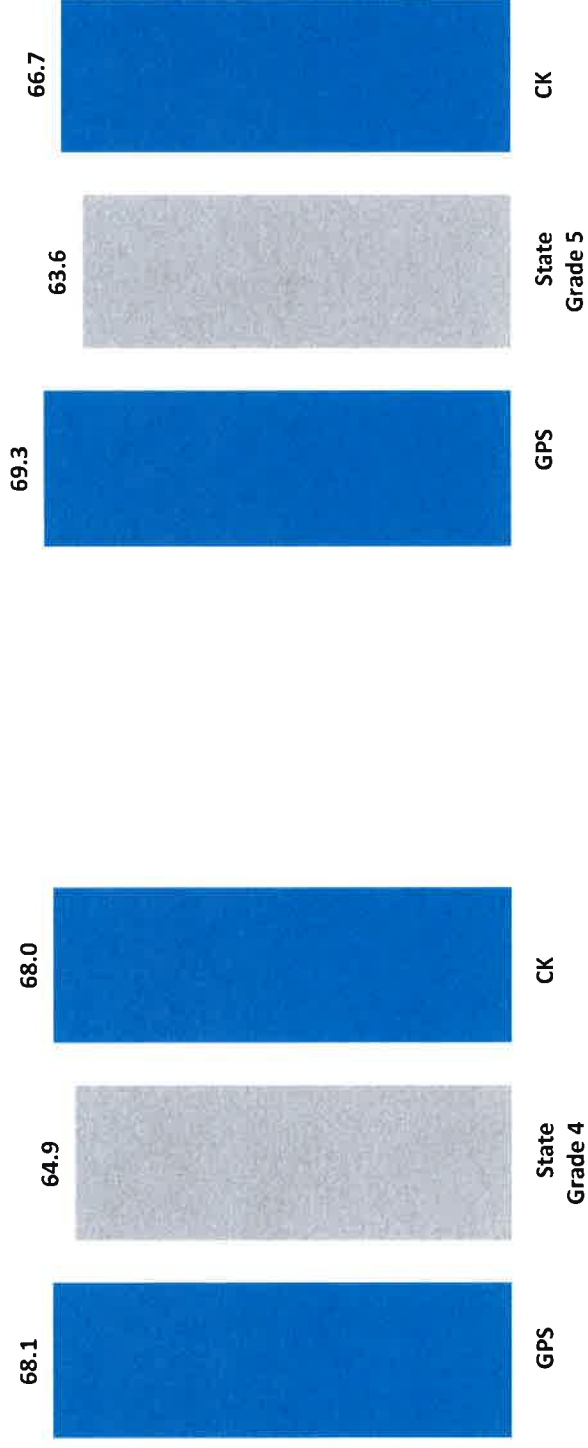
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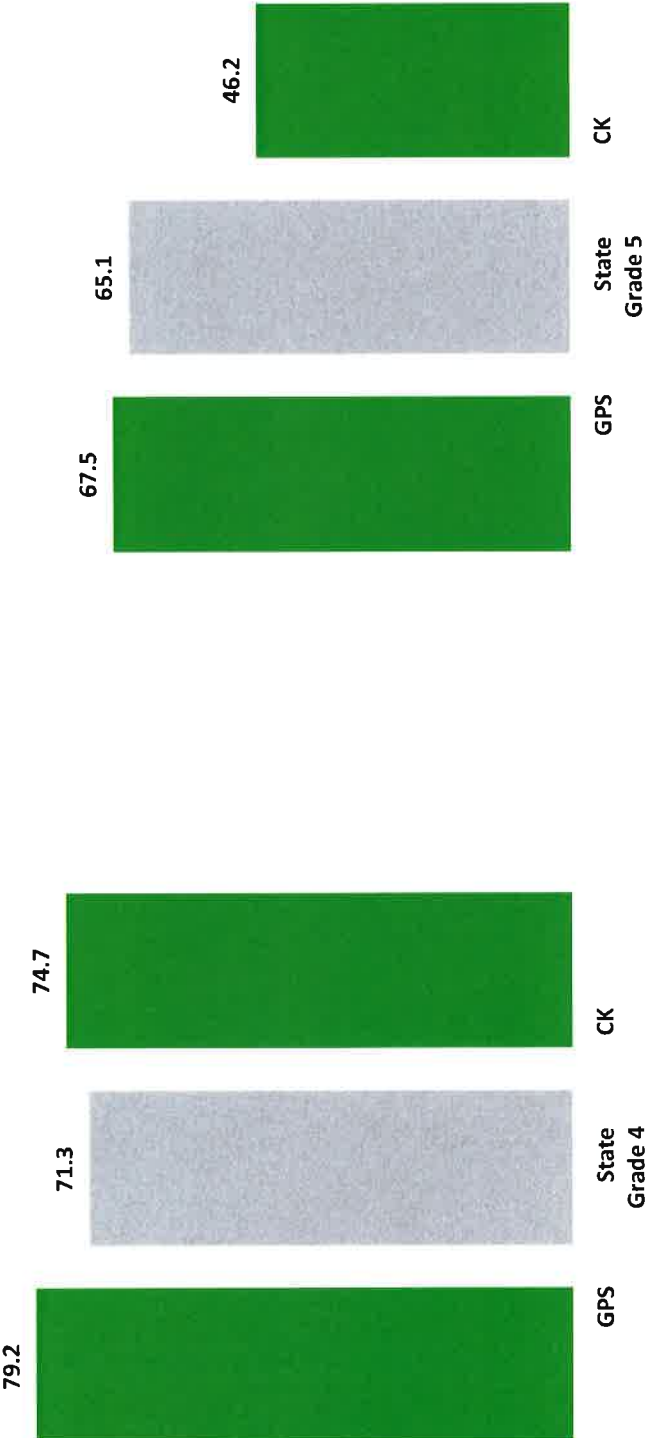
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**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA by Levels**  
**Catherine Kolnaski**

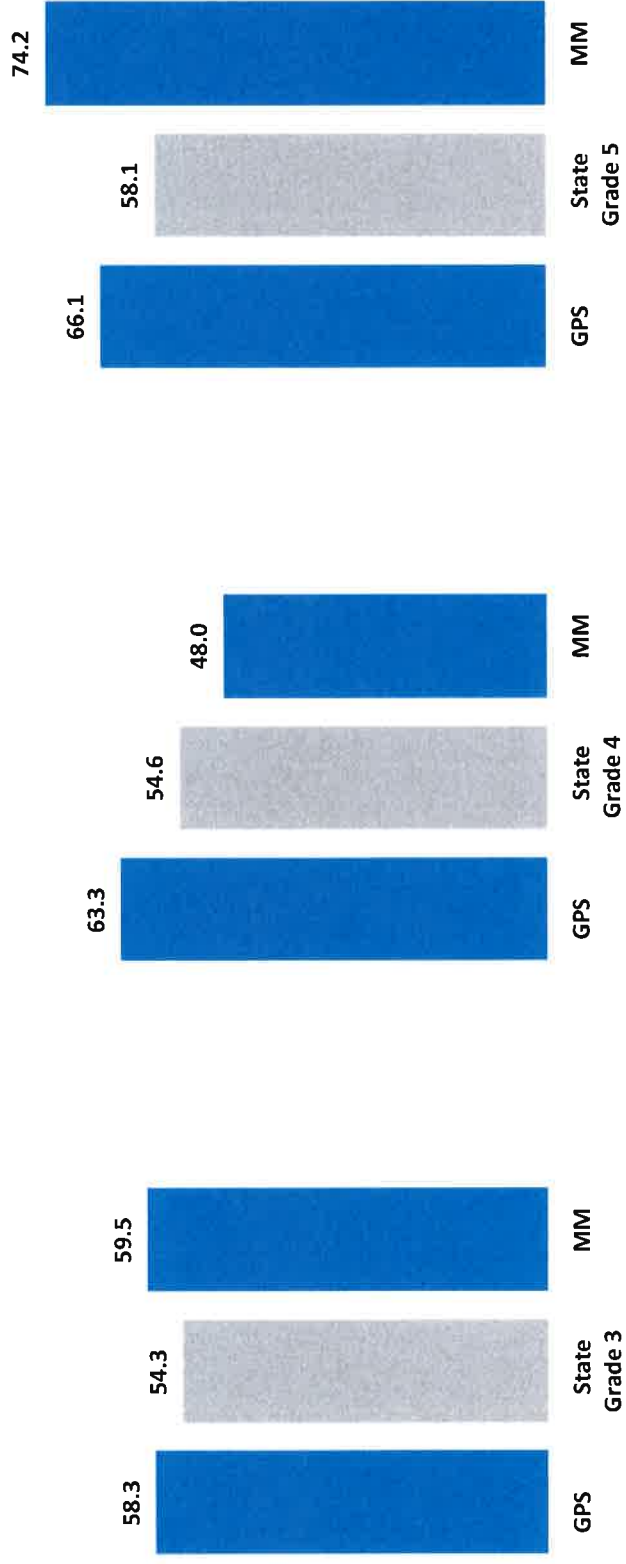
<b>ELA</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>65.6</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>45.8</b>

**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math by Levels**  
**Catherine Kolnaski**

<b>Math</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>83.7</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>47.8</b>

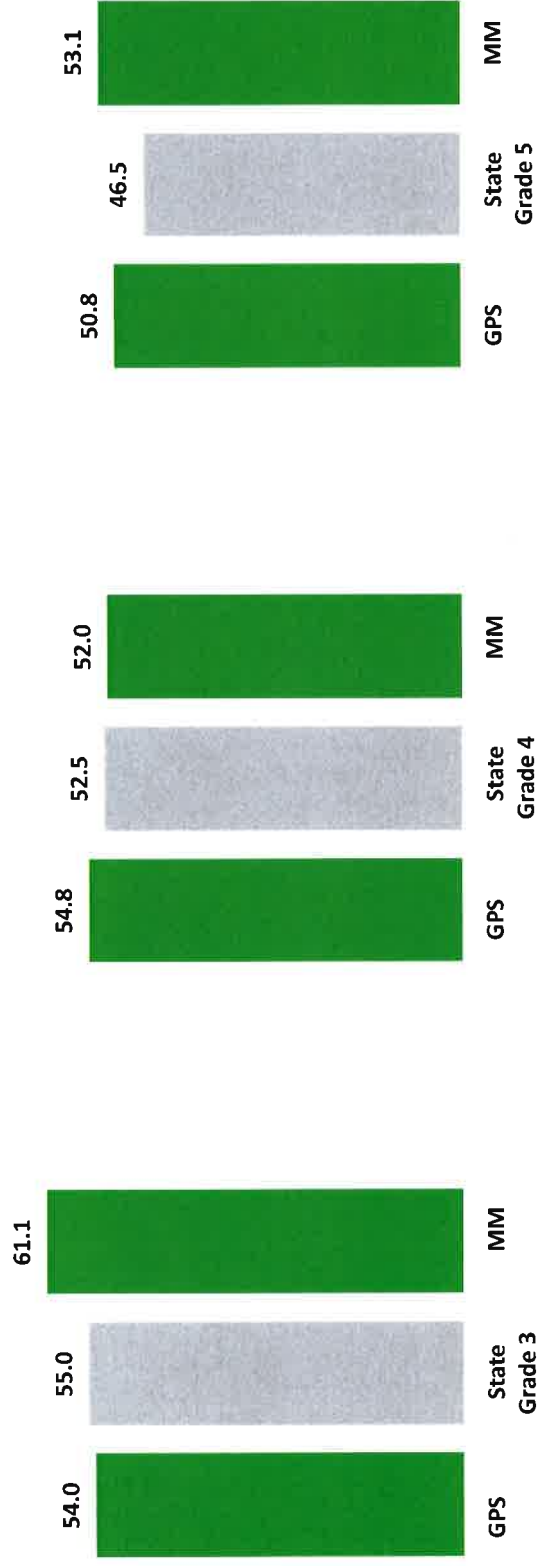
**Mary Morrisson**  
**SBAC Report**

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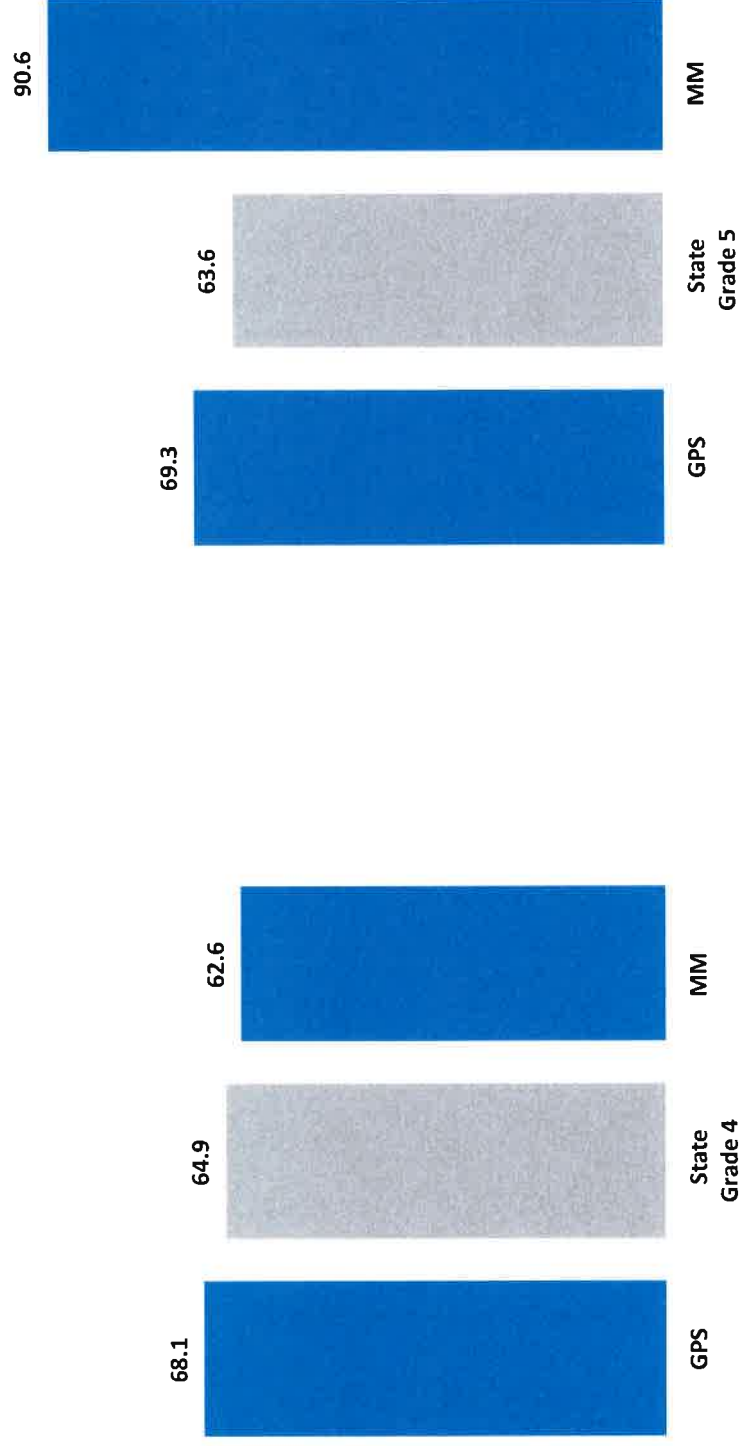




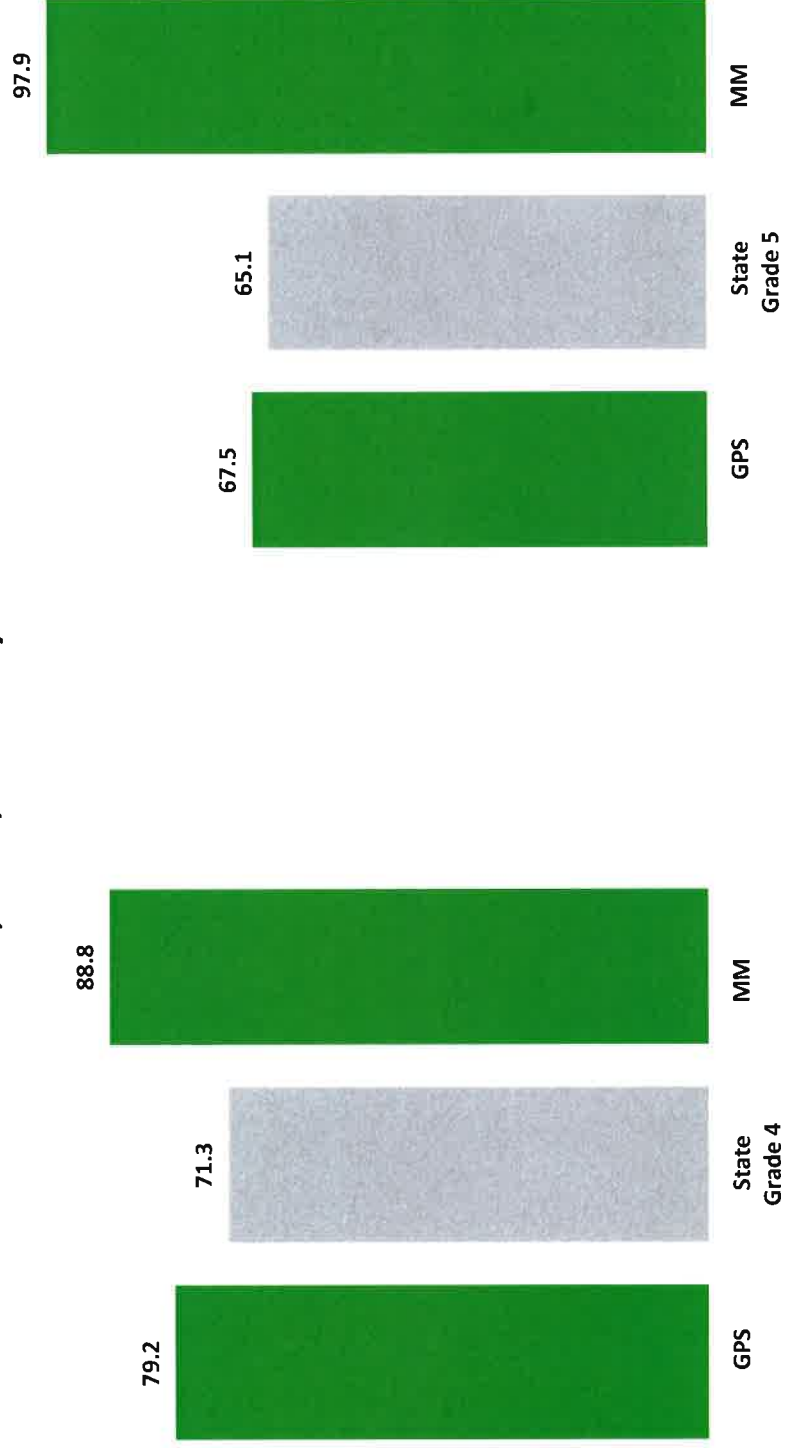
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## Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA for Grades 4 and 5 GPS, State, and Mary Morrisson



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**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA by Levels**  
**Mary Morrisson**

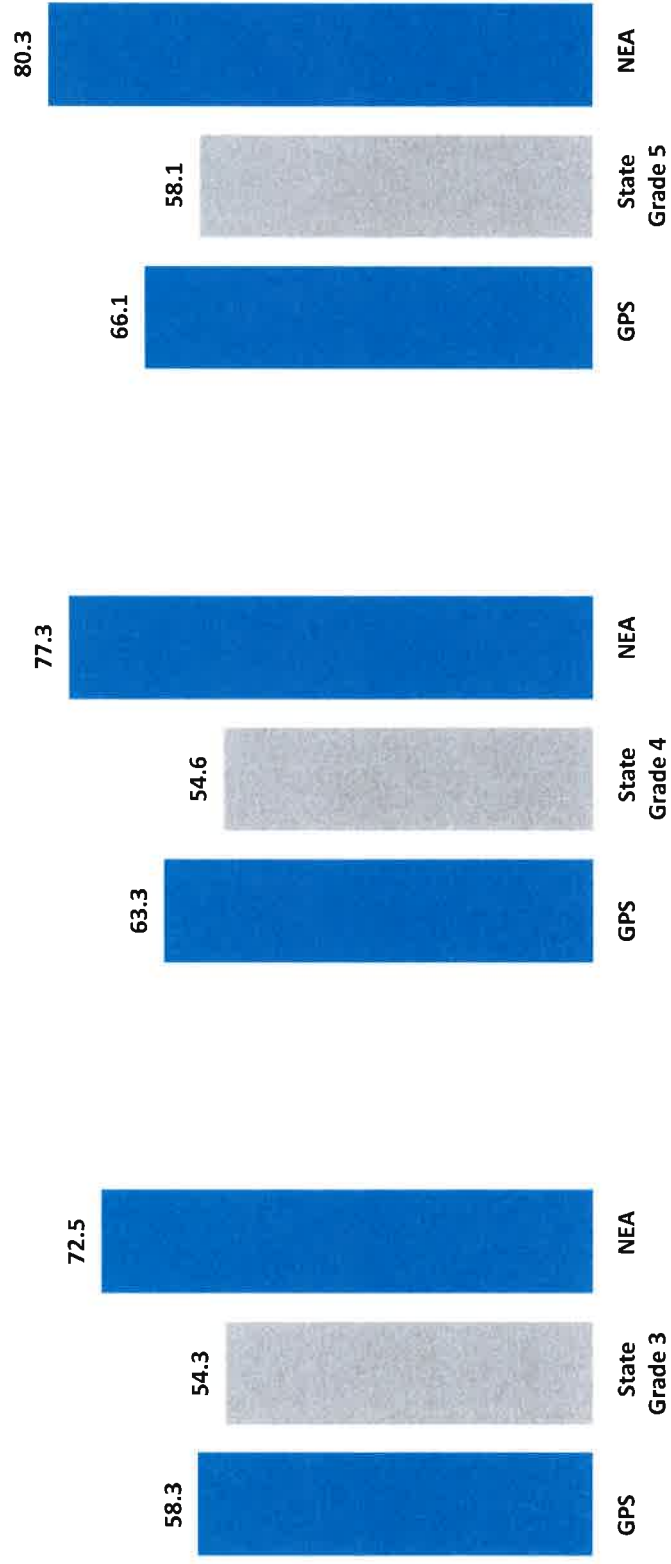
<b>ELA</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>59.8</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>

**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math by Levels**  
**Mary Morrisson**

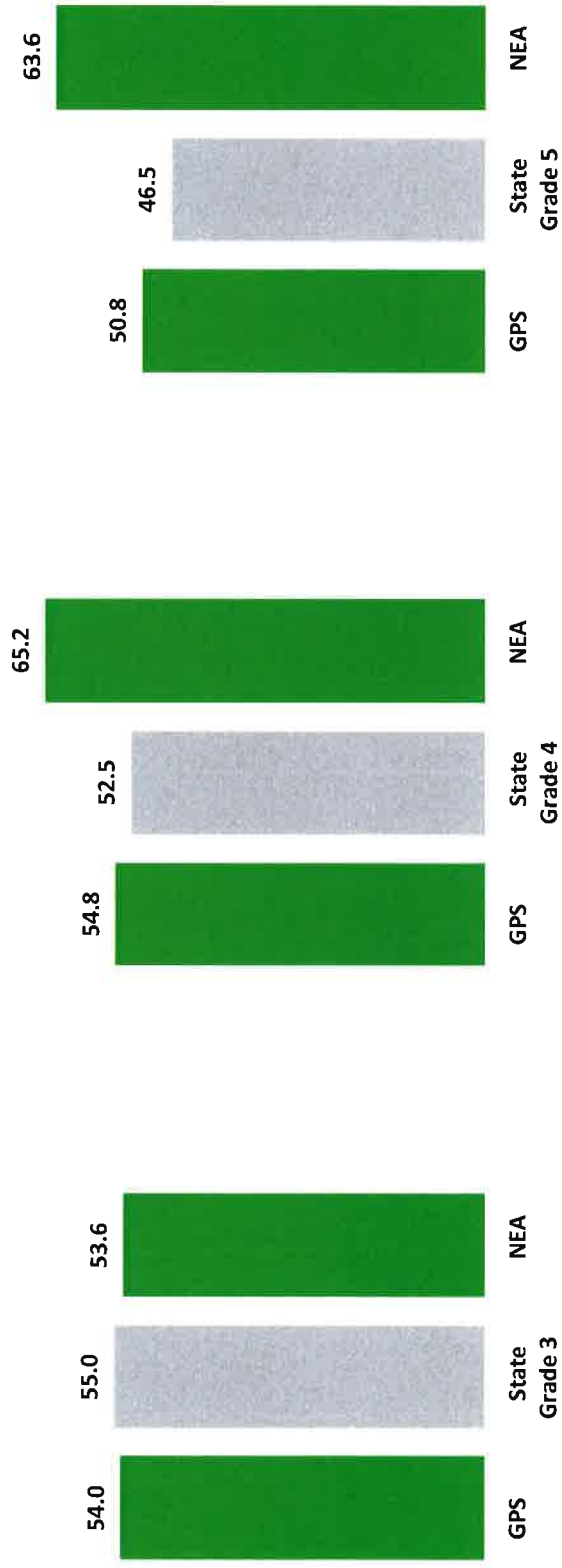
<b>Math</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>89.6</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>104.0</b>

**Northeast Academy**  
**SBAC Report**

## Percent at Level 3 or Above in ELA for Grades 3, 4 and 5 GPS, State, and Northeast Academy

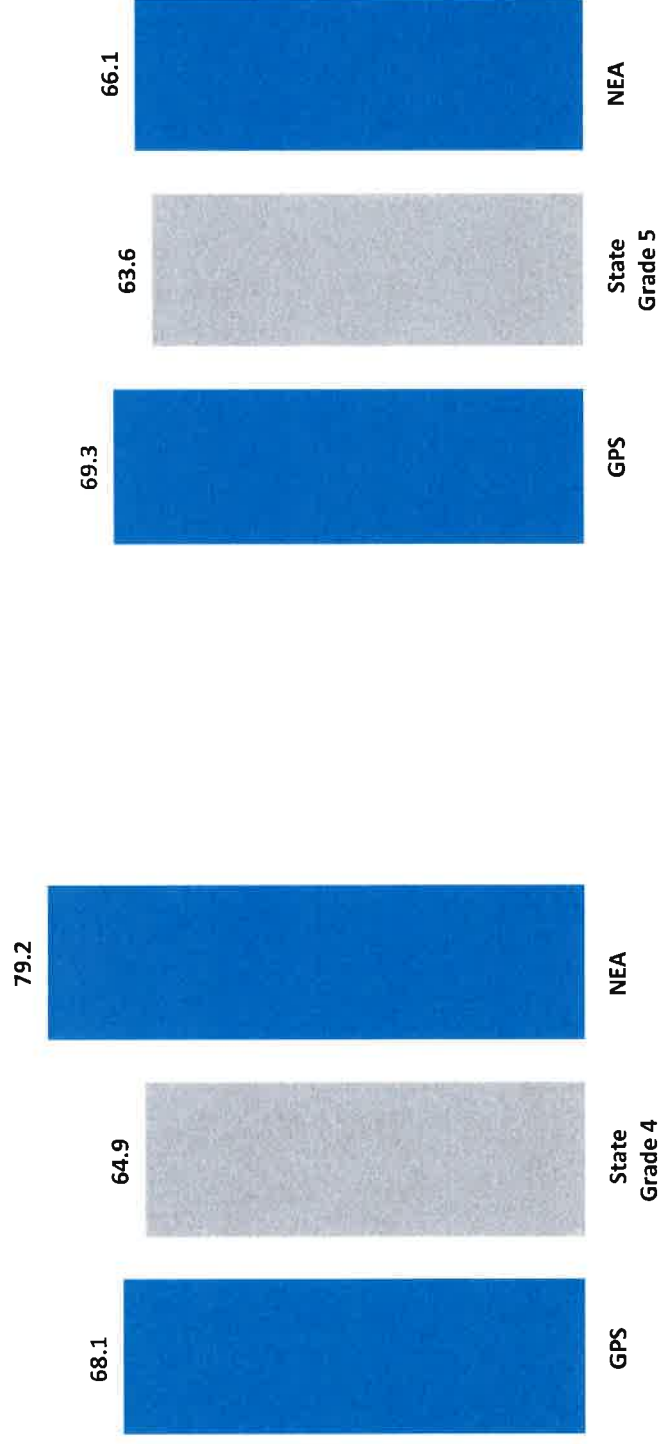


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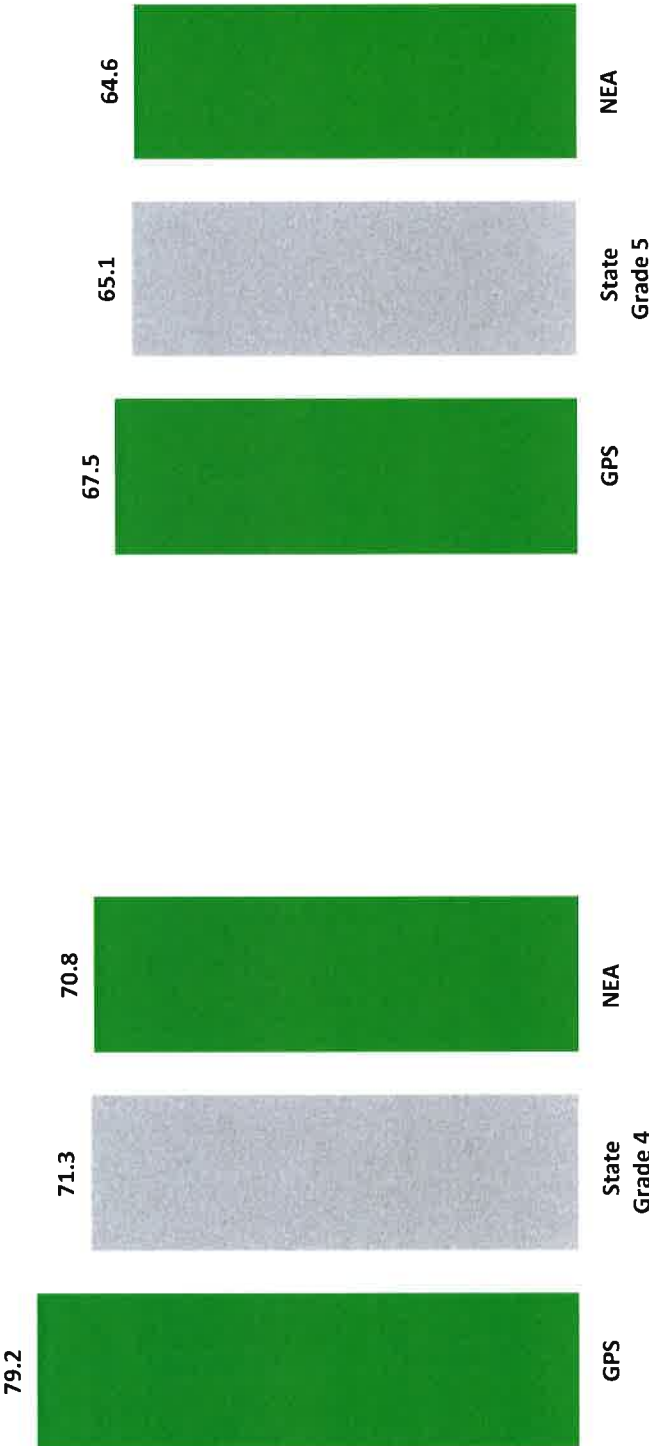




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# Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math for Grades 4 and 5 GPS, State, and Northeast Academy



**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA by Levels  
Northeast Academy**

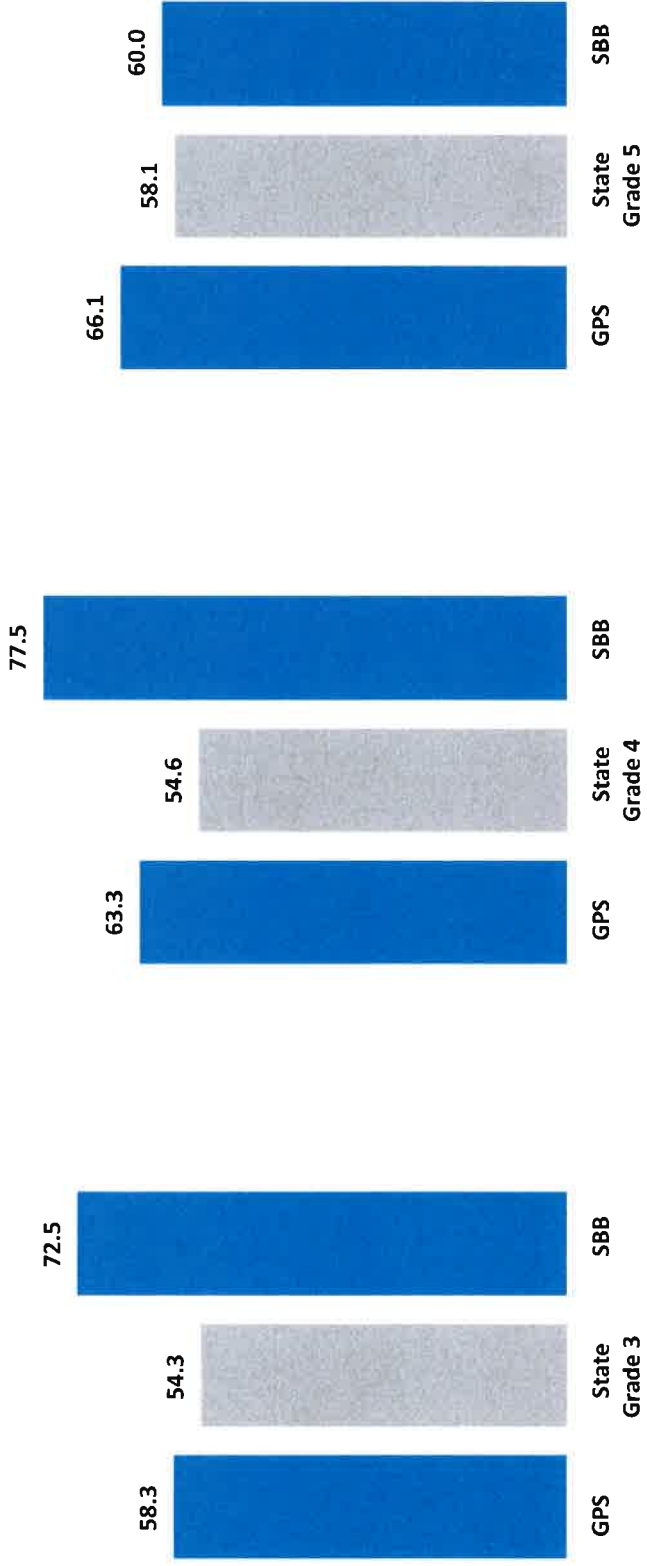
<b>ELA</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>82.3</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>66.0</b>

**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math by Levels  
Northeast Academy**

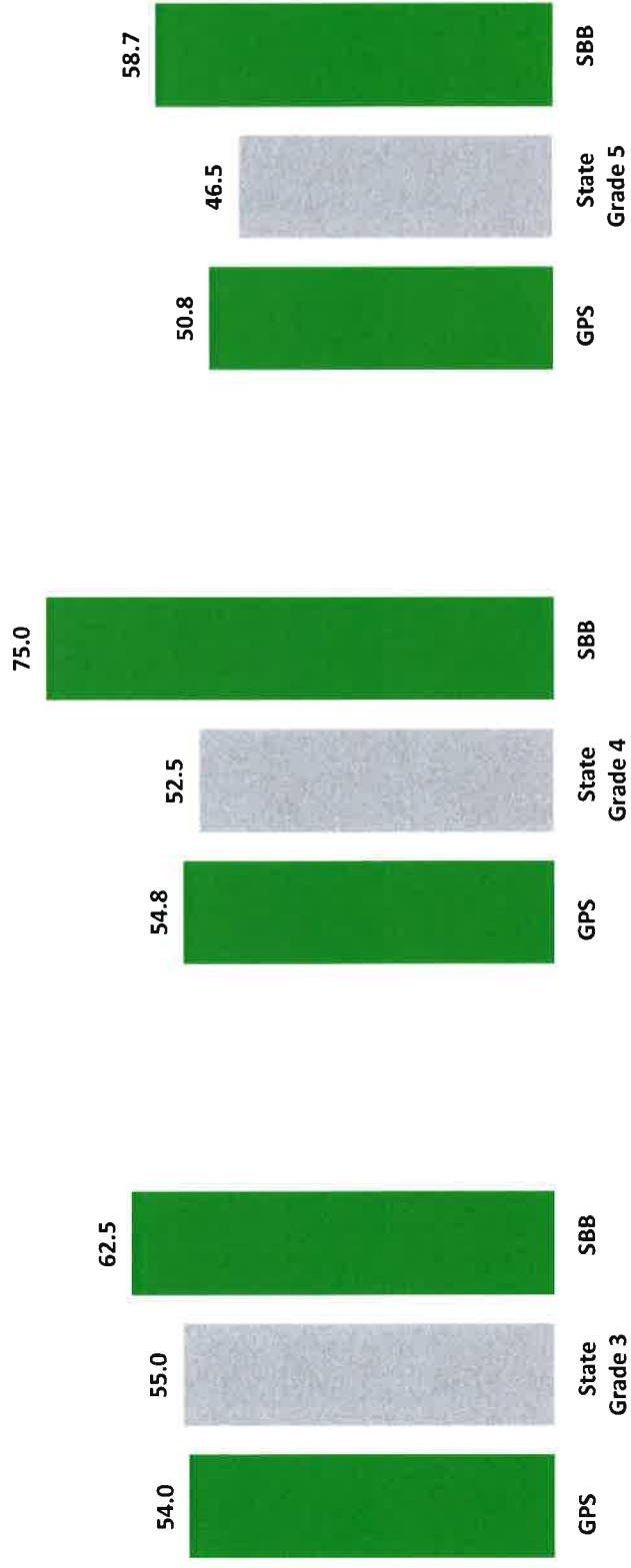
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<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>75.6</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>65.6</b>

**S.B. Butler**  
**SBAC Report**

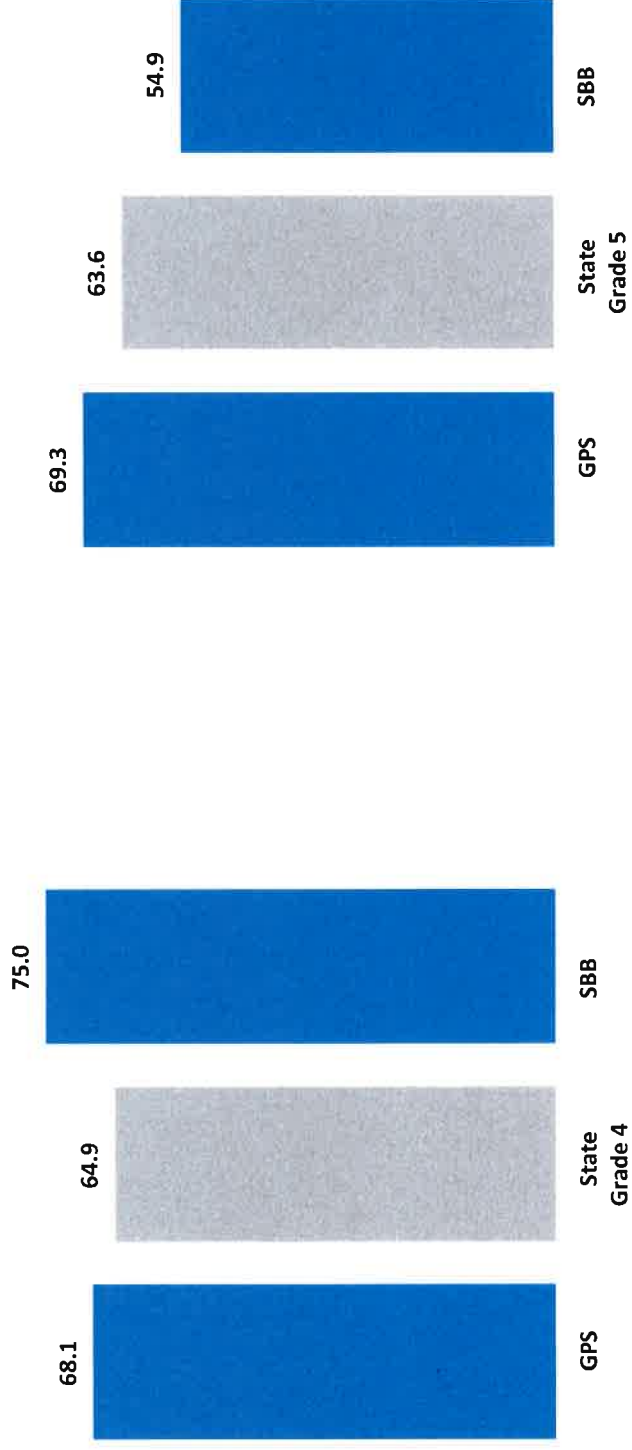
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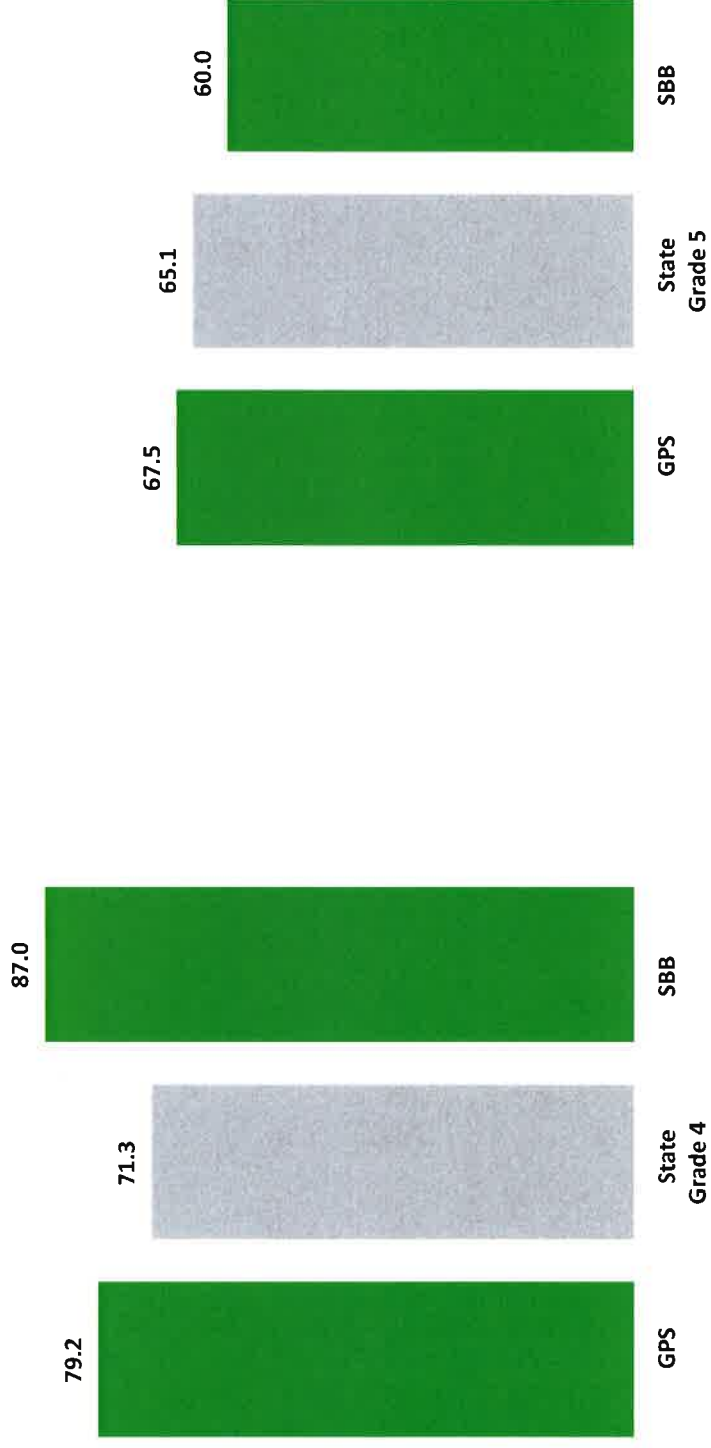


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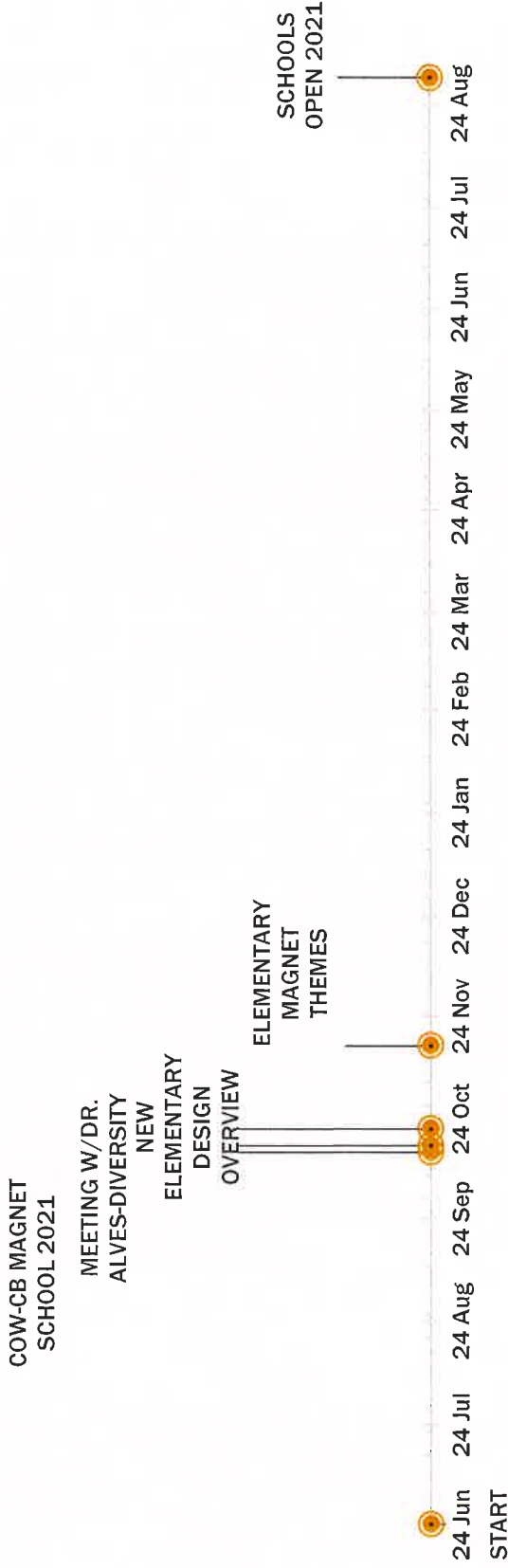
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**S.B. Butler**

<b>ELA</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>83.7</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>42.8</b>

**Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math by Levels**  
**S.B. Butler**

<b>Math</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>97.7</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>77.3</b>

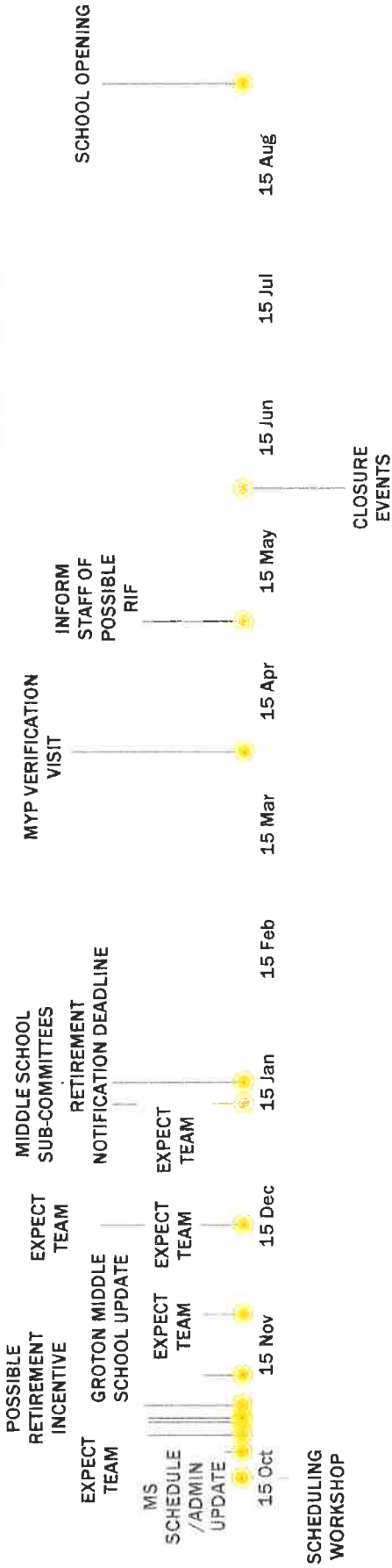
# Groton 2020 Elementary Planning Timeline



## PROJECT DETAILS

DATE	MILESTONE	POSITION
24-Jun	Start	-2
14-Oct	COW-CB Magnet School 2021	20
16-Oct	Meeting w/Dr. Alves-Diversity	15
21-Oct	New Elementary Design Overview	10
15-Nov	Elementary Magnet Themes	15
1-Sep	Schools Open 2021	10

# Groton 2020 Middle School Planning Timeline (updated 10/11/19)



## PROJECT DETAILS

DATE	MILESTONE
15-Oct	Scheduling workshop
21-Oct	MS Schedule /Admin Update
25-Oct	EXPECT Team
28-Oct	Possible Retirement Incentive
29-Oct	Groton Middle School Update
1-Nov	Middle School Sub-Committees
8-Nov	EXPECT Team
22-Nov	EXPECT Team
13-Dec	EXPECT Team
10-Jan	EXPECT Team
15-Jan	Retirement notification deadline
1-Apr	MYP Verification Visit
1-May	Inform staff of possible RIF
1-Jun	Closure events
3-Sep	School Opening

Early dismissal

     No school

July 2020					0/0
M	T	W	Th	F	
		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31	

7/x-x July 4th Holiday

August 2020					0/0
M	T	W	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
31					

September 2020					17/17
M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			

9/2 Convocation/School Meetings  
 9/7 Labor Day  
**9/8 First Day of School**  
 9/8-9/9 Kindergarten Screening  
 9/10 First Day of Kindergarten  
 /PreK/Preschool

October 2020					21/38
M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	
5	/6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

10/6 TLI-Early Dismissal  
 10/12 Indigenous People Day

November 2020					16/54
M	T	W	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	20	
23	24	25	26	27	
30					

11/3 All Day Regional  
 Professional Development  
 11/11 Veteran's Day  
 11/25, 26, 27 Thanksgiving Vacation

December 2020					17/71
M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	
7	/8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	/23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

12/8 TLI-Early Dismissal  
 12/23 Early Dismissal (Holiday)  
 12/24-12/31 Winter Holiday Vacation

January 2021					19/90
M	T	W	Th	F	
				1	
4	5	6	7	8	
11	/12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

1/1 New Year's Day  
 1/12 TLI-Early Dismissal  
 1/18 Martin Luther King Day

February 2021					18/108
M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	
8	/9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	

2/9 TLI-Early Dismissal  
 2/15, 16 Presidents Day/Winter Break

March 2021					22/130
M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			

3/12 Regional Professional Development

April 2021					16/146
M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

4/2 Good Friday  
 4/12-16 Spring Break

May 2021					20/166
M	T	W	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	
10	/11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
31					

5/11 TLI-Early Dismissal  
 5/31 Memorial Day

June 2021					15/181
M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
/21	22	23	24		
28	29	30			

**6/21 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal**  
 6/22-25 Snow Make-Up Days  
 6/25 FHS Graduation