

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2023

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Patrick Nolan, Jeannie Scouten, Tara Kennerknecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Olivia Woolheater, Gary Winghart, Sanya Pelrah, Kevin Roberts, Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runniger, Alyssa Vanlieshout

Meeting called to order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mrs. Allen read the following statement: Public Participation - We are about to convene into the public comment period of our meeting. Any district resident wishing to speak during public session is required to sign in, stating your full name, address, contact information and the topic that you wish to discuss. If you have not signed in and you wish to speak, the District Clerk will bring the sign-in sheet over to you at this time. We will insist that all speakers and members of the audience maintain civility and respect. The board will now entertain public comments for up to a maximum of 30 minutes. Each individual speaker will be allotted three minutes. Please be reminded that written comments or concerns to be shared with the Board may also be submitted or emailed District Clerk, Ms. Olivia Woolheater or to the Superintendent, Mr. Timothy Jenny at any time.

No public participation this evening

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meeting held on July 11, 2023; and it be further resolved that the Board of Education approve Warrants for Payment; Treasurer’s Report; accept Revenue Status Report; and Appropriation Status Report.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Elementary Principal’s report given by Gary Winghart: See attached

High School Principal’s report given by Sanya Pelrah: See attached

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Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts: See attached

Transportation report given by Kurt Crossett included the following:

- Buses 95, 97, 98, and 13 all passed inspection.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education retroactively approve the 2021-2022 School District Special Patrol Officer Agreement between Oneida County, through the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office, and the Remsen Central School District Note: This contract was provided to the district from the county on 8/3/2023.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Capital Project Information and Updates: See attached

American Rescue plan Grant Updates and Information: See attached. Mr. Jenny also commended Deb Geci for all of her hard work.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meeting held on August 2nd, 2023. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education revise and adopt policies 7004 and 7007.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve non-resident student request per district policy 7004 for the 2023-2024 school year as attached.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the tax levy of \$5,645,813 for the 2023-2024 school year.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Bradley Smith effective December 31, 2023.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Rachael Cook effective July 31, 2023.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Sarah Walker for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) from September 5, 2023 through September 25, 2023.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Eugene Deorr as a Substitute Cleaner at the hourly rate of \$14.20 pending fingerprint clearance.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Alyssa vanLieshout of Rome, NY who holds valid NYS Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), permitting her to teach subjects in the Elementary Education tenure area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 1, 2023 and to expire on June 30, 2027; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alyssa vanLieshout, during her first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary of \$40,178.00 as outlined in the 2018-2026 agreement between Remsen Teachers' Association and the Board of Education at Step 1, Column R.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Susan Becker as an elementary teacher mentor for the 2023-2024 school year.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Susan Piersall as a Substitute LPN Nurse at the hourly rate of \$18.20.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Renee Morrison effective August 20, 2023.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Trevor Stevens to the position Automotive Mechanic at the hourly rate of \$26.00 effective September 11, 2023. Pending fingerprint clearance.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint to be retired bus driver Bradley Smith as a Substitute Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$20.00 effective January 1, 2023.”

Vote 4 yes, 0 no

Information & Correspondence

Community Building Use Requests (Information Only)

- Remsen Barn Fota Committee – Visitor Shuttles - 9/23/23 and 9/24/23 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Will pay for driver/bus costs)
- Remsen Barn Fota Committee – Power for Exhibitors - 9/22/23, 9/23/23 and 9/24/23 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Will pay for costs)
- Dan Hurlburt - Use of High School Kitchen for Barn Fota dough making - 8/20/23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Will pay for cost of custodian’s time)

Electric Board packets have been successful

Discussion of Remsen Teacher Center Board Member

Soaring to Success – Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

Board members reflected on and shared their thoughts about activities and events that occurred over the past month:

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen: Mrs. Allen commented on how well the district calendar came out this year.

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny welcomed the new staff, Kurt Crossett and Alyssa Vanlieshout. Mr. Jenny also said how Remsen is in a good position to start the new year with only one vacancy remaining. Mr. Jenny also thanked the Board of Education for all that they do. Mr. Jenny said that all of the Board Members are here for the right reasons and to support the students and staff.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten to enter executive session for the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn regular session at 8:01 p.m.

Elementary Report

Remsen Elementary August Update



Remsen CSD Goals

- Ensure each child has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential in a global society.
- Hire, support, develop and retain high quality staff.
- Develop, maintain and improve resources within a fiscally sound and responsible budget.
- Improve the transparency and communication with the district and community.

Upcoming Events

August 7-10 - STEAM Camp

August 14-17 - Rams Summer Academy (Week 2)

August 23-25 - New Staff Orientation Days

August 30 - Kindergarten Orientation

August 30 - Pre-Kindergarten Orientation

September 5-6 - Superintendent Conference Days

September 7 - First Day of School for Students



Summer Enrichment Programs

The summer is going by very quickly. We have just two summer programs left. We have our STEAM camp (August 7-10) and Rams Academy (August 14-17). The STEAM camp has been planned and will be run by Mrs. Lisa Davis, with Mrs. Piaschyk and Ms. Maguire assisting. Students will enjoy participating in a variety of challenging and creative projects throughout the camp program. Rams Academy is being planned and run by a number of our teachers. Students will be participating in fun academic, summer camp like activities throughout the week.

Below are a few photos from our other camps that have taken place this summer.



Grades 3-6 ELA Curriculum

For the last several years we have been reviewing and looking to transition our primary ELA program to an effective program that better aligns with our student and staff needs. During the 21-22 school year we began by implementing the SuperKids K-2 Literacy curriculum, with full implementation in all K-2 classrooms during the 22-23 school year.

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Over the course of the next 2 school years we will be phasing in the use of a new ELA program for our 3rd through 6th grade classrooms called Scholastic Literacy. Scholastic Literacy is developed by Scholastic, a name that is well known in education. We use a variety of other resources and materials already from Scholastic, including; the Scholastic News, My Big World and Let's Find Out magazines, as well as a wide variety of classroom literature.

Scholastic Literacy is a comprehensive literacy program, which includes reading, writing, and phonics instruction through whole group, small group, and independent learning opportunities. The program includes access to a huge library of printed and online literature for students, online tools and resources for both students and teachers, Social-Emotional learning focus, resources for family engagement, and much more.

During the 2023-2024 school year we will pilot the program in our 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. The following school year, our 5th and 6th grade classrooms will begin using the program. Staff will receive training prior to implementation of the program and opportunities for professional development will be ongoing throughout our use of the program utilizing initial trainings, coaching and other professional learning opportunities.

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Remsen Central School
Jr./Sr. High School Update
Sanya Pelrah, Principal
8/9/23

Preparation for the New School Year

The custodial staff has been hard at work getting the school ready for our staff and students. It is a great experience and opportunity for our student workers to learn alongside the custodial staff. We are so fortunate to have such an outstanding team!

Instructional Focus

Student schedules will be mailed by mid-August. Again this year, we are working diligently to make sure that students' top choices in classes are honored whenever possible. We have also worked with MVCC to increase the opportunities for dual-credit classes. More students will have the opportunity to earn college credit. I will continue to support this work and help students understand the significant opportunity that a dual-credit course offers.

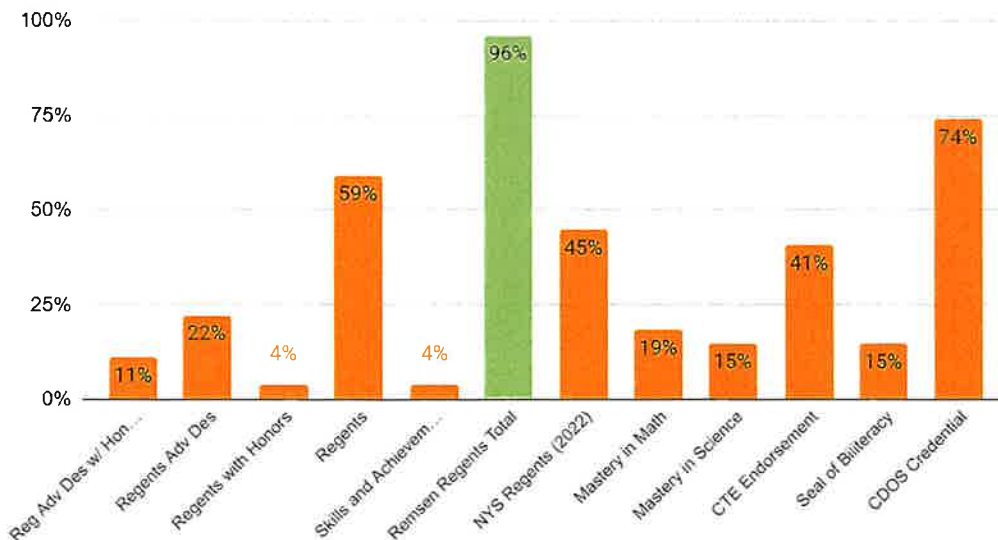
Culture and Climate

Over the summer, it was wonderful to see students taking advantage of the summer programs. In particular, the Jr./Sr. High School students took advantage of the Motivation and Physical Fitness camp, instrumental lessons, and athletic camps.

The Culture and Climate Committee will meet in the fall to continue planning for our traditions from the past two years, such as the Thanksgiving Breakfast, Post-Graduation Plan Celebration, and Academic Awards Celebration, as well as looking for new ways to show our students that we appreciate and care about them.

Graduation Data

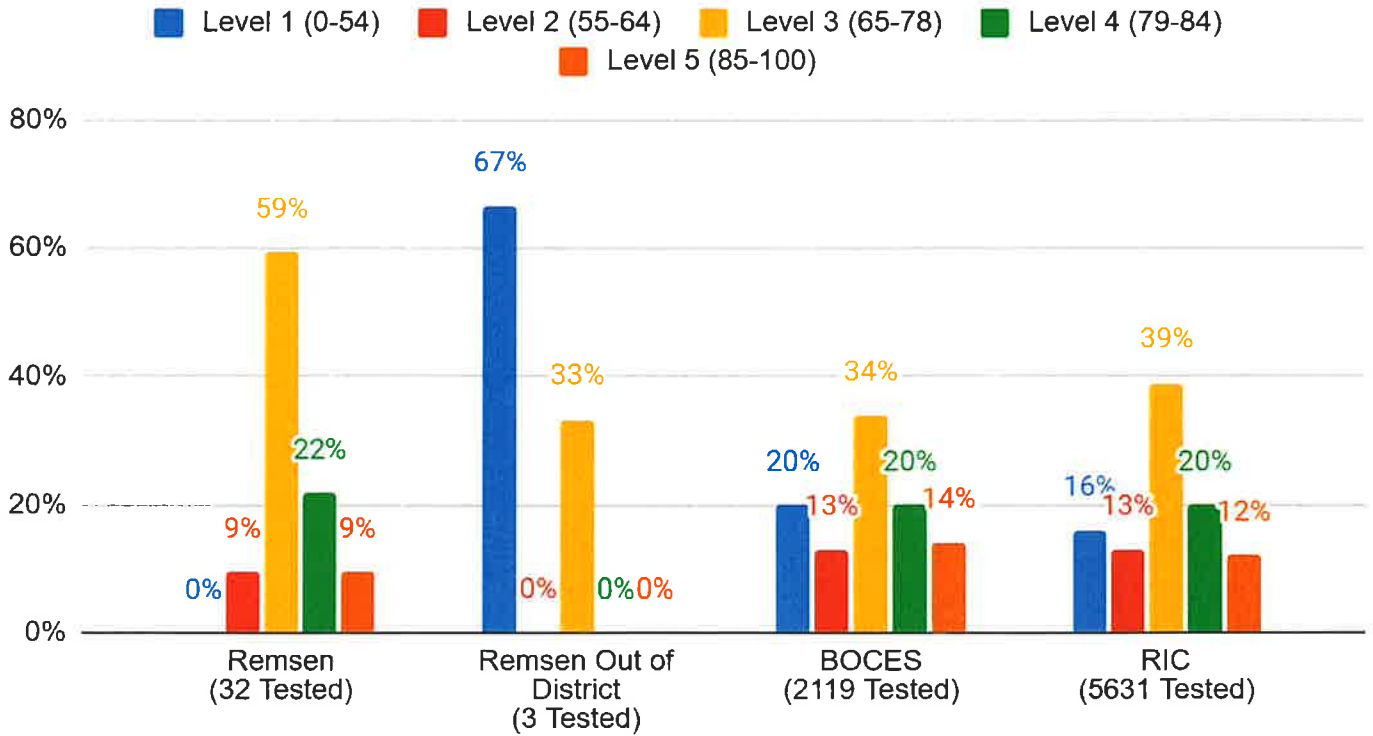
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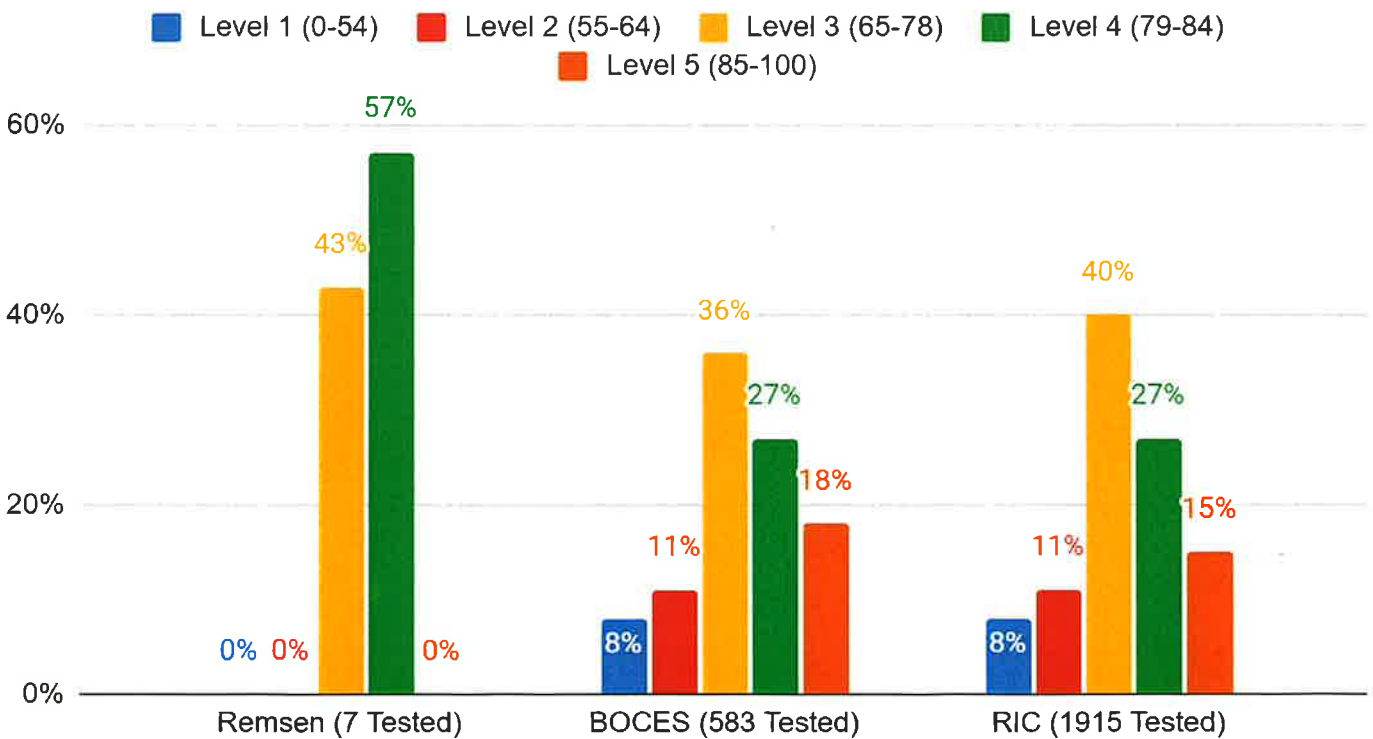
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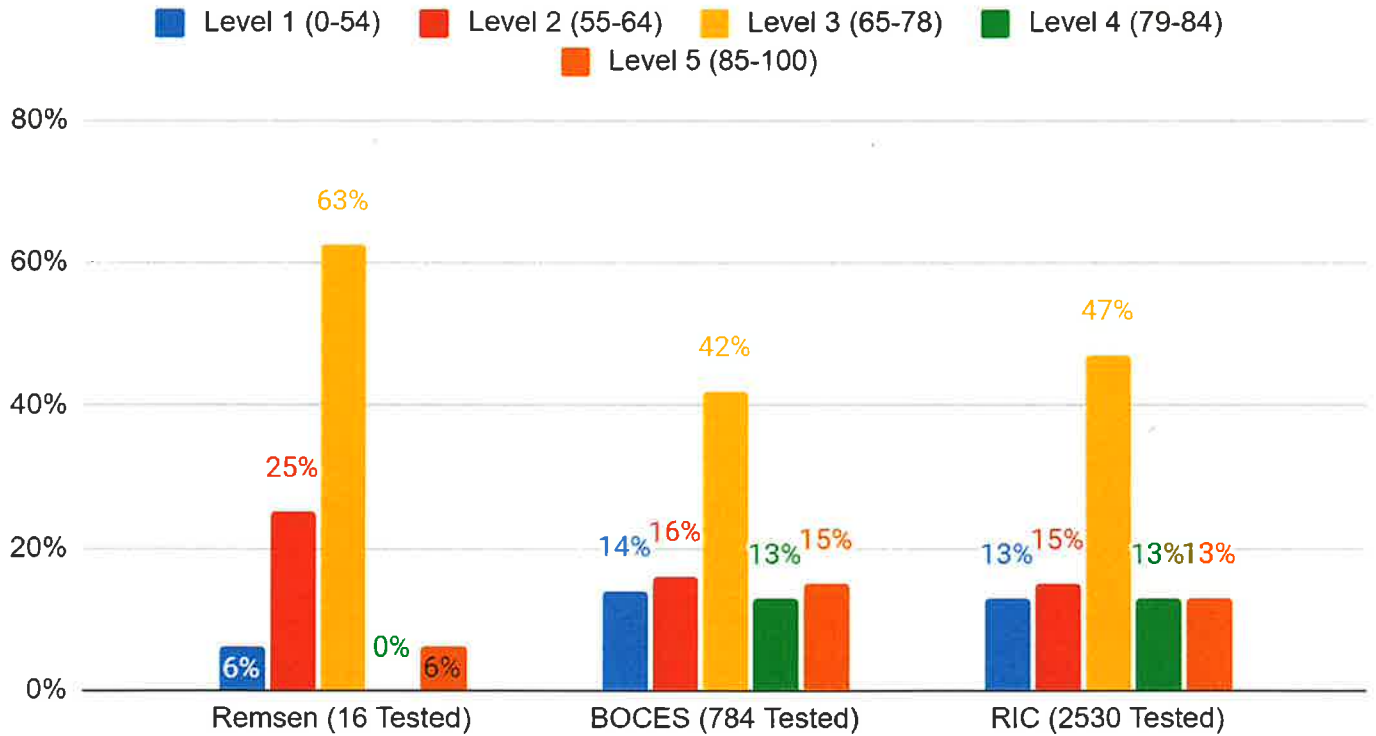
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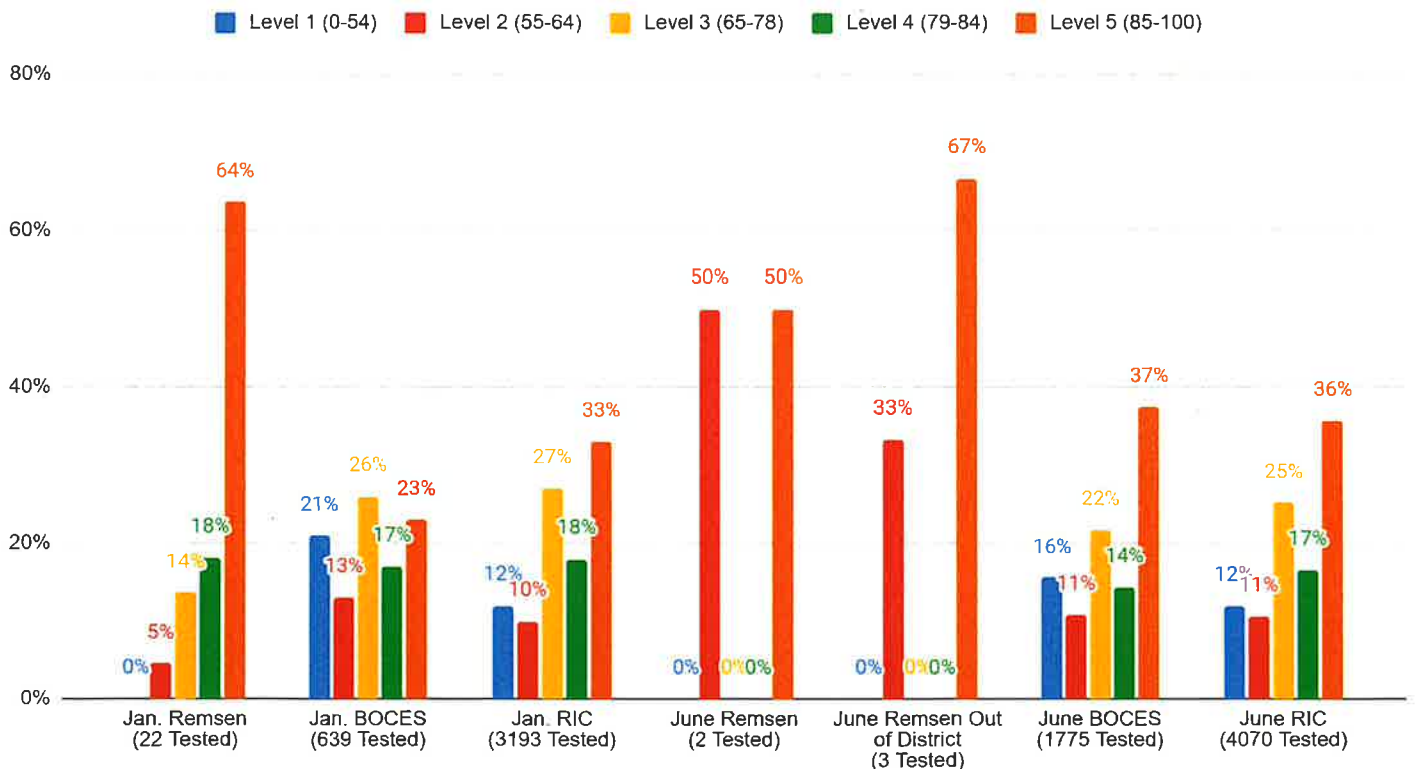
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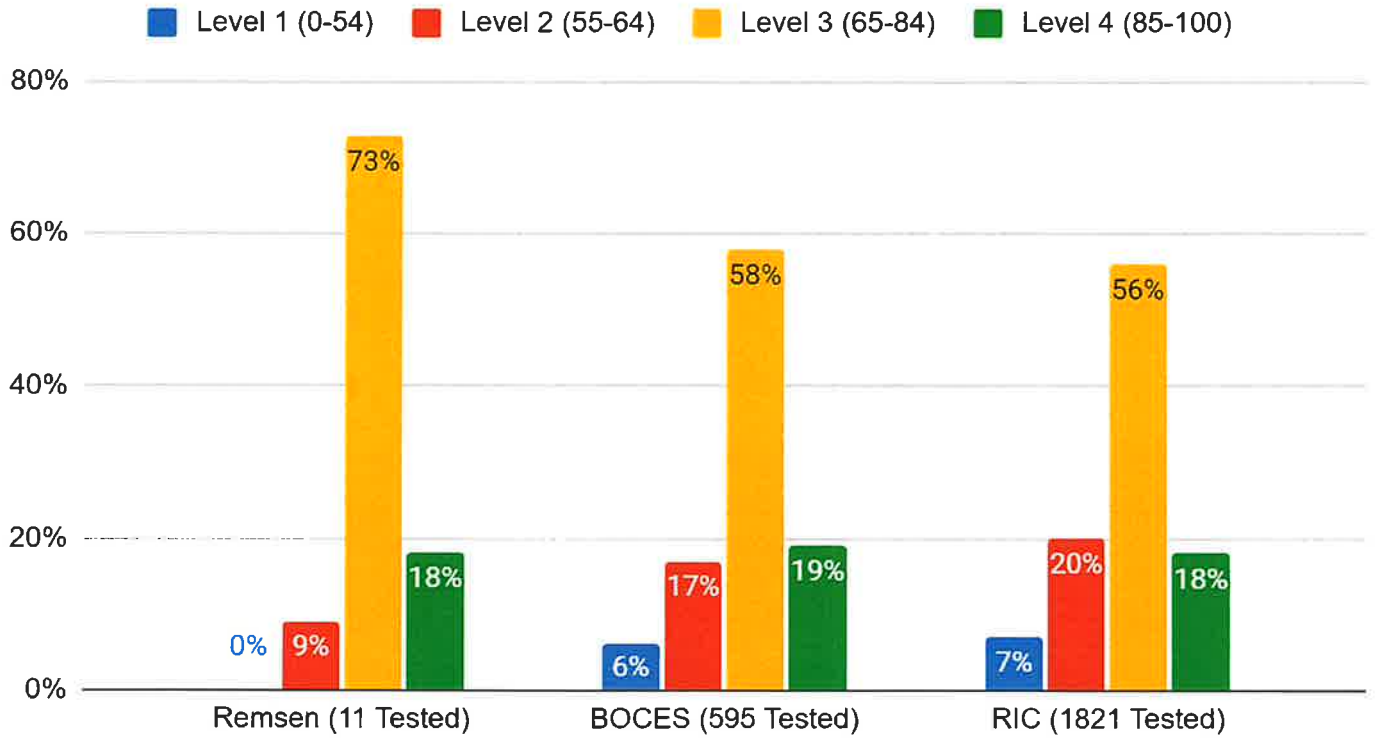
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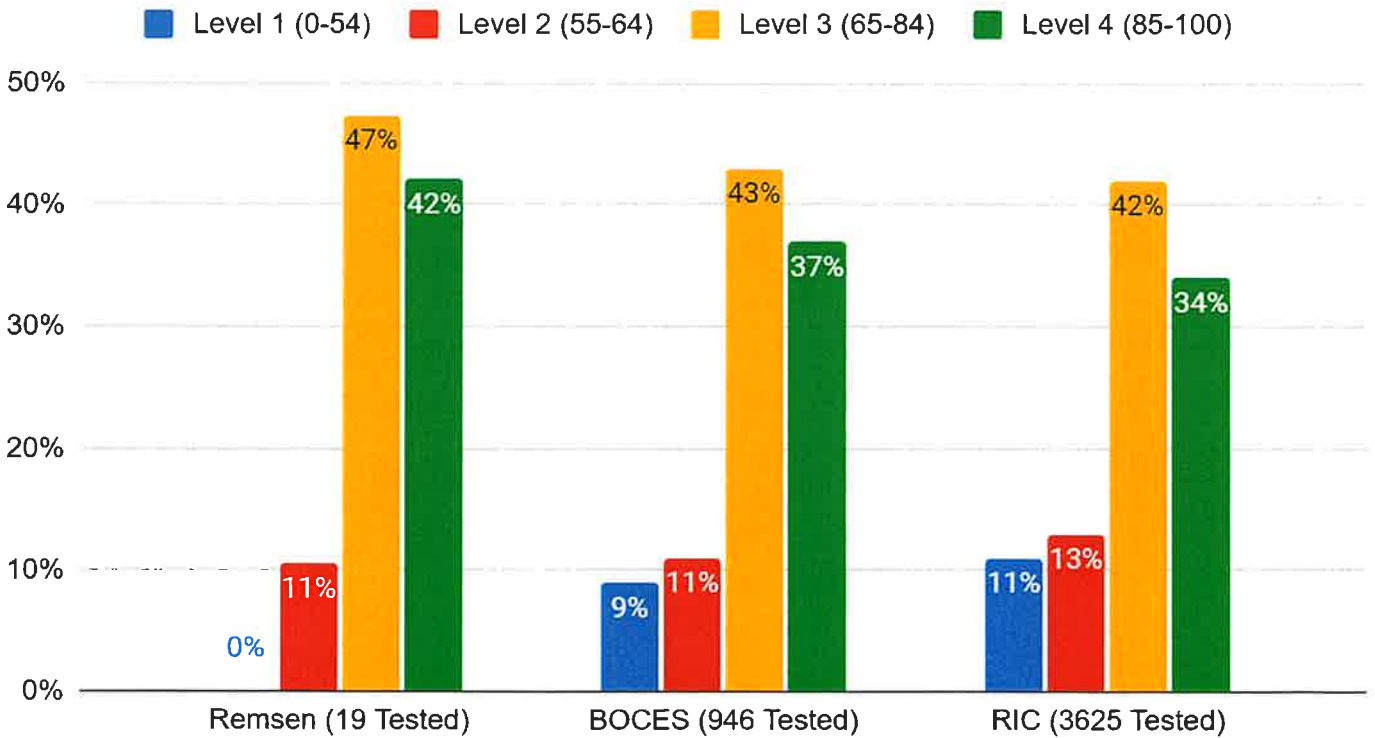
Jan. & June 2023 - ELA Regents



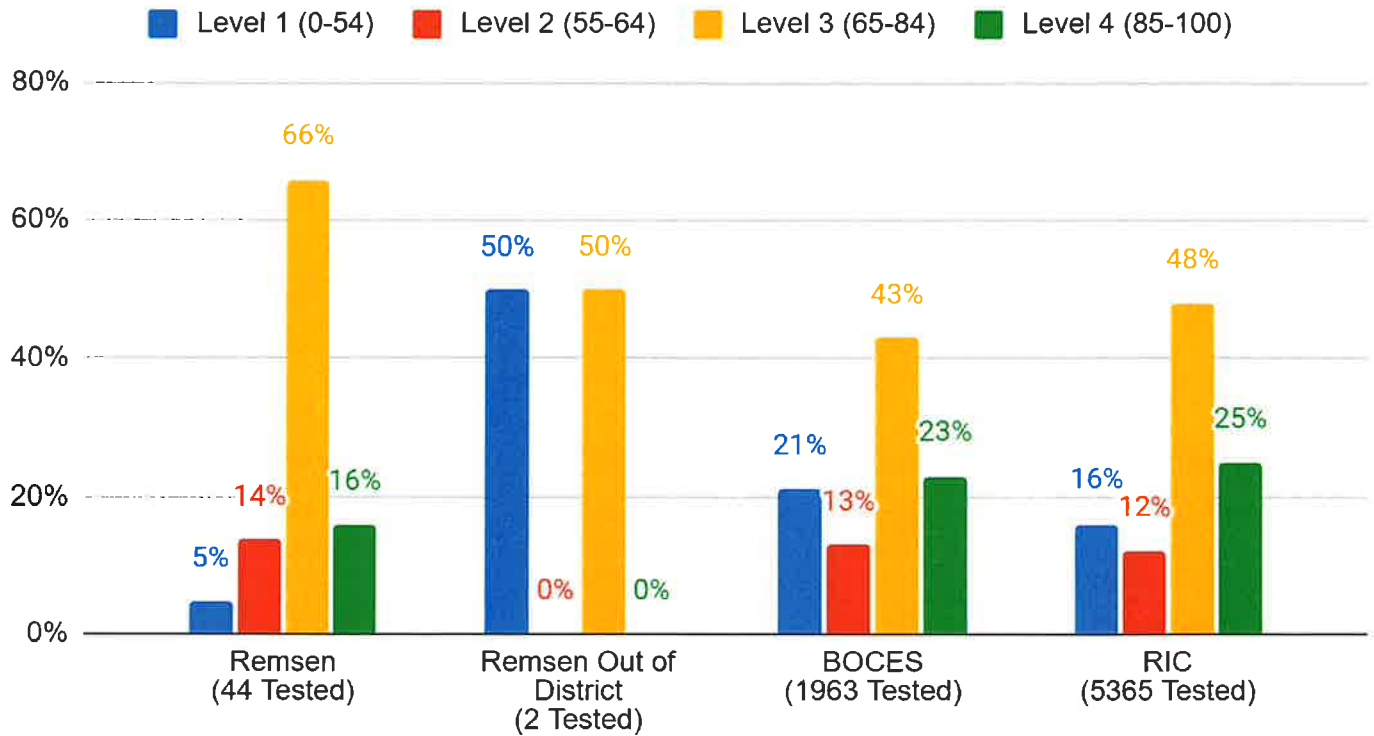
June 2023 - Chemistry Regents



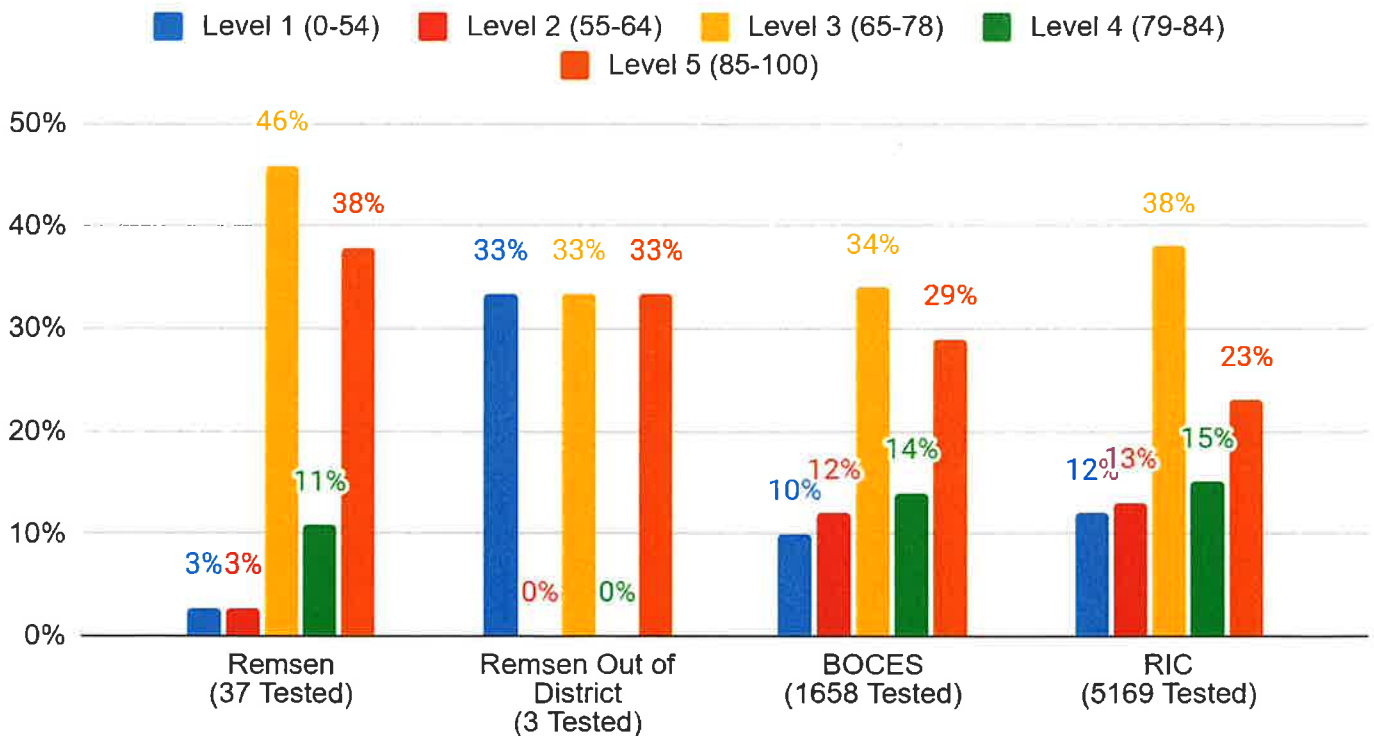
June 2023 - Earth Science Regents



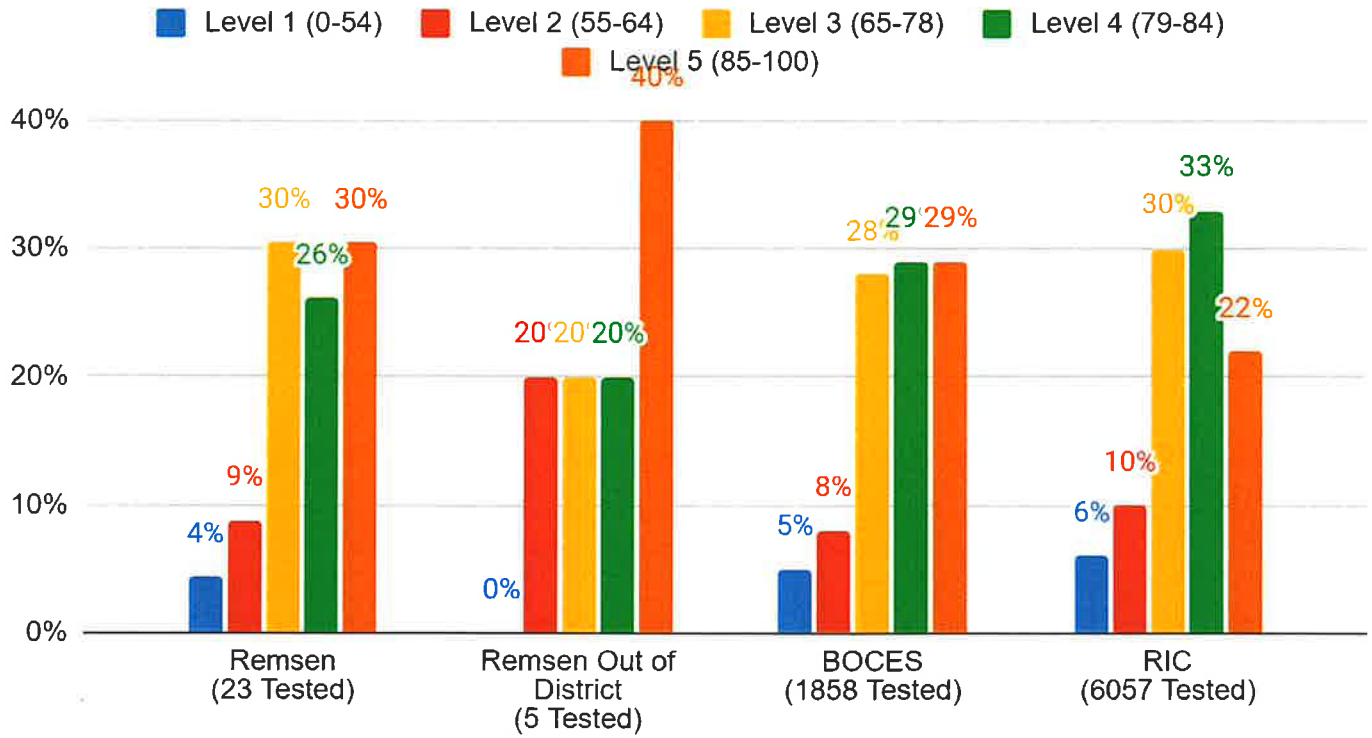
June 2023 - Living Environment Regents



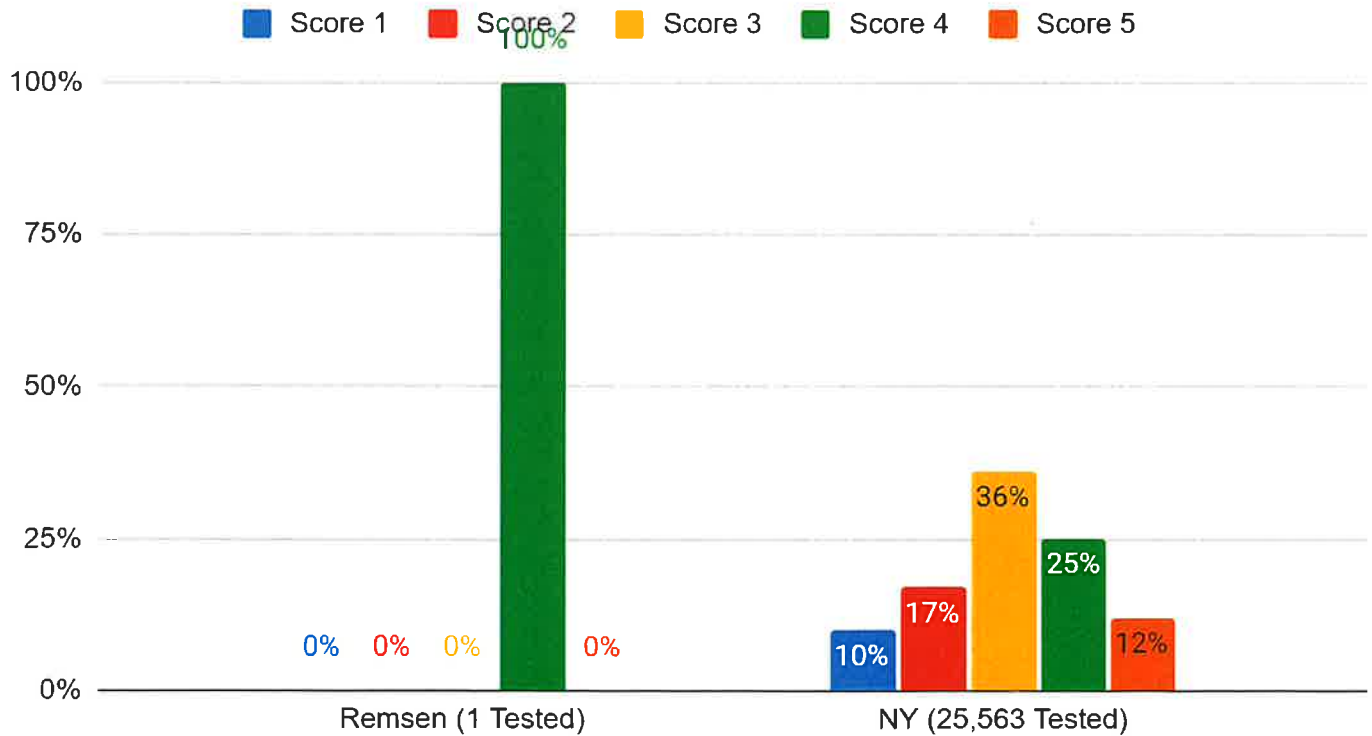
June 2023 - Global History Regents



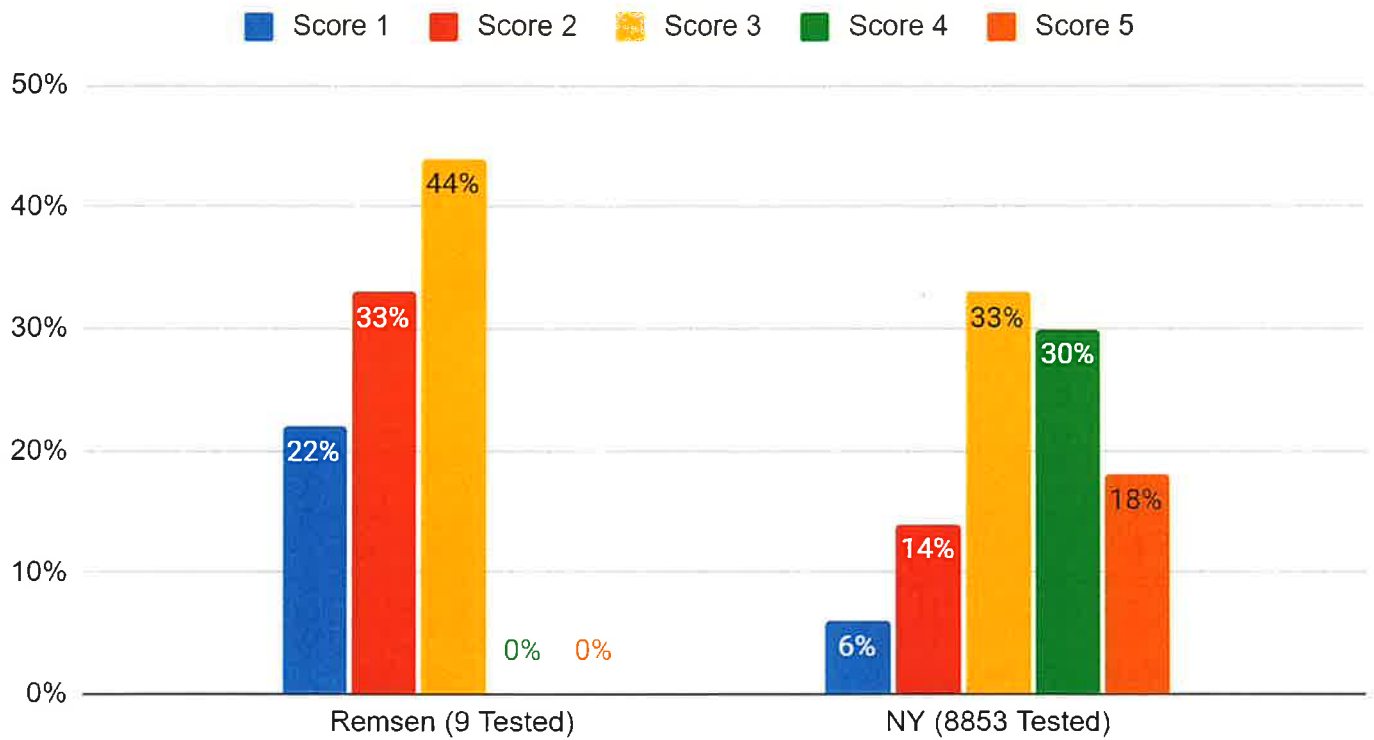
June 2023 - U.S. History Regents



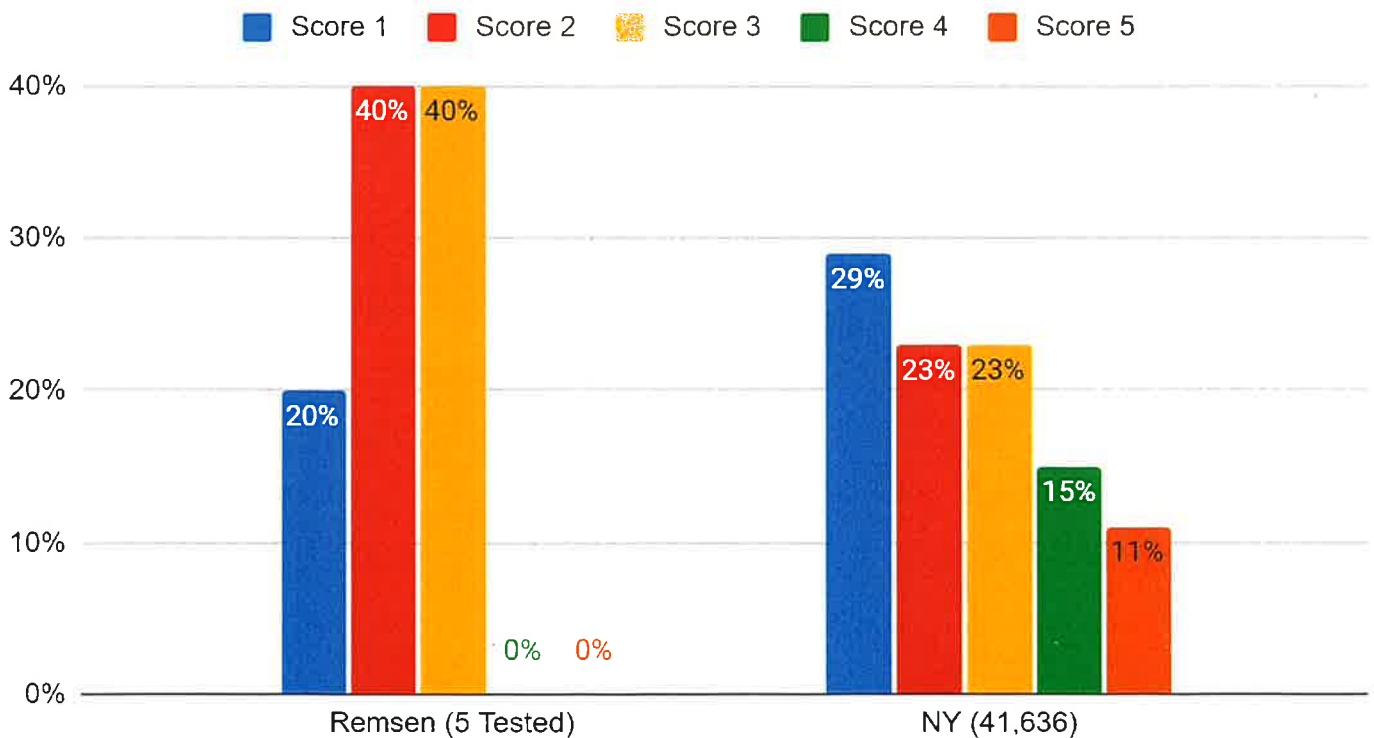
2023 AP Literature & Composition



2023 AP Chemistry



2023 AP U.S. History



NYSED Special Appeal

In May 2022, NYSED released information regarding the Special Appeal. The purpose of the appeal is to provide flexibility to students taking Regents in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years in meeting assessment requirements for a diploma. To be eligible students must have taken the Regents during the

allotted timeframe of June 2022-August 2023, have scored a 50-64, and attained a passing grade in the course.

An appeal committee, consisting of Ms. Pelrah, Mr. Winghart, and three teachers met in July to review eligible students. We had a total of 20 students that fit the criteria and were granted the special appeal. The Regents exams under the appeal for these students will count towards graduation requirements.



REMSEN CENTRAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACILITIES REPORT

8/8/2023 BOE Meeting

2023 Capital Outlay Project

New Elementary Lockers. Majority of final inspection punch list completed. Contractor is waiting for paint from locker manufacturer to take care of the cosmetic issues.

2024 Capital Outlay Project

Scope of work involves security measures including lockdown blue lights, 911 dialers, and adding remaining exterior doors to the doors ajar program. Day Automation will head up this job and will not require bidding as these services are already on NYS Contract. Drawings and specs have been completed

Next Capital Improvement Project: Scope of work has been tentatively completed to fit our financial goals. Updates at this BOE Meeting

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Lead In Drinking Water Testing:

The NYSDOH has lowered the threshold for lead in applicable water outlets from 15ppm to 5 ppm. This new round of testing must be completed between 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025. OHM BOCES Safety Office is currently sending out requests for proposals for testing our drinking water outlets. NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME

General Updates

Grounds worker, Craig Gallant, is still out with a shoulder injury. Still unknown as to a return date. Barney Sweeney still helping us out with that position. Summer cleaning and maintenance work going well. The 5 student workers are doing a great job. We are getting numerous classrooms painted with their help.

We are having an issue with rubber flooring installed during building projects in the last few years. A section in the elementary gym and a small section in the gym hallway at the High School have failed and are bubbling. King & King has been made aware and are in contact with manufacturers to hopefully resolve those issues soon.

We are in the process in the elementary building of replacing blackboard/bulletin board units in 3 classrooms which have suffered damage from moisture infiltration issues from previous years. Whiteboards have been installed in place of the old blackboard/bulletin board units. Tack boards are on order to install up over the top of the whiteboards. This brightens up the rooms substantially and will make for a healthier environment. Plans are to continue doing a certain number of rooms on an annual basis.





Proposed Capital Project Scope

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Bus Garage

- Asphalt Sidewalk Replacement
- Drive Lane Replacement (bus garage to dumpsters at HS and portion over to elem. parking lot)
- Bus Lift Replacement
- Replacement of Two Inline Hot Water Pumps
- HVAC Control System Replacement (pneumatic to Trane DDC System)
- Water Heater Replacement
- Fire Alarm System Replacement (install point addressable system up to code with elem./hs)

Elementary School

- Reconstruct Parking Lot (parking lot, drive lane, drainage pipe replacement)
- Reconstruct Loading Dock (ramp and stairs)
- Replace concrete pad for underground fuel tank
- Replace 3 remaining single aluminum doors/hardware and 1 double door
- Additional areas of brick repointing
- Reconstruct lintels at all windows and Replace all windows incl. treatments
- Replace all carpet and VCT with rubber flooring
- Add steel bracing to Cafeteria roof
- Replace emergency and exit lighting
- Replace gym wall pads
- Replace curtains and accordion doors on Stage
- Replace 5 roof mounted exhaust fans, modify ductwork and upgrade controls to Trane DDC. Incl. inline fans for bathrooms
- Replace 3 hot water inline pumps, piping mods, and upgrade to Trane DDC controls. Replace 3 hot water cabinet heaters, piping mods and upgrade to Trane DDC, includes additional pump in intermediate wing

Jr./Sr. High School

- Reconstruct student/teacher parking lot
- Reconstruct remaining drive lanes
- Reconstruct courtyard ramp with 5' wide asphalt ramp w/railing (remove stairs)
- Improve Varsity Soccer Field Drainage (Sandmaster System)
- Replace door hardware on nine interior doors

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ARP Grant Updates and Information

BOE Meeting 8-8-2023

Grant Information, Updates, and Accomplishments

- Promethean Interactive Boards District Wide – Every Classroom
- New Staff Computers District Wide – Every Teacher, Every Office
- New Student Classroom Furniture Jr./Sr. High School (Coming Fall 2023)
- New Student Classroom Furniture Elementary School (Coming Fall 2023)
- New Bus and District-Wide Digital Radio System
- COVID Supplies
- Student Guest Speakers/Assemblies
- Reading and Math Intervention Teacher 2021-2022
- Portion of Jr./Sr. HS School Counselor Summer Work
- *Super Kids* Reading Program Grades K-2
- Curriculum Development/PD/PD Speaker/Supplies
- Summer Curriculum Work Days
- Portion of Remaining Pre-K Costs Not Covered by UPK Grant
- *Positivity Project* PK-6
- Elementary Teacher (To Reduce Class Size)
- Elementary School Counselor
- Summer Enrichment Programs
- Transportation for Summer Enrichment Programs
- Supplies for Summer Enrichment Programs
- *Young Rams* Before and After School Elementary Extended School Day Programs
- *Rams Can Soar* Before and After School Jr./Sr. High School Extended School Day
- Health and Fitness Center Before and After School
- 4:00 PM Tuesday/Thursday Academic/Extracurricular Late Bus
- 5:00 PM Monday through Friday Academic/Extracurricular Late Bus

- Grades 3-6 Scholastic Reading Program = includes six years of materials, consumables, software, licenses, curriculum, PD for Staff, Coaching for Staff, and a large scholastic “Book Room”

- School Year 2023-2024 is the last year of ARP Grant Funding



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