

# Northrop Site Council 10/7/25

## Attendees

- Mr Uhler (principal)
- Mr Nanneman
- Mr Tiff
- Gina Brusseau
- Jessalyn Johnson
- Kris Gorman
- Mary Rick

## Notes

### **Advanced Learning at Northrop (Presenter: Anna Whiting, AL/STEM teacher)**

- Preface: every kid has gifts and is gifted in various ways. In MPS, however, there are only advanced learning services for math and reading/literacy
  - Decision Tree for Advanced Learner (AL) identification is in slides - note that Tier 1 indicates support being provided in the classroom
- All kids are screened using the CogAT in 2nd grade and parents can opt in for re-testing in later grades
  - Kids can also be identified by teachers using other metrics
  - New testing that is more language neutral
- For kids identified for AL services, they receive 90 minutes of AL instruction/services in Reading, Math or both
- 61 students total in grades 3-5
- Overall purpose of AL services is to provide additional challenge/deeper learning on the same grade level content/standards

### **Newsletter format**

- Did a bunch of legwork to be able to send newsletters via text/Talking Point! Woohoo!

### **Curriculum Updates**

- Literacy curriculum: UFLI for phonics; Benchmark for comprehension
- Math: Bridges

### **Adding a business person from Northrop's boundaries (discussion)**

- MPS Site Council by-laws allow for a business person to participate
- Discussion: What would pros/cons be? Why would we want someone? Why would someone want to come? How can it be mutually beneficial? What kind of business person would be helpful?

**SIP for 2025-26**

- Tabled without presentation/discussion due to time

**Cultural Celebrations**

- See slides

**Volunteers**

- The new volunteer contact form is working and helping to identify people willing to help

# Northrop Site Council 2025-26

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

# Agenda

- Advanced Learning at Northrop
- Talking Points and SMORE
- Basic MPS Curriculum Expectations for Literacy and Math
- Adding a business person from Northrop's boundaries
- SIP for 2025-26
- Cultural Celebrations
- Volunteers
- Questions/Discussion

# Advanced Learning at Northrop

Ms. Anna Whiting

# Advanced Learner Services Decision Trees

Minneapolis Public Schools 2025-2026



# 3rd Grade Decision Tree- AL Services

Use Infinite Campus for List of AL Students

Not flagged AL

Flagged AL

Level of Support  
**Tier 1**

**Identified Domain**  
Reading and/or  
Math

Use 3rd-5th Grade Decision  
Trees for **AL Math** and **AL  
Literacy** Services Qualification

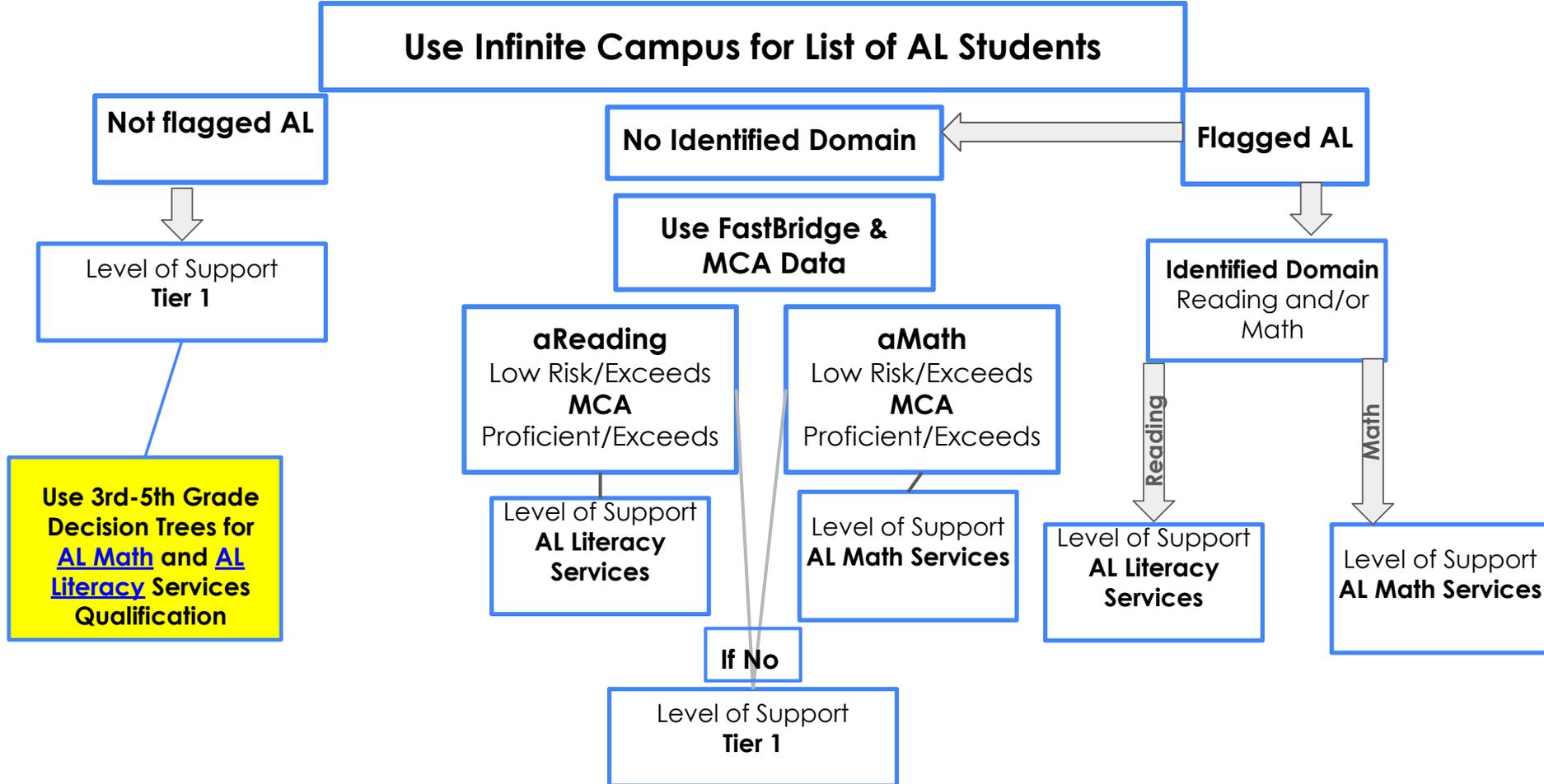
Reading

Level of Support  
**AL Literacy  
Services**

Math

Level of Support  
**AL Math  
Services**

# 4th-5th Grade Decision Tree- AL Services



# 3rd-5th Grade Decision Tree- AL Literacy Services

\*Star Reading for Dual language sites

Use students' fall FastBridge aReading\* data

**Below Stanine 7 (<76th local percentile)**  
NGAT not administered

Use data spreadsheet with local norms provided by REA

**At or above Stanine 7 (>77th local %ile)**  
Screening indicates that the student is eligible to take the Naglieri Verbal Test

Level of Support  
**Tier 1**

**Stanine <8**  
**Average of aReading and NGAT Verbal**

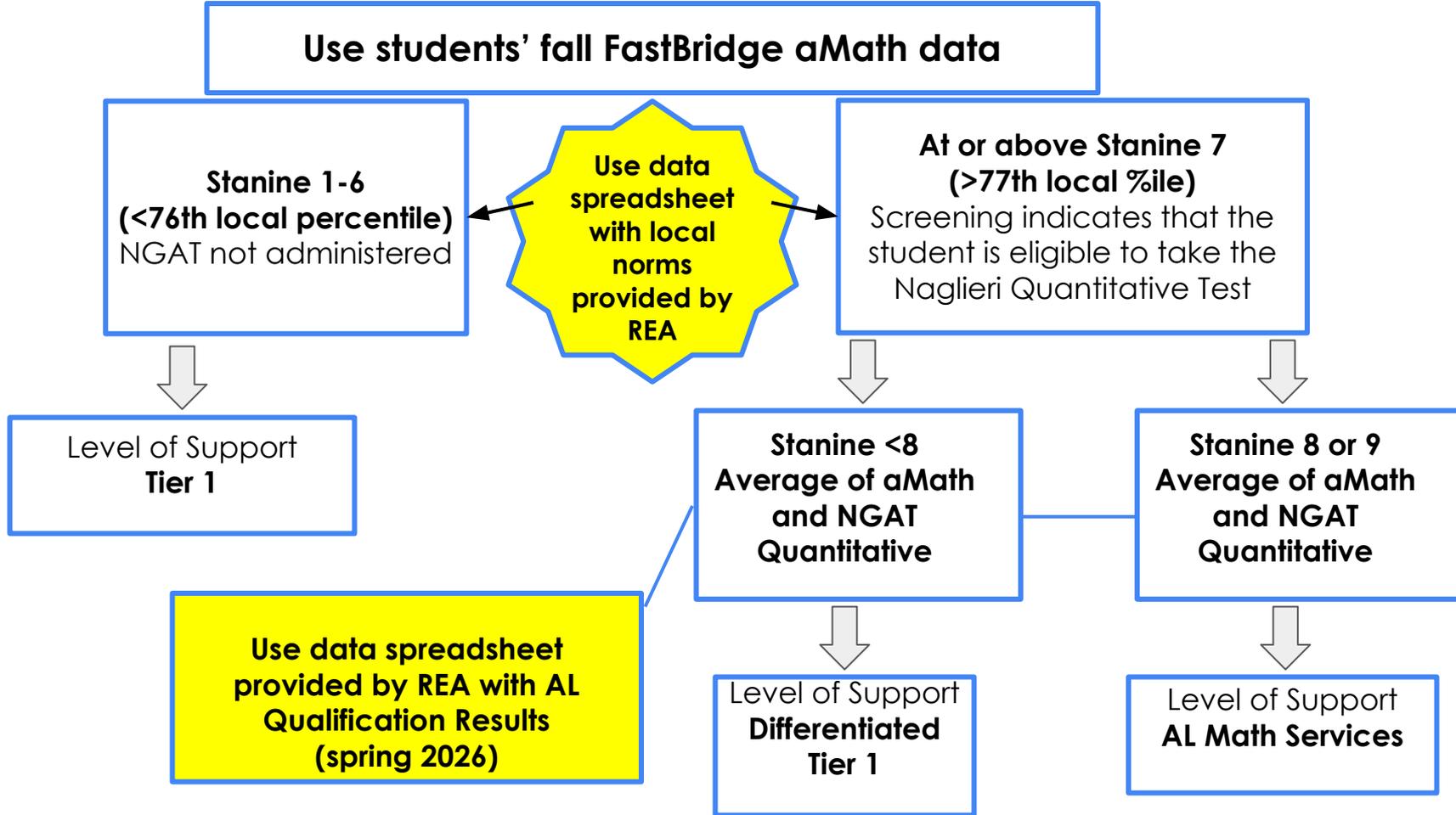
**Stanine 8 or 9**  
**Average of aReading and NGAT Verbal**

Use data spreadsheet provided by REA with AL Qualification Results (spring 2026)

Level of Support  
**Differentiated Tier 1**

Level of Support  
**AL Literacy Services**

# 3rd-5th Grade Decision Tree- AL Math Services



## **Newsletters**

We are working to get newsletters out on Talking Points as well as email.

Nicole is getting access and will have both email and Talking Points up and running soon.

# **MPS Strategic Plan Goal 1: 1.1 Provide standards-based core instruction with a focus on literacy and mathematics.**

**Literacy:** All students, K-3, receive UFLI each day to develop the “Big 5” reading skills

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Teaching vocabulary words
- Reading comprehension strategies

All students in 4th and 5th grades receive Advanced Word Study each day.

All students, K-5, receive reading instruction in Benchmark to improve their reading comprehension.

# **MPS Strategic Plan Goal 1: 1.1 Provide standards-based core instruction with a focus on literacy and mathematics.**

## **Math:**

All students, K-5, receive daily instruction using the Bridges curriculum.

# Adding a Business Person to Site Council

What would be the Pro's and Con's of adding a local business person to Northrop's Site Council?

# SIP for 2025-26

## Site Improvement Plan 2025-26

### Four Goals:

- Academic Achievement - Growth in math and reading on a standardized test (FAST)
- Student Well-being - Climate and Culture Survey
- Effective Staff - Peer Observations
- School and District Climate - Events

Will share specifics at our next meeting.

# Cultural Celebrations

Mr. Robert Everest and his band played for staff and students. They played songs from each of the countries represented by our Latino students.



Tall Paul will perform on Monday, October 13 at 2:30pm for Peoples' Day.

# Volunteers

They have been really helpful!

# Questions/Discussion