STRIDE Academy: Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness (CACR) Summary Report

Board Meeting – November 20, 2025

Overview

The Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) framework, formerly the World's Best Workforce (WBWF), guides Minnesota schools in improving student achievement through strategic planning. STRIDE Academy's 2024–25 report and new 2025–26 goals align with the five statewide CACR priorities:

1. All children are ready for school.
2. All racial and economic achievement gaps are closed.
3. All students are ready for career and college.
4. All students graduate from high school.
5. All students are prepared to be lifelong learners.

2024–2025 Goals & Results

Goal 1 – All Children Are Ready for School

By October 1, 2024, STRIDE Academy will ensure that at least 90% of all incoming kindergarten students undergo screening and receive necessary preparations for a successful start in school.

✅ Goal Met

- 100% of incoming Kindergarteners screened with **FASTBridge** within the first three weeks of school.

Goal 2 – Achievement Gaps Closed

By the end of the 2024-25 school year, STRIDE Academy aims to reduce the achievement gap between English Learner (EL) students and non-EL students by 15% in both reading and math. This initiative is directed towards ensuring equitable access.

⚠️ Goal Not Met

- Progress observed, but target not reached.
- Continued focus on equitable access, targeted instruction, and language support.

Goal 3 – Career & College Readiness

Enhance the readiness of students for career and college opportunities, with a specific focus on increasing the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards in reading. Target a 3.8% increase, from 26.2% in 2024-25 to 30%.

⚠️ Goal Not Met

- Reading proficiency remained flat at **26.2% (2025)**.
- Literacy interventions, curriculum alignment, and Science of Reading professional development ongoing.

Goal 4 – High School Readiness (8th Grade Proficiency)

By June 2025, STRIDE Academy K-8 will increase the percentage of 8th-grade students meeting or exceeding proficiency on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) in both Reading and Math by 10% from the 2023-2024 baseline.

⚠️ Goal Not Met

- Math: Increased slightly from **7.4% (2024)** to **9.9% (2025)**.
- Reading: Declined from **25%** to **24.3%**.
- Continuing focus on data-driven instruction and aligned curriculum supports.

Goal 5 – Lifelong Learning (Civic Engagement)

By June 2025, STRIDE Academy K-8 will ensure that every grade level (K-8) completes at least one civic engagement or service-learning project each school year, with a target of at least 90% student participation in each grade.

✅ Goal Met

- Every K–8 grade level completed at least one civic or service-learning project.
- 90%+ student participation in activities like **Quarry Park Restoration, Farm Camp, Pollinator Projects, Arbor Day, Reading Buddies, and Salvation Army Toy Shop**.