

Minutes – February 11, 2026
South Buffalo Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present:

In Person: Chris Schafer, Jen Mack, Matt Szalkowski, Kathy Linhardt

Virtual: Anne Marie Tryjankowski, Carine Merritt

Members Absent: None.

Public Comment: Jen Mack spoke on behalf of the PTO requesting a \$2,000 donation from the Board for the SBCS Annual Easter Affair – egg hunt/basket raffle/vendor event being held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Presentation: Student Test Data – See attached.

Board Reports:

- Executive Committee – No meeting.
- Academic Committee – No meeting. Meeting being scheduled for end of February.
- Facility Committee – No meeting. Waiting on two pieces of data, then scheduling meeting.
- Finance Committee – Met. No issues. 1099 filed and annual report sent to NYS.
- Human Resources/Appeals Committee – No meeting. Reported that HR Committee received an email re: personnel changes.

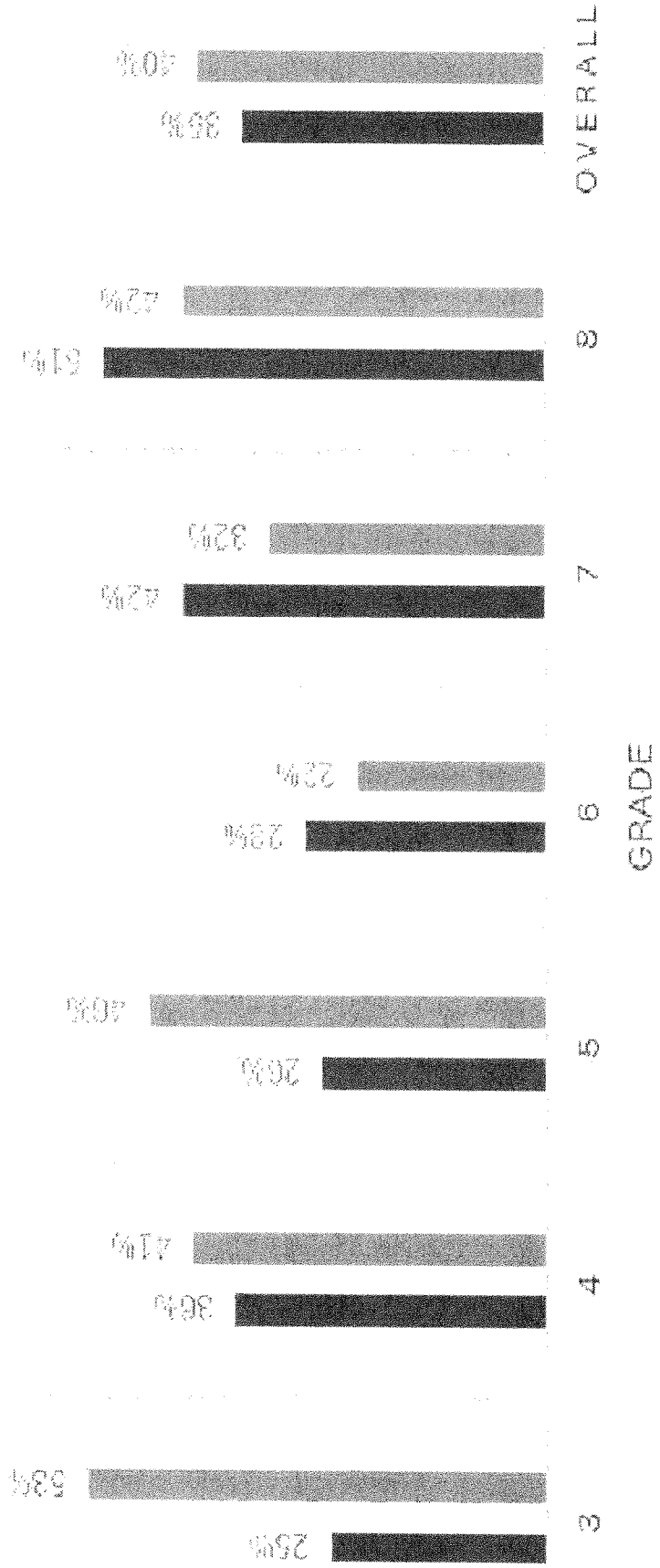
New Business:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on January 14, 2026, was made by Matt Szalkowski; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Enrollment Summary – See attached.
- Superintendent's Report – See attached.
- Motion to approve a \$2,000 donation to the SBCS Annual Easter Affair was made by Matt Szalkowski; seconded by Kathy Linhardt. Vote: All in favor. Abstain: Jen Mack.
- Consensus Agenda
 - Motion to approve the SBCS Schedule of Bills, Balance Sheet, Board monthly Income Statement, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Statement of Cash Flows and Check Register for January 2026; and the 154 South Ogden, LLC Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditures/Income Statement and Check Register for January 2026 was made by Matt Szalkowski; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Matt Szalkowski. Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

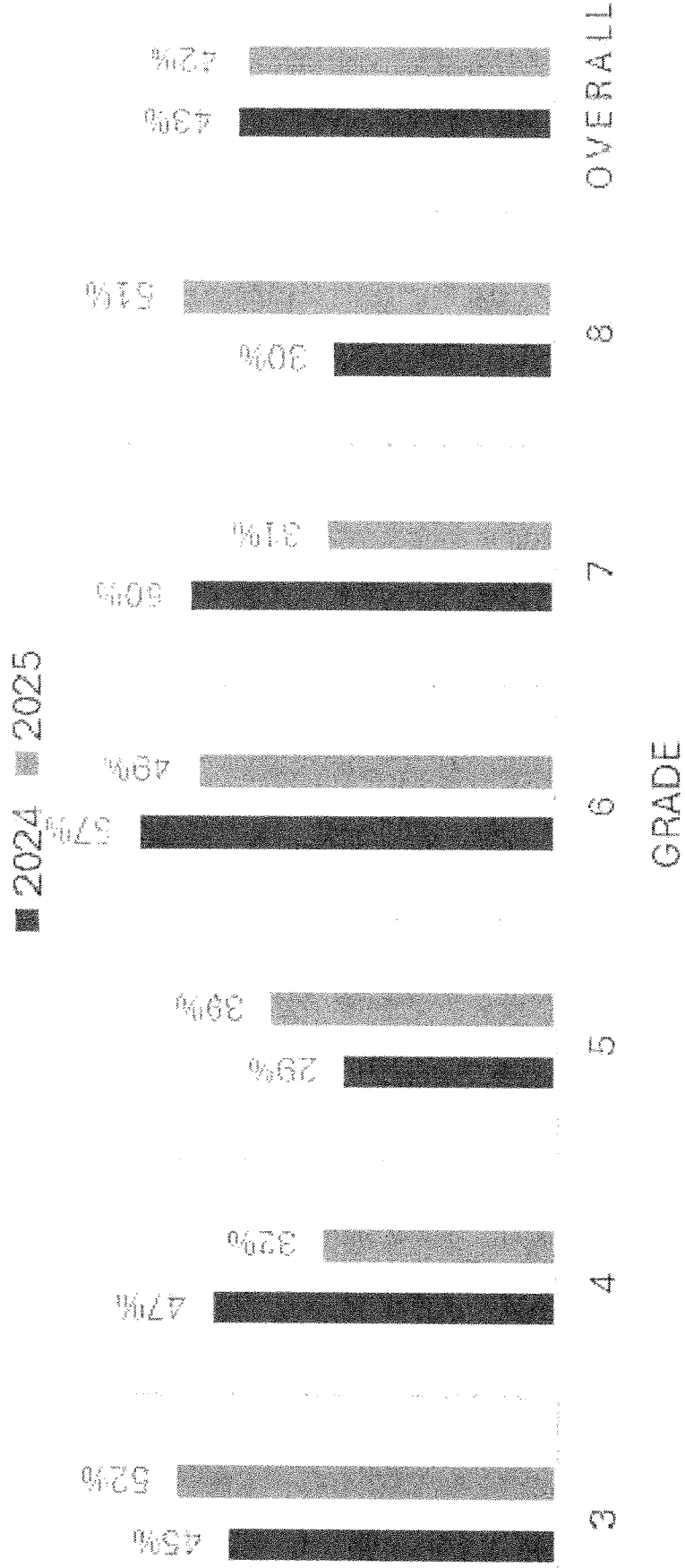
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■ 2024 ■ 2025



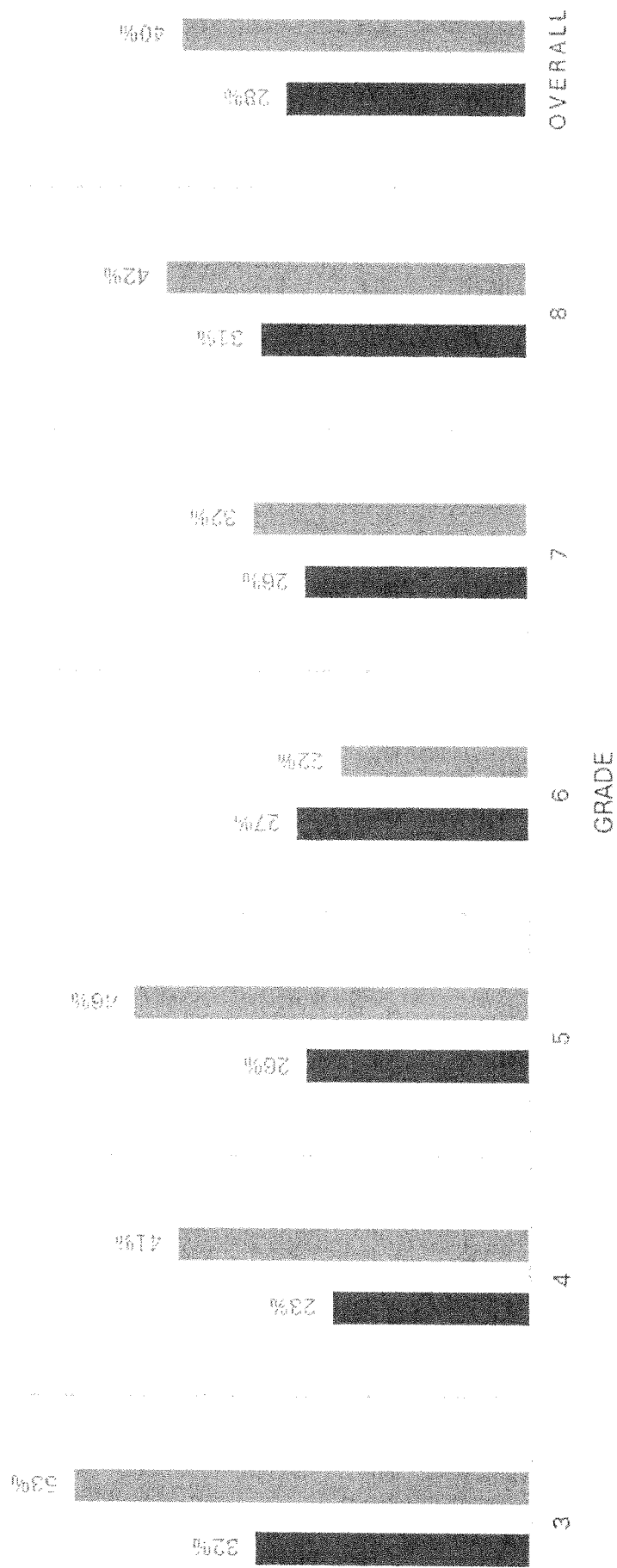
SBCS MATH 2024 VS. 2025 BY GRADE

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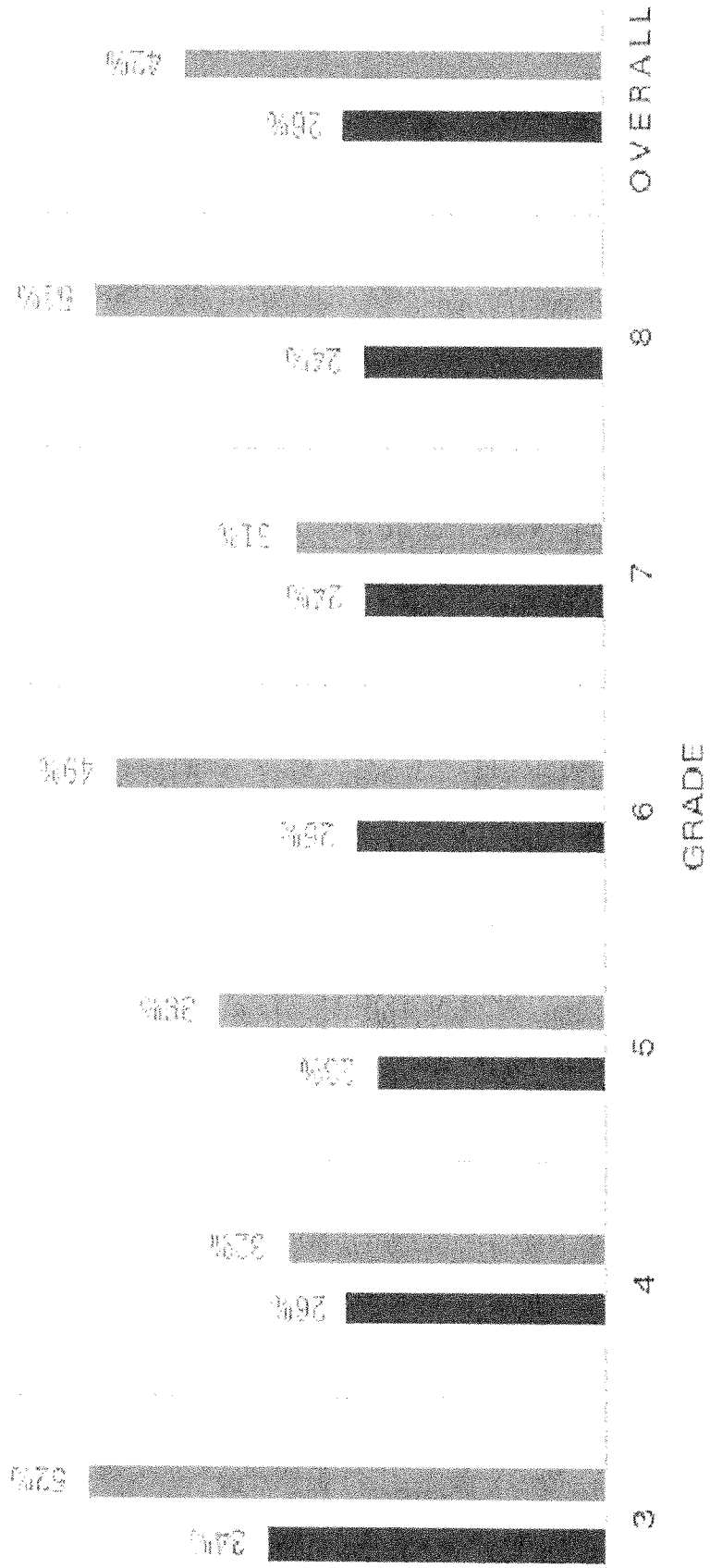
2025 BPS VS. SBCS ELA NYS ASSESSMENT

■ BPS ■ SBCS



'2025 BPS VS. SBCS MATH NYS ASSESSMENT

■ BPS ■ SBCS



CHARTER SCHOOLS VS. SBCS - ELA

Persistence Prep 57%
Elmwood Village Days Park 55%
West Buffalo 48%
Tapestry 47%
Global Concepts 45%
Buff Sci- ORIGINAL 43%
SBCS 40%
King Center 36%
Westminster Charter School 35%
Elmwood Village Hertel 34%
Buffalo United 34%
CSAT 33%
Enterprise Charter School 28%
Buffalo Public Schools 28%
Reach Academy 26%
Charter School of Inquiry 19%

CHARTER SCHOOLS VS. SBCS - MATH (2025)

Persistence Prep - 71%
West Buffalo - 50%
Elmwood Village Days Park - 48%
Buff Sci- ORIGINAL - 43%
SBCS - 42%
Westminster Charter School - 40%
Tapestry - 38%
Global Concepts - 38%
King Center - 37%
CSAT - 35%
Reach Academy - 34%
Elmwood Village Hertel - 33%
Buffalo United - 29%
Enterprise Charter School - 29%
Buffalo Public Schools - 26%
Charter School of Inquiry - 18%

Enrollment Summary – As of 2/2/2026

GRADE	2025/2026	2024/2025	2023/2024
K	89	98	96
1	95	98	100
2	101	102	101
3	98	99	101
4	103	99	101
5	99	102	100
6	100	96	99
7	94	98	97
8	97	99	98
TOTAL	876	891	890

5th grade – moved to Depew, transferred to Cayuga Heights.

6th grade – moved to Hamburg, transferred to Hamburg Middle School

8th grade – transferred to Bilingual Center School BPS

3rd grade and Kindergarten – moved to Arlington, TX, transferred to Mary Moore Elementary School

3rd grade and 7th grade – moved to North Java, transferred to Attica Central School District

5th grade – moved to Marlton, NJ, transferred to J. Harold Van Zant School

7th grade – BPS moved to Homeschooling after being in trouble quite often at school.

7th grade – expelled fighting

4th grade – expelled threats

Total by District:

1	NY140201	Amherst Central School District
2	NY141601	Hamburg Central School District
1	NY142301	Orchard Park
2	NY400400	Lockport City School District
4	NY140707	Depew Union Free School District
4	NY141604	Frontier Central School District
5	NY140702	Maryvale Union Free School District
5	NY140703	Cleveland Hill Union Free School District
18	NY140701	Cheektowaga Central School District
19	NY140709	Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District
20	NY142801	West Seneca Central School District
64	NY141800	Lackawanna City School District
732	NY140600	Buffalo City School District

February Superintendents Report

Winterfest, midterms, snow days, professional development

Throughout the month of February, SBCS will be celebrating Black History Month. Each homeroom has selected a predominant figure in Black History to research and complete a project on. These are displayed in the front foyer and will be viewed by all parents coming to the Awards Ceremonies on Friday, February 13th.

In addition to the projects, we have daily Black History Trivia and a Black History Scavenger Hunt. We are working with the African American Cultural Center for a performance as well.

Our annual Spelling Bee Finals are scheduled for February 24th. This PTO sponsored event has a first round at school on February 11th. The top students from each grade level make it to the finals.

Winterfest due to snow and cold days was moved to Friday February 13th. The chorus concert and art show opening is Thursday, February 5th, while the band concert is Thursday February 12th. We will also invite families for an art show closing on February 12 prior to the band concert.

Parent Teacher conferences were held on February 5 from 11am - 7pm.

On Friday January 30th, the school had a remote learning day. The students and teachers worked remotely on assignments through google classroom and packets that were sent home by teachers. The school and its families did great getting online and meeting with teachers to go over questions for the assignments.

We will be doing a canned food and toiletry item drive for the Tosh Collins Senior Center food pantry during the last week of January and first week of February. This is part of a student's Mount Mercy Leadership project.

The leadership team met with Jason Brechko from Acase to discuss the Core Capabilities project data and look at how this project is affecting test scores. A new idea for tiered interventions was realized as we went through the data. We will begin implementing this in the spring, with more taking place in the fall.

The iReady diagnostic assessment took place from January 5 - February 6. It was extended due to the cold weather and snow days. We also extended the second quarter

marking period until February 6 for the same reason. Middle school administered midterms and final exams. Grades K-6 are administering interim assessments. Buffalo State student teachers started on Wednesday, January 28. We have five from Buffalo State. In addition, we have two teachers in residence from UB who started their student teaching in January.

Grades 7 and 8 had a winter dance on January 16. This took place after school from 3:45-5:45. PTO will sponsor a K-2 Sweetheart Dance on February 6.

The New York State testing simulation took place on February 5.

Erie County Dental Health came in and did a dental health program for all of second grade. They will be here on an annual basis from now on.

We had several professional development opportunities. The topics included math, reading, and art and music curriculum development.

The teacher lead Literacy Liaison team met after school. They also met with their grade levels for PLC meetings to share what they discussed as next steps in their data collection.

Gina D, Gina P, and Dave T met with Dave Wilson from Buffalo State to start work on Math Thinking Classrooms. Gina D and Gina P will participate in the Buffalo Math Collaborative which is meeting in Sweet Home School District in March. Gina D and Gina P attended a training for the Julia Robinson Math Night event at Union East Elementary in the Cheektowaga Central School District. They also attended the event to see it in action.

Gina P, Gina D, and Dave T attended an iReady data review at BOCES. We talked about next steps after the diagnostic is complete. We will share this information at our next grade level meetings. Also, we have three teachers, plus Gina P and Gina D, visiting an iReady model school in Greece, NY. This was scheduled for January and had to be moved to February due to snow days.

The core virtue student of the month and royalty ice cream social was held on January 20 during the school day. Also invited were students who were in a tier 2 attendance program and earned the ice cream social by making it to school with 80% attendance for the month.

The annual Hospice Bouquet sale took place from January 26- February 6.

The **New York State Board of Regents** has provisionally adopted new requirements for comprehensive **climate education across all K–12 grade levels**, to be phased in beginning with the **2027–2028 school year**. This mandate integrates instruction on the **causes, impacts, and solutions of climate change** into core subjects like social studies, health, and math.

New York State Joins the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment Consortium (WIDA) and Plans for New English Language Proficiency Assessments (attachment)

- At the October 2025 Board of Regents meeting, New York State Education Department staff announced that New York will be joining the WIDA Consortium.
- This consortium is a group of 42 states, territories, and federal agencies dedicated to the research, design, and implementation of a high-quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate system to support English Language Learners (ELLs) in K-12 contexts.
- The current assessments (NYSESLAT and NYSITELL) will continue to be administered in the 2025-26 School Year. WIDA assessments will roll out beginning in Spring 2027.
- The Department will provide more information about the implementation of the WIDA assessments in the coming months. New York educators are encouraged to sign up for the "WIDA in New York" email newsletter to receive up-to-date information and resources.