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To: Blaine County Board of Trustees

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Topic: Fall Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) Screener Results 2021

Information:

Background:

The Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) is a screening assessment that is required to be given to Idaho students in grades K to 3. Fall and Spring data is reported to the Idaho Department of Education, as required by Statute 33-1805, 33-1806, and 33-1807. The assessment measures skills needed for reading at each grade level.

- Kindergarten: Vocabulary (Picture Items and Synonym Items), Listening Comprehension (Matching Sentences and Pictures, Sentence and Story Completion), Phonemic Awareness (Beginning Ending & Rhyming Sounds, and Blending), Letter Knowledge (Letter Recognition, and Letter Sound).
- First Grade: Vocabulary (Picture Items and Synonym Items), Phonemic Awareness (Beginning Ending & Rhyming Sounds, and Blending), Letter Knowledge (Letter Recognition, and Letter Sound), Alphabetic Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension (Matching Sentence to Pictures, and Sentence Completion), Text Fluency.
- Second and Third Grade: Vocabulary (Picture Items and Synonym Items), Alphabetic Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension (Matching Sentence to Pictures, and Sentence Completion), Text Fluency.

The assessment is for identifying students most in need of intervention with skills that are prerequisite for becoming successful readers. Students who score in Tier 2 or Tier 3 on the Fall IRI Screener must have a district developed Literacy Intervention Plan that will be executed throughout the academic year.

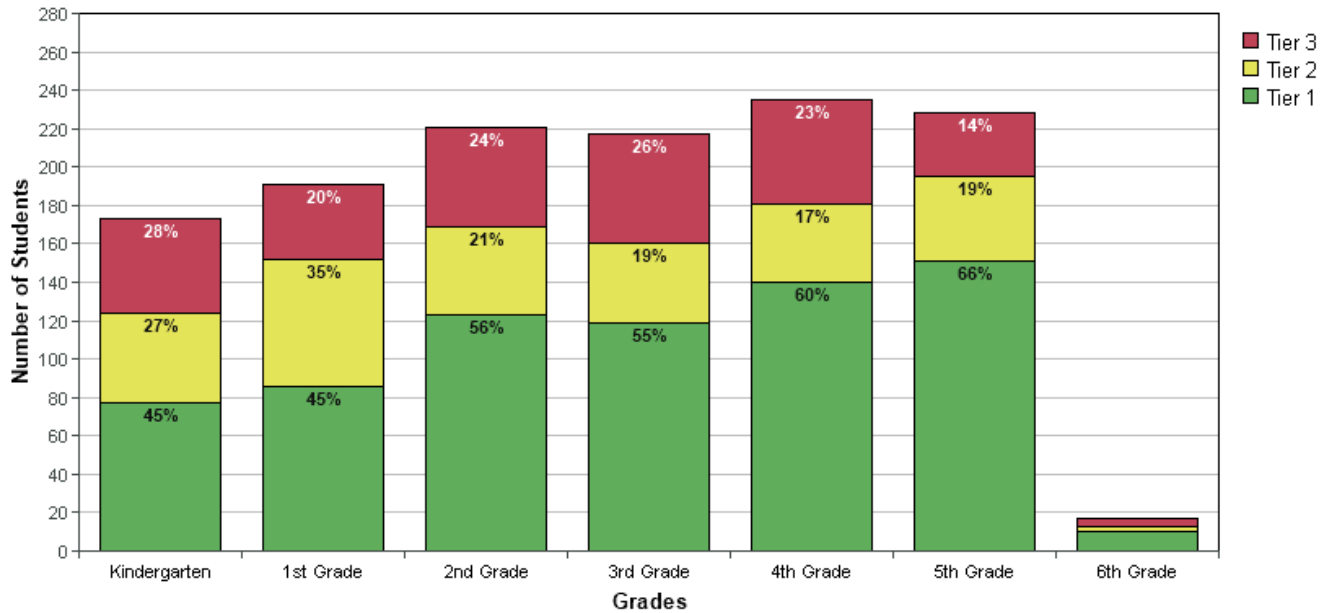
Additionally, BCSD extends this screener to 4th and 5th grade students and administers a similar screener for mathematics.

Results:

Fall 2021 ISIP Reading

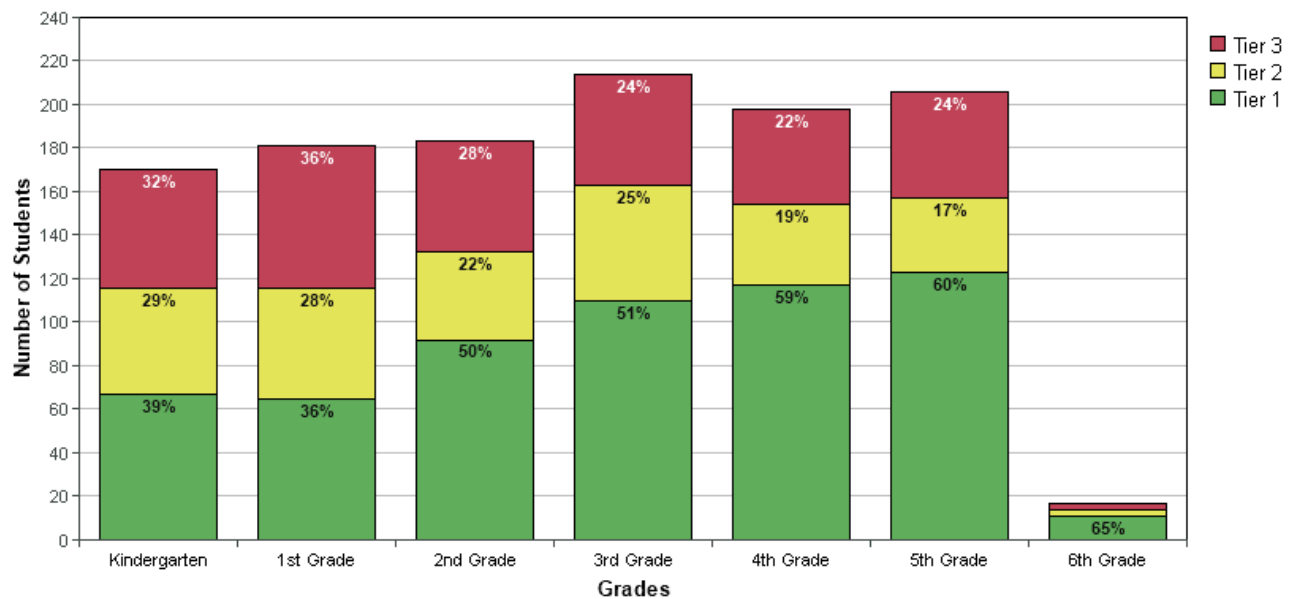
% of students at Tier 1 (At Grade Level), Tier 2 (Near/Below Grade Level), Tier 3 (Well Below Grade Level)

All Grades - September 2021

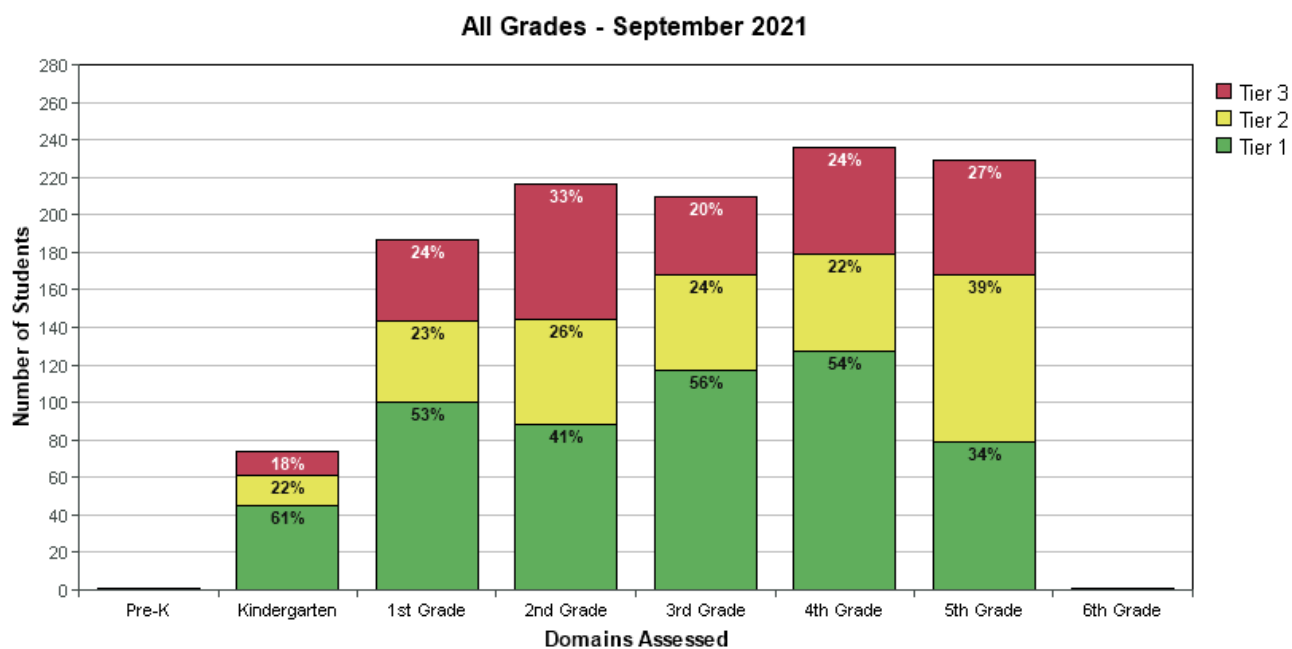


Fall 2020 ISIP Reading

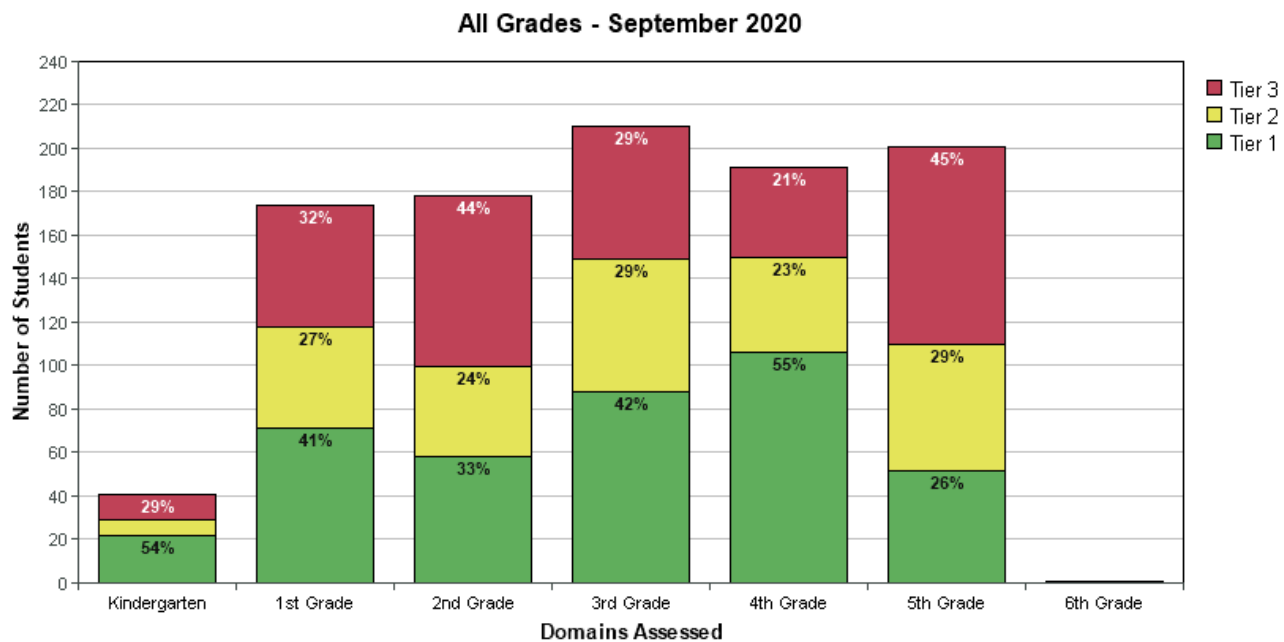
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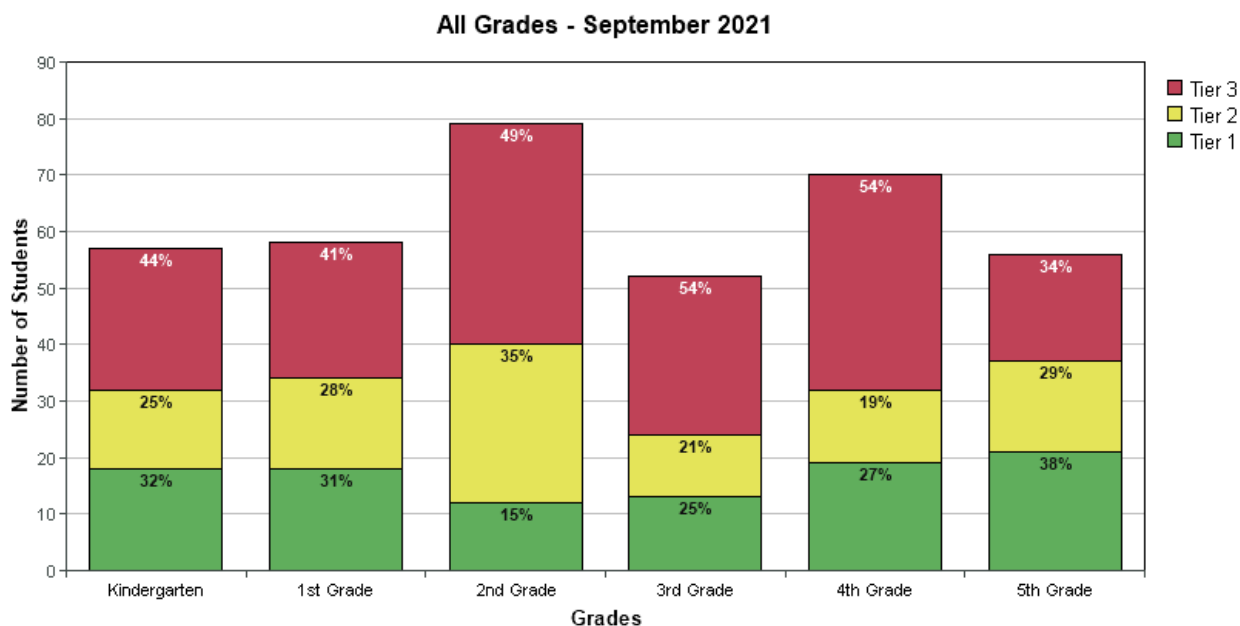
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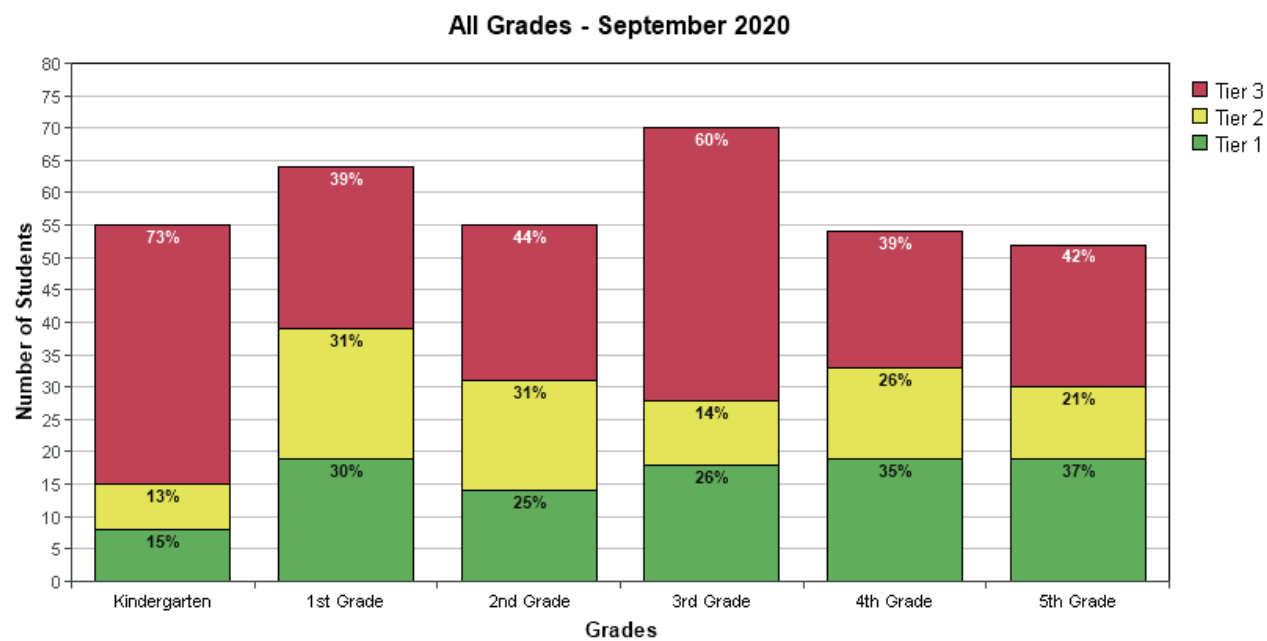
Fall 2020 ISIP Math



Fall 2021 ISIP Spanish



Fall 2020 ISIP Spanish



Key Findings

- Fall of 2021, we have significantly larger percentage of students scoring in Tier 1 (at grade-level) than the Fall of 2020 nearly across all grade bands and all tests.
- As a line of comparison in the Fall of 2019 State of Idaho Tier 1 performance data was: Kindergarten 42.3%, 1st grade 48.9%, 2nd Grade 62.9 % and 3rd Grade 64.0%. The State has not posted Fall 2020 data as of 9/22/21.

Next Steps

- Teachers are developing Literacy Intervention Plans for students who placed in Tier 2 and Tier 3.
- Intervention practices, performance monitoring, and data reviews are taking place at the building level to address the needs of intervention placed students.
- Winter IRI testing will take place in January.