



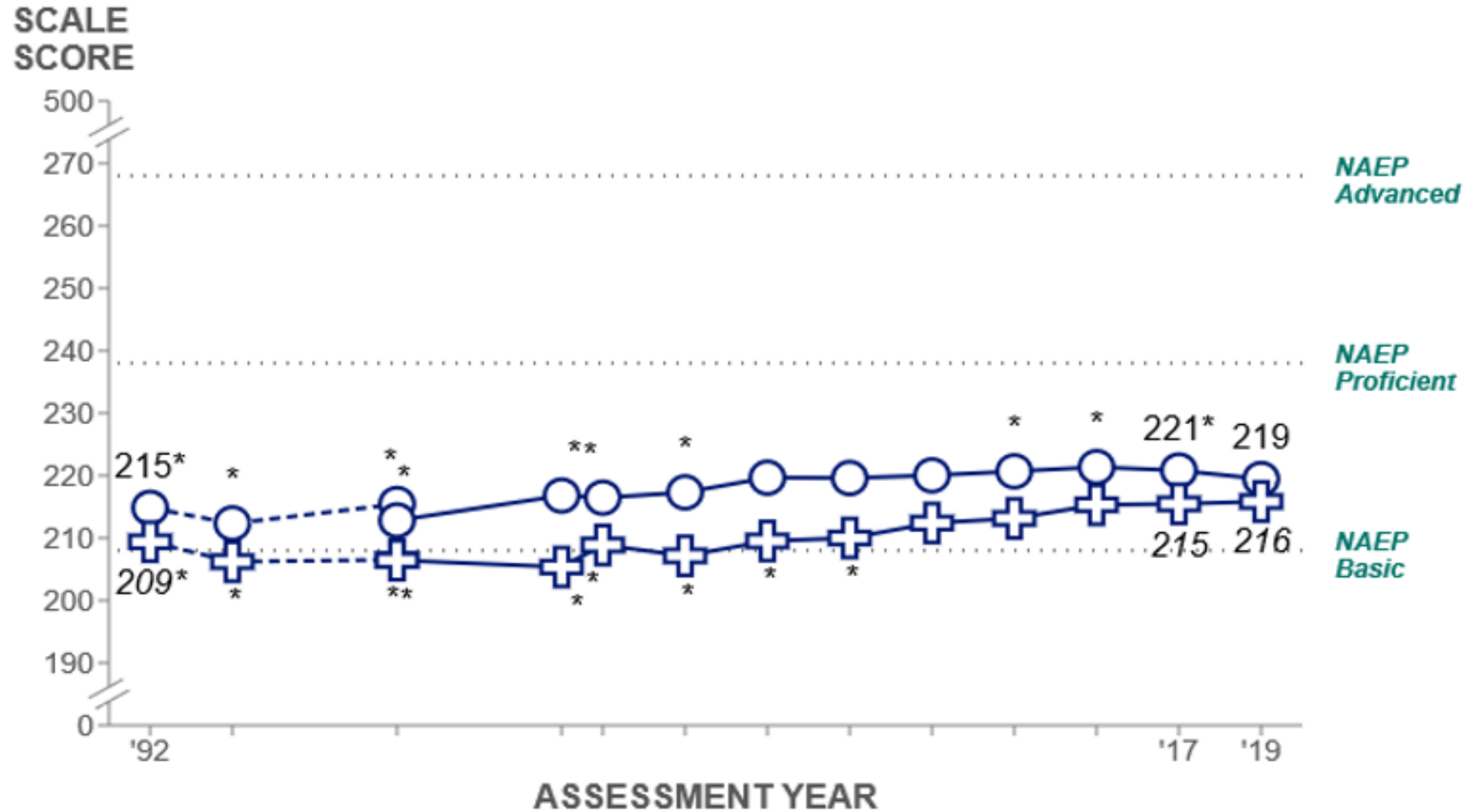
# **K-5 Literacy Endorsement**

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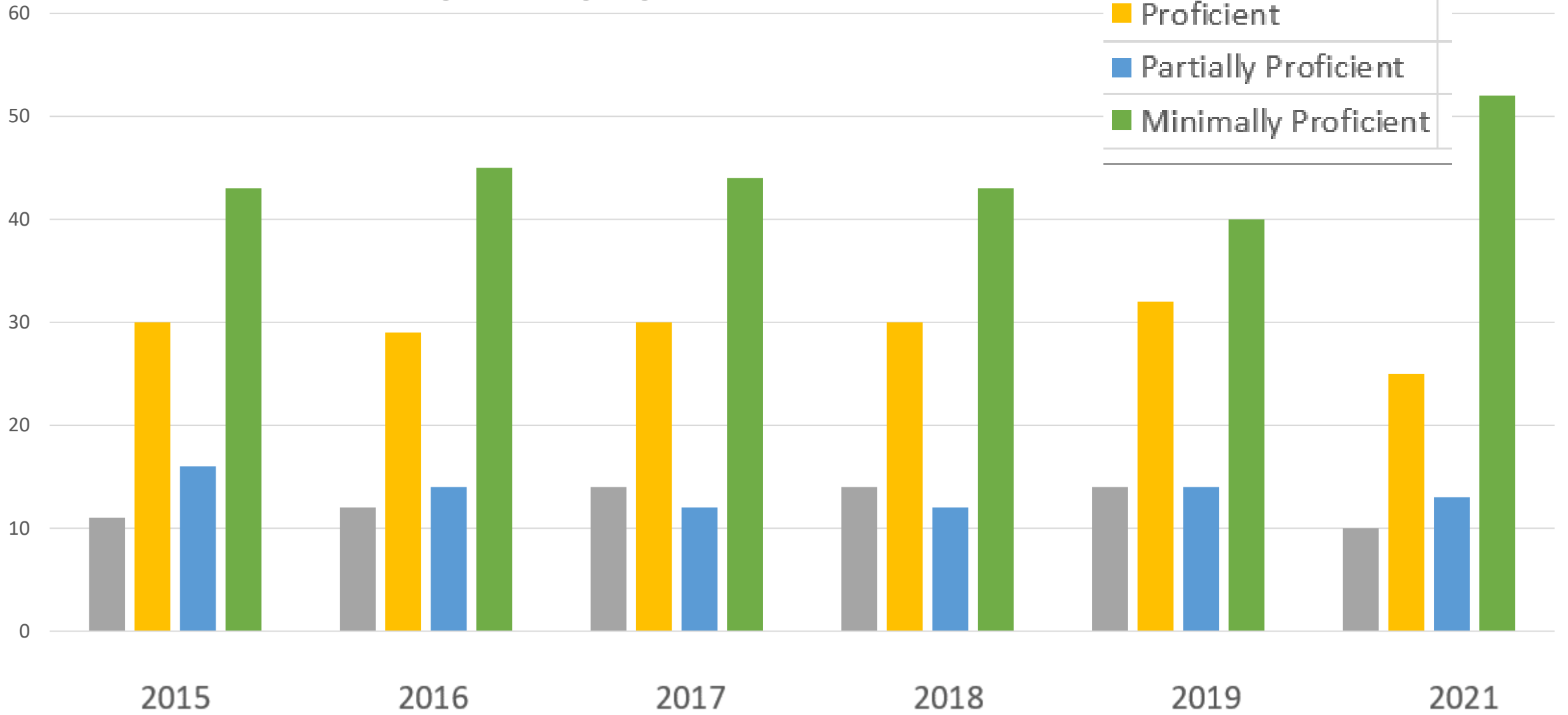
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# NAEP: State and National Growth in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Trend in NAEP reading average scores for fourth-grade public school students in Arizona and nation



# Statewide 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade English Language Arts Exam – All Students



# Early Literacy Connected Legislation

Legislation	Brief Description	Intended Impact
Move On When Reading	K-3 Reading Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students reading at grade-level by third grade</li> </ul>
Dyslexia Designee	K-3 Screening and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K-1 screening and intervention</li> <li>Build teacher capacity in the science of reading and dyslexia</li> </ul>
SB1572 – K-5 Pre-service teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy endorsement</li> <li>Coursework in the science of reading</li> <li>Literacy exam to earn endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build teacher capacity in the science of reading</li> <li>Data for EPPs to reflect on programs</li> <li>Implemented by July 2022</li> </ul>
SB1572 – In-service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy endorsement</li> <li>Coursework in the science of reading</li> <li>Literacy exam to earn endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All K-5 teachers trained in the science of reading by 2028</li> </ul>

# K-5 Literacy Endorsement: Logistics

## K-5 Literacy Endorsement

- Required
  - K-5 teachers of reading
    - Classroom teachers
    - Early childhood educators (K-3)
  - Interventionists/Literacy coaches
  - Special education teachers
- Coursework
  - 6 credits in the science of reading, intervention, and dyslexia OR
  - Equivalent training (90 hours)
- Exam
- Timeline
  - Pre-service Educators: **2025**
  - In-service Educators: **2028**



# In-service Educators: Recertification Hours

## Teacher Recertification Hour Requirements

- 6-Year Standard Certificate = 90 clock hours for renewal
- 8-Year Standard Certificate = 120 clock hours for renewal
- 12-Year Standard Certificate = 180 clock hours for renewal

## K-5 Literacy Endorsement Requirements

1. 90 professional learning hours/6 credit hours
2. 15 hours per year between 2022 and 2028



# Foundations of Reading Exam

## Required By

1. Alabama
2. Arkansas
3. Connecticut
4. Mississippi
5. New Hampshire
6. North Carolina
7. Ohio
8. Wisconsin

## Aligned To

1. International Dyslexia Association Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading
2. International Literacy Association Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals

## Cost\*

1. \$139.00

- \*Based on state contracts



# What is the Science of Reading?

## The Science of Reading

The Science of Reading refers to a large body of research began over 50 years ago that illustrates the key components that need to be taught and learned for **all students** to successfully learn to read.

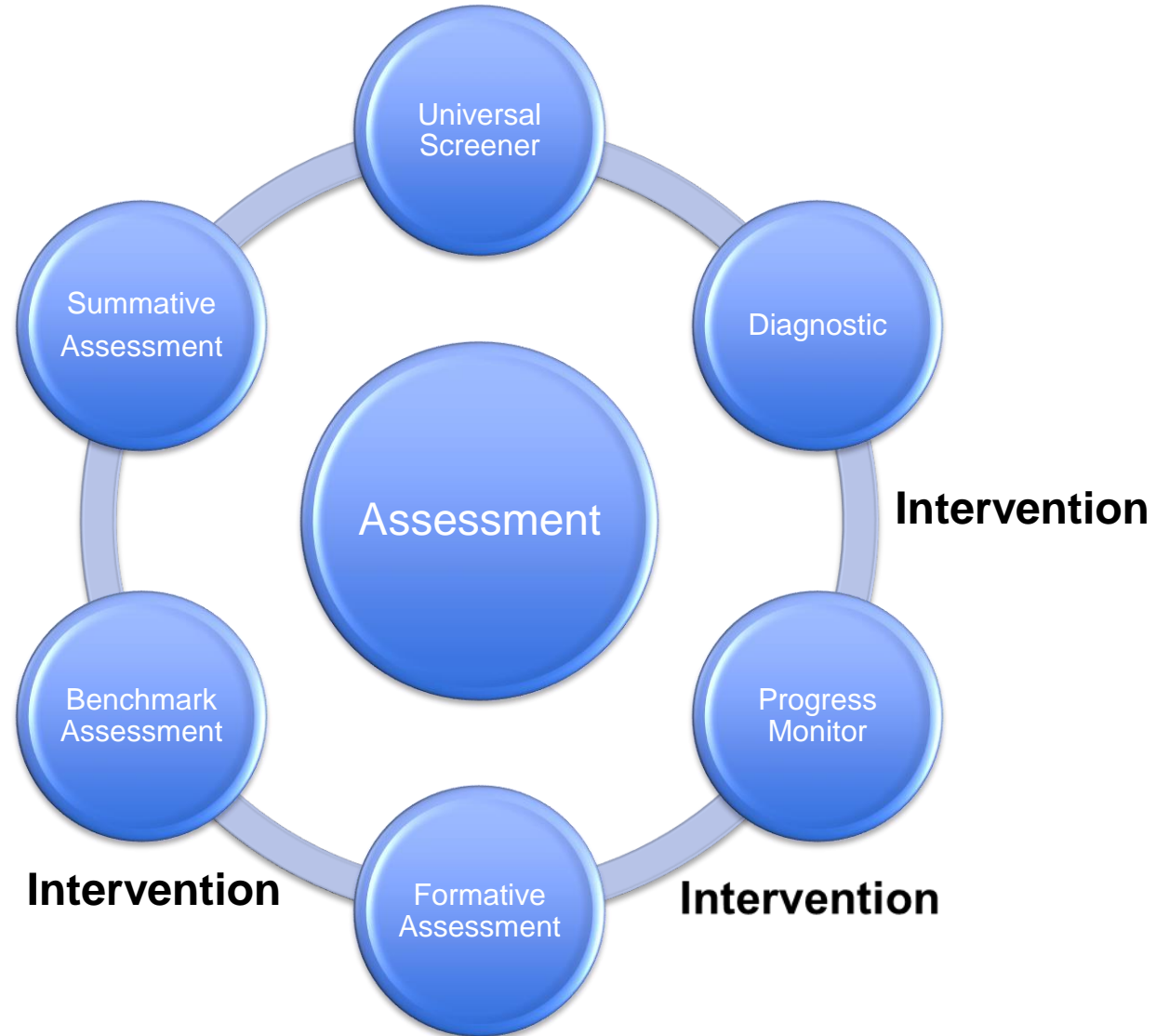
- Phonological Awareness (Sound)
- Phonics (Sound-Letter Correspondence)
- Fluency (Reading pace to support understanding)
- Vocabulary (Meaning of words)
- Comprehension (Understanding what is being read)
- Elements of Writing:
  - Handwriting
  - Spelling



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# Balanced Assessment System



# Early Literacy Endorsement: Training Options

## Reading Endorsement

- Exempted from K-5 Literacy Endorsement
- 12,000 Arizona educators

## Coursework

- Approved Educator Prep Programs
- Institutes of Higher Education

## Trainings

- List of Approved Trainings (Coming)
  - RFI Process
    - [Dyslexia Trainings List](#) (Connected)
  - [Reading Fundamentals On Demand Academy](#)
    - **Free**
      - Asynchronous
      - School PD Days
      - Individual Use
  - [TRE for ELL](#)
  - [SPED Literacy Trainings](#)

## Funding Sources

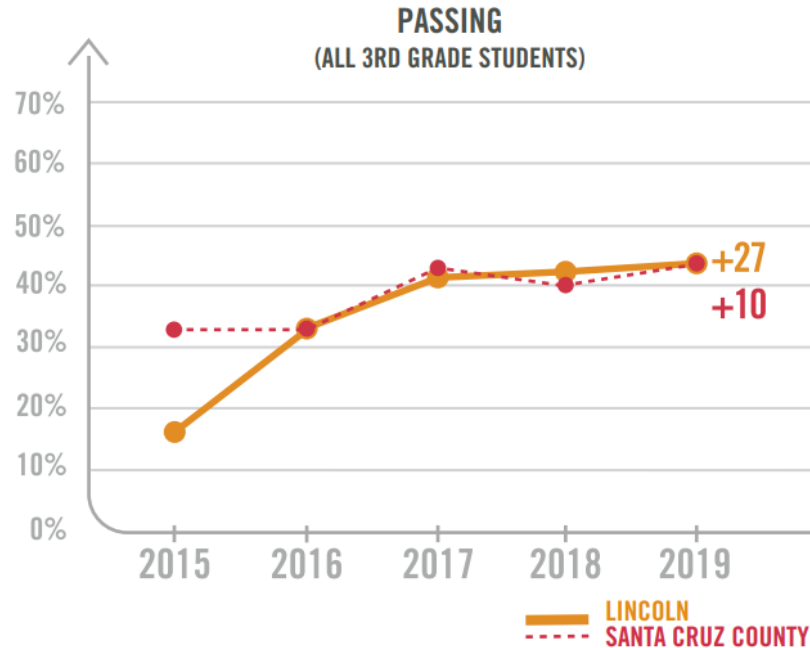
- Move On When Reading
- Early Literacy Grant
- ESSER/ARA
  - Acceleration Academies Grant
- CLSD Grant
- Dyslexia Designee Grant



# Training Arizona Teachers Works

## Decoding What Works

- Common traits among successful schools
  - Professional learning in the science of reading for all K-5 educators and administrators
  - Effective use of literacy data to improve instruction



THIRD GRADE READING SUCCESS: DECODING WHAT WORKS CASE STUDY

### Lincoln Elementary

Nogales Unified District, Nogales, AZ

Lincoln Elementary in Nogales, Arizona has experienced a dramatic increase in its third grade AZM2 English Language Arts passing rate, increasing from just 16% of third graders in 2015 to 43% in 2019. Understanding what steps Lincoln has taken to unlock success can provide insight for other schools.

Four key factors are identified as impacting reading improvement:

- Professional development of staff
- Systemic, actionable use of data
- An "all hands on deck" approach to achievement
- Meaningful, action-driven parent involvement

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# Questions?

