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BSDS, Inc dba Brookside Charter School

AGENDA
September 26, 2024
5:30 pm

BCS District Office
6404 Woodland Ave, KCMO 64131

1.   Motion to accept the agenda

2.   Approval of Board of Director minutes

3.   Visitors Comments and Addressing Agenda Items

4.   [Committee Report](#) for upcoming Month

5.   Financial Committee Report – Ed-Ops

       a) Ed-Ops Dashboard – **Need Board Approval**

       b) Check Registry – **Need Board Approval**

6.   Academic Committee Report – Ed-Ops

7.   Brookside Virtual Academy

       a) Introductions

       b) Start of the year update

8.   ACI Boland and Turner Construction Prestation - **Need Board Approval**

       a) South Campus Expansion (PreK-2nd)

       b) South Campus Timeline

9.   Superintendent's Report – Roger Offield

       a) Enrollment/Attendance

       b) Closing In-Person Enrollment – **Need Board Approval**

10.   Motion to adjourn

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 24, 2024

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AGENDA
August 26, 2024
5:30 pm

BCS STEAM Lab
6422 Woodland Ave, KCMO 64131

Directors Present: Vicki Miller, Dr. Kerry Dixon, Kiva Dennis, Jason LaSalle **Directors Absent:** Dr. Eric Sipes, Tiffany Price **Guests Present:** Roger Offield, Kelly Sales, Jamie Berry, Leslie Correa, Rebecca Duguid, Monique Young

1. Opening Items

    a) Record Attendance and Guests

    b) Call the Meeting to Order

        i. Vicki Miller called the meeting of the board of directors of Brookside

        Charter School to order on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:35pm.

2. Motion to accept the agenda

    a) Dr. Kerry Dixon motioned to accept the agenda.

    b) Vicki Miller seconded the motion

    c) The board voted to approve the motion - Approved

3. Approval of Board of Director minutes

    a) Vicki Miller motioned to approve the minutes from the Brookside Charter School

    board of directors meeting on Monday, April 29, 2024.

    b) Dr. Kerry Dixon seconded the motion

    c) The board voted to approve the motion - Approved

4. Visitors Comments and Addressing Agenda Items

    a) None

5. Committee Report for the upcoming month

    a) Roger Offield shared the committee report for the upcoming month.

6. Financial Committee Report – EdOps

    a) **Ed-Ops Dashboard - Need Board Approval**

        i. Jamie Berry reviewed the month's financial status. Providing information

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on revenue, expenses, days of cash and changes expected from state aid.
Provided in board packet.

ii. Vicki Miller motioned to approve the EdOps Dashboard as presented.

iii. Dr. Kerry Dixon seconded the motion.

iv. The board voted to approve the motion - Approved

b) **Check Registry** – **Need Board Approval**

i. Vicki Miller presented the Check Registry. Provided in board packet.

ii. Vicki Miller motioned to approve the check as presented.

iii. Dr. Kerry Dixon seconded the motion.

iv. The board voted to approve the motion - Approved

c) **Charter Finance Overview**

i. Jamie Berry gave an overview of how charter school finance works in
Missouri.

7. Board of Directors

a) Roger Offield reviewed the following items:

i. 2024-25 Board Roster

ii. 2024-25 Board Calendar and Agenda

iii. Moving board dates to Thursday – **Need Board Approval**

a. Dr. Kerry Dixon motioned to approve the check as presented.

b. Vivki Miller seconded the motion.

c. The board voted to approve the motion - Approved

iv. 2024-25 Board Officers

a. Board President: Kiva Dennis

b. Board Vice President: Jason LaSalle

c. Board Treasurer: Vicki Miller

d. Board Secretary: Dr. Kerry Dixon

v. 2024-25 Board Committees

a. Governance: Kiva Dennis & Jason LaSalle

b. Academics: Dr. Kerry Dixon & Eric Sipes

c. Finance: Vicki Miller & Tiffany Price

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8.   Superintendent's Report – Roger Offield

          a) Enrollment/Attendance

               a. Enrollment: 811

          b) Expansion Update

               a. Roger Offield shared an update on expansion planning and land acquisition. There will be a presentation from ACI Boland Architects & Turner Construction at the September Board Meeting.

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August 2024 Financials

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Executive Summary

- As of 8/30/24 BCS has a projected year end cash reserve of $6.72m, slightly ahead of the full year budget. Days of Cash sits at 159 days.

- Revenue

  - Prop C and interest income are currently favorable to the full year budget. We are not making any forecast updates for a few more months so we can confirm the trend.

  - Basic formula and transportation funding are currently being paid on prior year WADA so they are behind our YTD budget. BCS has provided current year ADA information to DESE, so basic formula funding will improve starting with the September payment.

Executive Summary

- Expenses

  - YTD Salaries/benefits are $300K over budget. These represent grant paid positions which are covered (and reflected in) by our higher private grants/donations forecast ($650k vs. $300K budget).

  - Facility improvements ($532K) exceed the full year budget ($55K). Some of these expenses will be returned to us prior to year end in the form of a bridge loan on our upcoming capital project.

    - STEAM Lab final expense invoices paid in FY25 vs. FY24

    - Costs associated with capital project planning and land purchase

- Net Income

  - Our improved YTD forecast outlook is currently offsetting our higher than budgeted facility improvement expenses.

Key Performance Indicators

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Days of Cash

Cash balance at year-end divided by average daily expenses
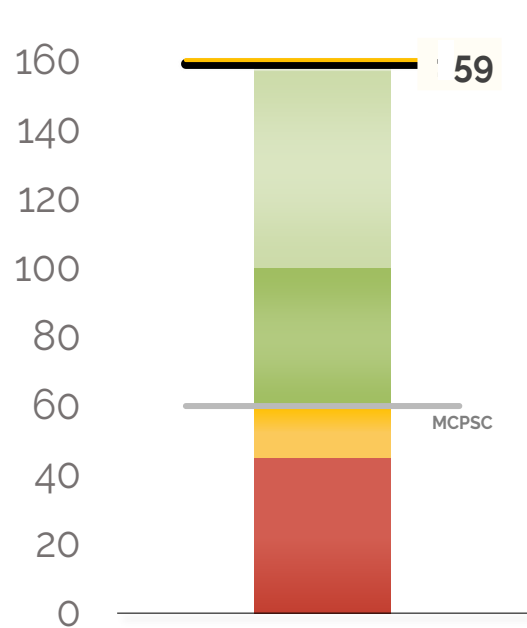
159 DAYS OF CASH AT YEAR'S END

The school will end the year with 159 days of cash. This is above the recommended 60 days, and 4 less day(s) than last month

Gross Margin

Revenue less expenses, divided by revenue
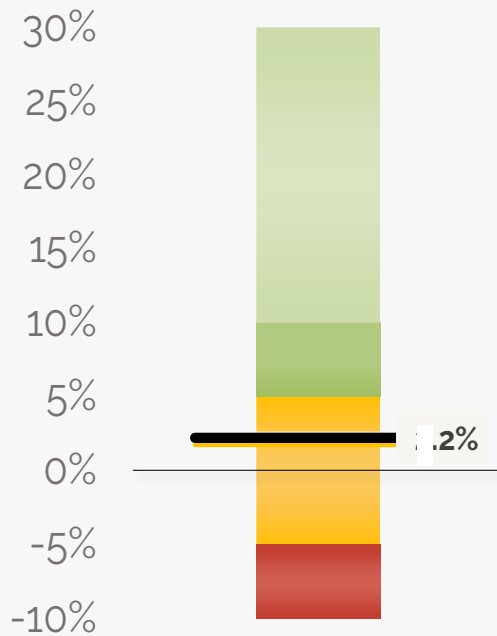
2.2% GROSS MARGIN

The forecasted net income is $346k, which is $80k above the budget. It yields a 2.2% gross margin.

Fund Balance %

Forecasted Ending Fund Balance / Total Expenses
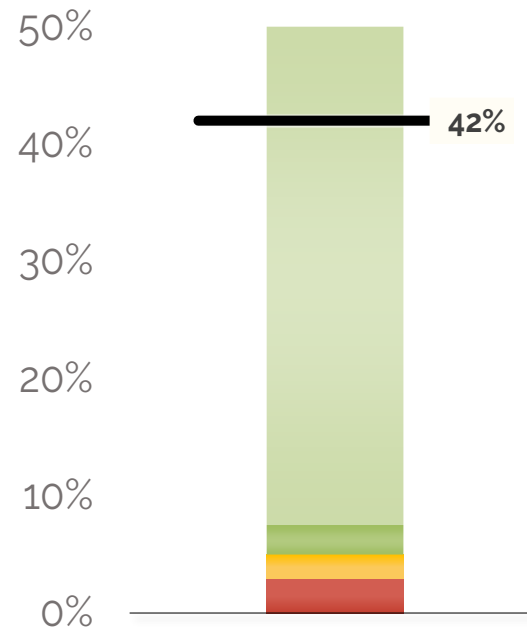
41.97% AT YEAR'S END

The school is projected to end the year with a fund balance of $6,477,269. Last year's fund balance was $6,131,753.

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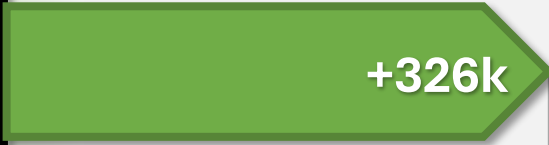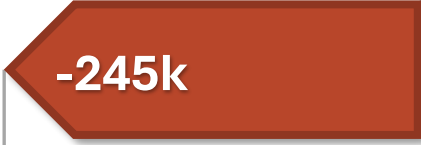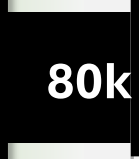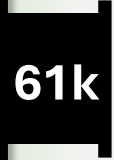
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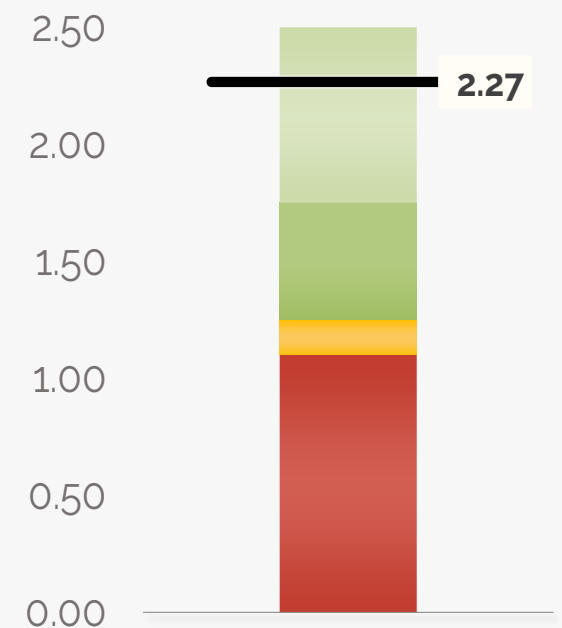
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Debt Service Coverage Ratio is defined by the school's bank covenants.

Forecast Overview

	Forecast	Budget	Variance	Variance Graphic	Comments
Revenue	$15.8m	$15.5m	**$326k**	+326k	$300k increase to grants/donations + FEMA grant payment not budgeted
Expenses	$15.4m	$15.2m	**-$245k**	-245k	Increased facility costs tied to STEAM lab final expenses + capital project planning & land acquisition costs
Net Income	**$346k**	**$265k**	**$80k**	80k	
Cash Flow Adjustments	-$20k	0	**-$20k**	-20k	Improvements in revenue are offsetting additional expenses received through 8/30/24
Change in Cash	**$326k**	**$265k**	**$61k**	61k	

EDOPS

159 Days of Cash at year's end

We forecast the school's year ending cash balance as **$6.7m**, **$60k** above budget.

A positive outlook, although we are just 2 months into this fiscal year!

Actuals Forecast

$6.72m

$60k Gain

$8.0m
$7.0m
$6.0m
$5.0m
$4.0m
$3.0m
$2.0m
$1.0m
$k

Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

○ Budget Cash ● Forecast Cash
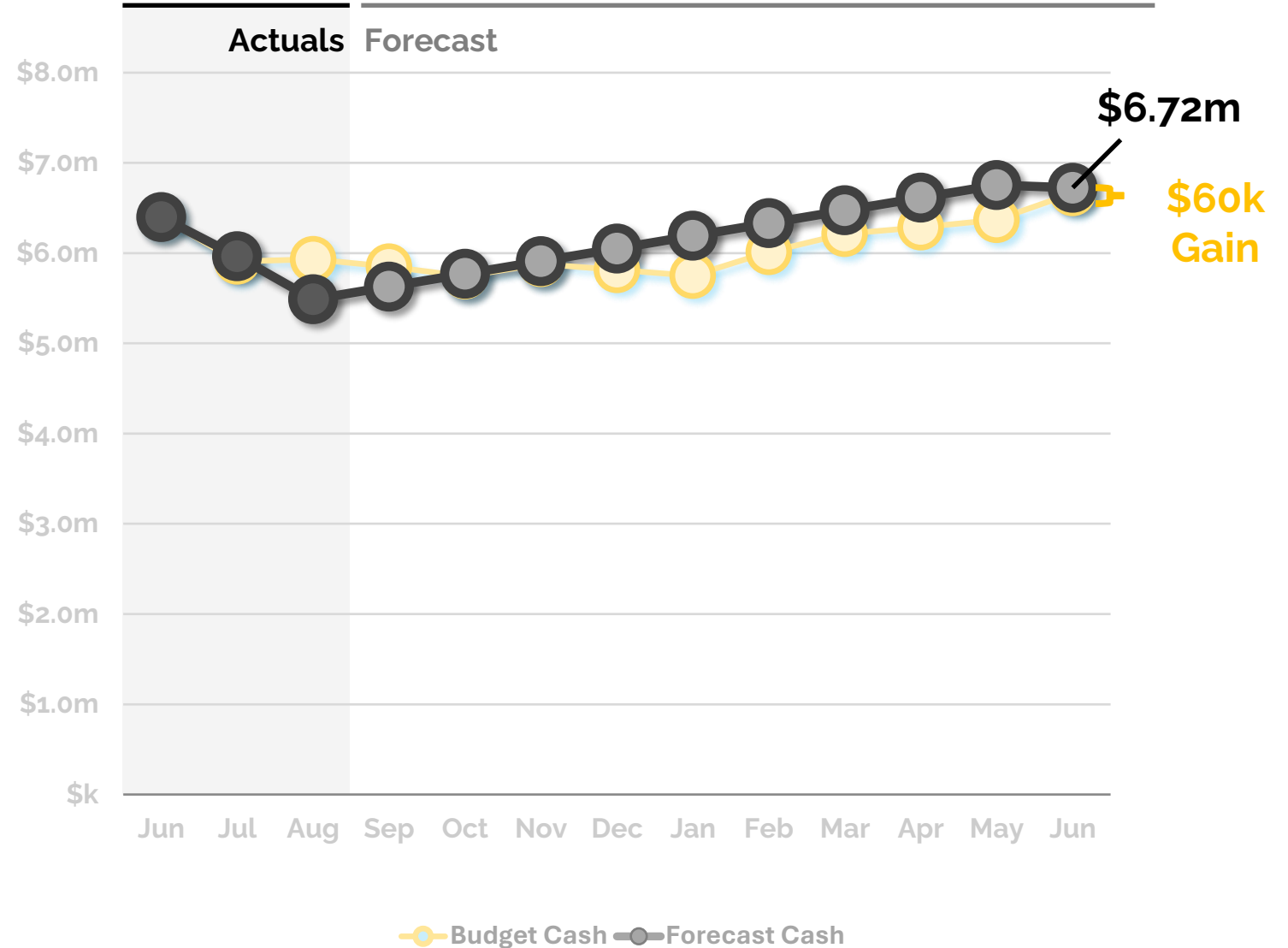
	Year-To-Date			Annual Forecast				
	Actual	*Budget*	*Variance*	*Forecast*	*Budget*	*Variance*	*Remaining*	*Rem %*
Revenue								
Local Revenue	310,006	244,909	65,097	1,386,483	1,386,483	0	1,076,477	78%
State Revenue	1,830,726	1,716,556	114,169	12,158,745	12,158,745	0	10,328,020	85%
Federal Revenue	23,159	86,020	(62,861)	1,265,245	1,242,086	23,159	1,242,086	98%
Private Grants and Donations	4,633	–	4,633	650,000	350,000	300,000	645,367	99%
Earned Fees	7,386	16,667	(9,281)	317,417	315,000	2,417	310,031	98%
Total Revenue	**2,175,909**	**2,064,152**	**111,757**	**15,777,890**	**15,452,314**	**325,576**	**13,601,981** ❶	
Expenses								
Salaries	1,424,190	1,440,188	15,998	8,912,344	8,641,126	(271,218)	7,488,154	84%
Benefits and Taxes	436,679	400,408	(36,270)	2,441,513	2,402,451	(39,062)	2,004,834	82%
Staff-Related Costs	59,121	23,189	(35,933)	139,245	139,131	(113)	80,124	58%
Rent	18,263	29,667	11,404	178,000	178,000	0	159,737	90%
Occupancy Service	82,495	109,325	26,830	629,720	655,950	26,230	547,225	87%
Student Expense, Direct	85,360	142,344	56,984	924,166	854,066	(70,100)	838,805	91%
Student Expense, Food	6,636	47,833	41,198	287,000	287,000	(0)	280,364	98%
Office & Business Expense	267,484	241,415	(26,069)	1,279,620	1,448,490	168,870	1,012,137	79%
Transportation	12,275	45,375	33,100	277,176	272,250	(4,926)	264,901	96%
Total Ordinary Expenses	2,392,503	2,479,744	87,241	15,068,783	14,878,464	(190,319)	12,676,281	84%
Interest	135,369	51,432	(83,937)	308,592	308,592	0	173,223	56%
Facility Improvements	531,957	–	(531,957)	55,000	–	(55,000)	(476,957)	-867%
Total Extraordinary Expenses	667,326	51,432	(615,894)	363,592	308,592	(55,000)	(303,735)	-84%
Total Expenses	**3,059,829**	**2,531,176**	**(528,653)**	**15,432,375**	**15,187,056**	**(245,319)**	**12,372,546** ❷	
Net Income	**(883,919)**	**(467,024)**	**(416,896)**	**345,515**	**265,258**	**80,257**	**1,229,435** ❸	
Cash Flow Adjustments	**(25,846)**	**-**	**(25,846)**	**(19,585)**	**-**	**(19,585)**	**6,261** ❹	
Change in Cash	**(909,765)**	**(467,024)**	**(442,742)**	**325,930**	**265,258**	**60,672**	**1,235,696** ❺	

❶ **REVENUE: $326K AHEAD**
Improved grants/donations forecast vs. budget + unbudgeted FEMA grant payment

❷ **EXPENSES: $245K BEHIND**
Increased salaries/benefits tied to additional grant income + final STEAM lab expenses + capital project planning and land acquisition

❸ **NET INCOME: $80K ahead**

❹ **CASH ADJ:$20K BEHIND**

❺ **NET CHANGE IN CASH: $61K AHEAD**

Income Statement	Actual Jul	Actual Aug	Forecast Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
Revenue													
Local Revenue	168,663	141,343	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	107,648	1,386,483
State Revenue	909,464	921,262	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	1,032,802	12,158,745
Federal Revenue	23,159	0	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	124,209	1,265,245
Private Grants and Donations	333	4,300	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	64,537	650,000
Earned Fees	6,413	973	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	31,003	317,417
Total Revenue	**1,108,032**	**1,067,878**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**1,360,198**	**15,777,890**
Expenses													
Salaries	699,529	724,661	733,240	733,240	733,240	733,240	733,240	733,240	733,240	733,240	733,240	888,990	8,912,344
Benefits and Taxes	190,712	245,967	198,983	198,983	198,983	198,983	198,983	198,983	198,983	198,983	198,983	213,988	2,441,513
Staff-Related Costs	48,828	10,294	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	8,012	139,245
Rent	6,263	12,000	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	15,974	178,000
Occupancy Service	42,392	40,103	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	54,723	629,720
Student Expense, Direct	29,959	55,402	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	83,881	924,166
Student Expense, Food	0	6,636	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	28,036	287,000
Office & Business Expense	57,290	210,193	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	101,214	1,279,620
Transportation	756	11,519	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	277,176
Total Ordinary Expenses	1,075,729	1,316,774	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,250,553	1,421,307	15,068,783
Operating Income	32,303	-248,896	109,646	109,646	109,646	109,646	109,646	109,646	109,646	109,646	109,646	-61,109	709,107
Extraordinary Expenses													
Interest	51,432	83,937	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	17,322	308,592
Facility Improvements	357,479	174,478	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	-47,696	55,000
Total Extraordinary Expenses	408,911	258,415	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	-30,373	363,592
Total Expenses	**1,484,640**	**1,575,188**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,220,179**	**1,390,934**	**15,432,375**
Net Income	**-376,608**	**-507,311**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**140,019**	**-30,736**	**345,515**
Cash Flow Adjustments	-56,898	31,052	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	-19,585
Change in Cash	**-433,506**	**-476,259**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**140,645**	**-30,110**	**325,930**
Ending Cash	5,964,833	5,488,573	5,629,219	5,769,864	5,910,509	6,051,154	6,191,799	6,332,444	6,473,089	6,613,734	6,754,379	6,724,269	

Balance Sheet

	Previous Year End	Current	Year End
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	6,398,339	5,488,573	6,724,269
Accounts Receivable	74,265	9,492	10,130
Other Current Assets	60,601	0	0
Total Current Assets	6,533,205	5,498,065	6,734,399
Total Assets	**6,533,205**	**5,498,065**	**6,734,399**
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities	20,066	18,809	20,445
Accounts Payable	149,963	0	5,263
Total Current Liabilities	170,029	18,809	25,708
Total Long-Term Liabilities	0	0	
Total Liabilities	**170,029**	**18,809**	**25,708**
Equity			
Unrestricted Net Assets	6,363,176	6,363,176	6,363,176
Net Income	0	-883,919	345,515
Total Equity	**6,363,176**	**5,479,257**	**6,708,691**
Total Liabilities and Equity	**6,533,205**	**5,498,065**	**6,734,399**

QUESTIONS?

Please contact your EdOps Finance Team:

Jamie Berry

jamie@ed-ops.com

816.444.1530

Payee Type: Vendor   **Check Type: Automatic Payment**   **Checking Account ID: 6**

Check Number	Check Date	Cleared	Void	Void Date	Entity ID	Entity Name	Check Amount
1440	08/22/2024	X			ATT1	AT&T	195.76
1441	08/01/2024	X			BANKCARD	BANKCARD	10.00
1442	08/22/2024	X			DEFFENBAUG	DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES	1,046.22
1443	08/09/2024	X			TOSHIBALEA	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	2,306.53
1444	08/22/2024	X			KANSASCIT	KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT	11,126.24
1445	08/23/2024	X			KCWATER	KC WATER SERVICES	2,089.10
1446	08/30/2024	X			AFLAC	AFLAC	7,376.13
1447	08/28/2024	X			C&CPRODUCE	C&C PRODUCE	1,004.50
1448	08/02/2024	X			KLEINSOLO	Klein Solomon PLLC	2,000.00
1449	08/09/2024	X			COUNTRYCBA	Country Club Bank	208.20
1450	08/23/2024	X			SHELLGAS	CC - Shell Gas	1,562.05
1451	08/22/2024	X			SPIRE	SPIRE FIRSTECH 240223	66.89
1478	08/27/2024	X			UNITEDHEAL	United Health Care	77,992.76
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83727164	08/19/2024	X			FREEDOM	Freedom Interior Solutions LLC	173,098.85
83727165	08/19/2024	X			AMPLIFY	Amplify Education, Inc	7,728.00
83727166	08/19/2024	X			NARDONE	Nardone	909.00
83727167	08/19/2024	X			GREATMINDS	GREATMINDS	1,075.00
83727168	08/19/2024	X			MIDWAYFORD	CC - MIDWAY FORD TRUCK CENTER, INC.	1,454.78
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83727406	08/19/2024	X			TYLER	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	3,364.00
83727407	08/19/2024	X			JADE	JADE ALARM CO., INC.	1,345.65
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83727569	08/19/2024	X			MCPSA	MCPSA- Missouri Charter Public School Association	8,556.00
83727570	08/19/2024	X			EDOPS	EDOPS	16,233.34
83727571	08/19/2024	X			NATIONALF3	NATIONAL FIRE SUPPRESSION	1,975.00
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Brookside Charter School

School Data
Board Report

September 2024

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i-Ready Assessments

Assessments for English Language Arts and Math

- Diagnostic is administered 3x per year for all students in grades K-8.

- Adaptive test containing embedded metrics for measuring student growth.

- Platform contains materials for teachers and interventionists.

- In SY24-25, this platform is replacing both the Evaluate benchmark assessments and the mClass reading diagnostics (for grades 5-8) from previous years.

- i-Ready Assessments have a strong growth component.

- i-Ready Assessments can quickly identify highest priorities for interventions (Tier 1 through Tier 3).

i-Ready Diagnostic Schedule (SY24-25)		
BOY	**MOY**	**EOY**
End of Aug to Mid Sept (Grades 2-8) Mid to End of Sept (Grades K-1)	Mid December (All Grades)	End of April (Grades 3 - 8) Mid May (Grades K -2)

What is an "*Adaptive Test*" and how does it work?

Standards-Based Tests

- Questions are typically constructed from current grade level standards and chosen for all students ahead of time.

- A student can score well but have significant and specific knowledge gaps that go undetected.

- Students who are unable to correctly answer the current grade level standards are usually grouped together as "well below" without knowing what grade level content each student is actually performing at.

Adaptive Tests

- Questions are chosen from a large pool and typically will begin just below grade level and then get easier or more difficult based on how students answer each question.

- Students should expect to see questions they're unfamiliar with and gaps in knowledge should be detected.

- These assessments will adjust to each learner's capabilities and can more easily monitor growth. *Especially powerful when a student gains more than 1 year's worth of growth but is still scoring in the "well below" grade level category.*

Why are we excited about switching to i-Ready?

Student Level:

- Students can see their growth and monitor their own learning.

- Students spend less time taking tests and more time working with their teachers around filling in their knowledge gaps.

Teacher Level:

- Style and caliber of questions give more precise data about where students need support.

- Instructional materials embedded in the platform are easy to access and navigate.

District Level:

- Allow school leaders to make informed decisions about academic interventions.

- Growth metrics demonstrate how many students are achieving more than 1 year of growth.

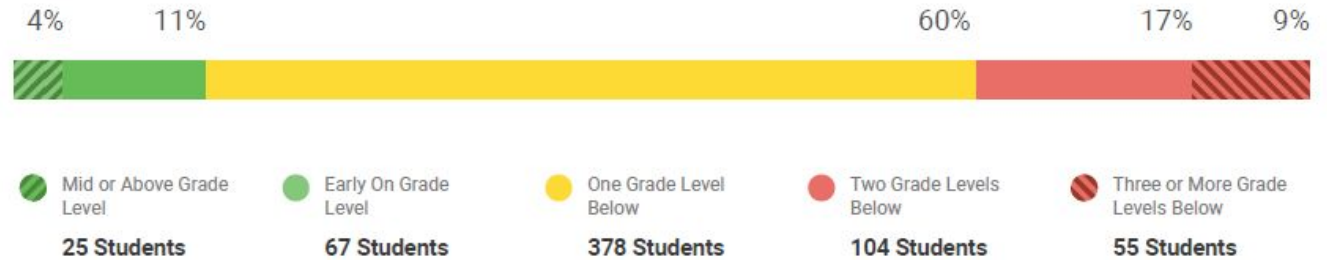Five placement levels provide a standardized way of describing student performance.

Mid, Late, or Above Grade Level
Early On Grade Level
1 Grade Level Below
2 Grade Levels Below
3 or More Grade Levels Below

Overall Placement

Students Assessed/Total: **627/643**

4%	11%		60%	17%	9%

- Mid or Above Grade Level — **25 Students**
- Early On Grade Level — **67 Students**
- One Grade Level Below — **378 Students**
- Two Grade Levels Below — **104 Students**
- Three or More Grade Levels Below — **55 Students**

▼ **Placement by Domain**

- Phonological Awareness *(PA)*
- Phonics *(PH)*
- High-Frequency Words *(HFW)*
- Vocabulary *(VOC)*
- Comprehension: Literature *(LIT)*
- Comprehension: Informational Text *(INFO)*

Example class/school level data provided by i-Ready used here for demonstration purposes.
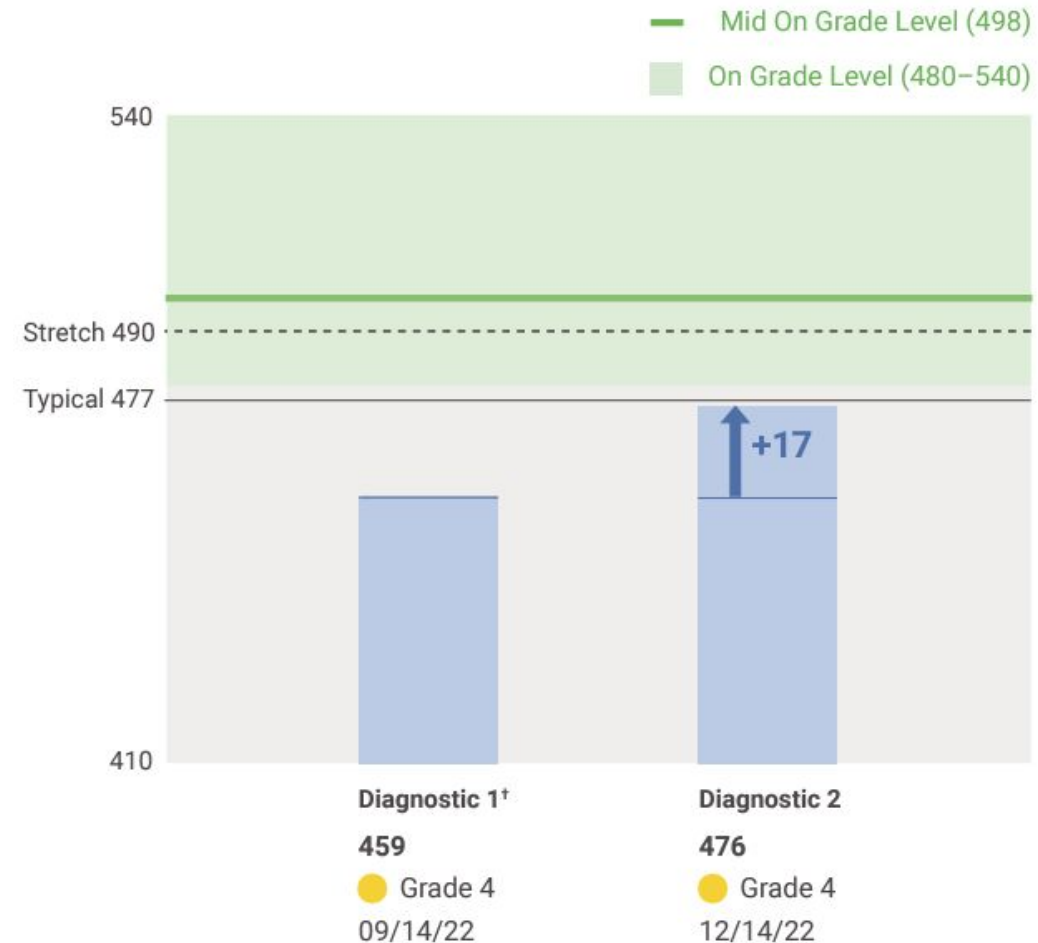
Types of Data from i-Ready Diagnostics

Example student level data provided by i-Ready used here for demonstration purposes.

Diagnostic tests will provide:

- Overall grade level placement.

- Scale scores & grade level placement for each domain and for the subject, overall.

- Annual typical growth and annual stretch growth for each subject.

- Mid-year and End-of-year diagnostic tests will also provide % progress to growth metrics.

Mid On Grade Level (498)
On Grade Level (480–540)

540

Stretch 490
Typical 477

410

Diagnostic 1†
459
🟡 Grade 4
09/14/22

Diagnostic 2
476
🟡 Grade 4
12/14/22

+17

†This Diagnostic is considered the baseline and is used to establish growth measures for this student.

Making the i-Ready Data Actionable & Relevant

Student Level:

- Provides easy to understand list of strengths and areas for improvement.

- Provides both typical growth and attainable stretch growth goals.

Teacher Level:

- Tailor whole group instruction to respond to classroom-level data.

- Challenge every student by providing both remedial interventions and extension activities.

District Level:

- Use growth metrics to identify which student groups may need additional resources.

- Over time, evaluate the effectiveness of curriculum and help inform staffing needs.

Questions and Discussion

About EdOps

Operational Excellence in Support of Student Achievement

EdOps is a Washington, DC-based social venture (Certified B Corp) assisting clients with a range of services including accounting and bookkeeping, student data management, human resources, procurement, grants management, strategic consulting, and facilities finance support.

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