



## WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Exceptional, Personalized Education

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### **98c Learning Loss Plan**

On July 14, 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Public Act 144 of 2022. Section 98c (MCL388. 169C) of the act appropriates federal funding for local education agencies to address learning loss as part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund and part of the Secondary School Emergency Relief (ERRER) II Fund. The funds support goal 5 of Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan.

The Covid 19 Pandemic has affected student learning in every grade level. Students in Whitmore Lake Public Schools, like the rest of the state and country, have suffered the impact of lost or “unfinished” learning. Our most recent student performance results of the NWEA, MStep and P/SAT confirm that our students are not performing as they were in pre-pandemic levels. .

During the 2021-22 school year a significant increase in behavior related issues were present in grades Kindergarten through 2nd. These issues often distracted instructional staff and disrupted the classroom experience. Reducing class sizes in early elementary grades will address the academic impact of lost instructional time. aid in stabilizing our instructional practices and allow for targeted interventions and supports. Creating a Junior Kindergarten with a dedicated special education teacher will help build a better foundation for the students.

To that end, Whitmore Lake Public Schools will commit all of the State allocated funds with the direct intention to mitigate learning loss via the following:

#### **Teaching and Learning:**

##### **Strategies:**

- Reduced class sizes in K-2 by adding additional staff to support our early learners
- Addition of a Junior Kindergarten teacher
- Addition of a behavior specialist in 7-12 to monitor truancy, work with students who are off track and to meet the SEL needs of our middle and high school students.

- Intense Curriculum Alignment in all subject areas to accelerate learning
- Adoption of a new math Curriculum in K-12.

### **Metrics:**

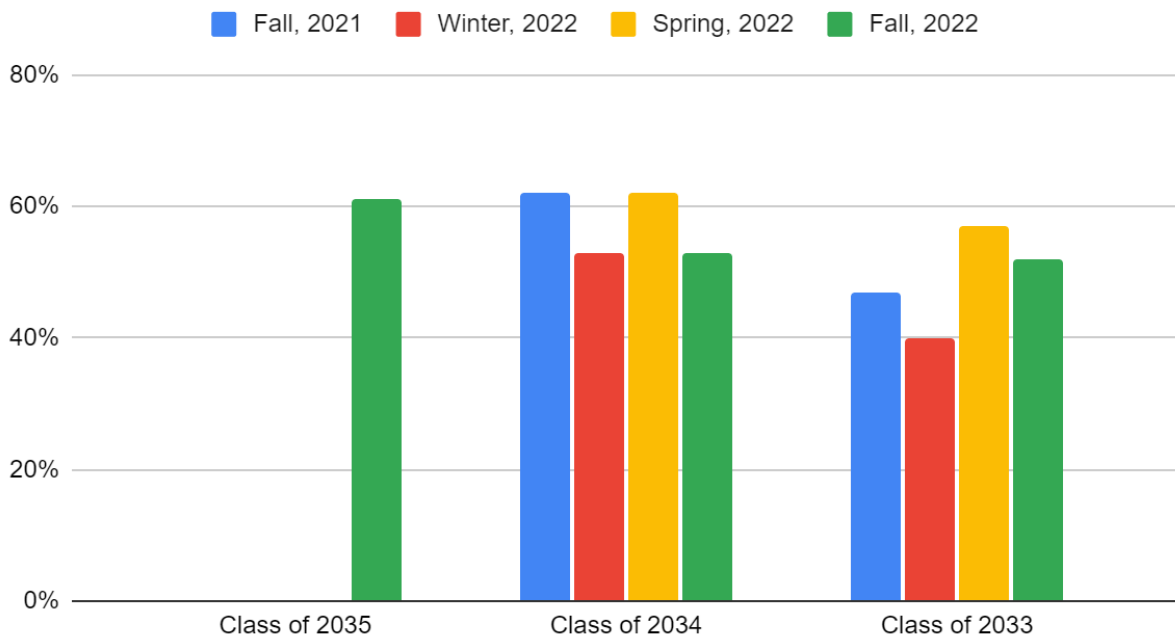
- State Assessments - MStep, P/SAT, WIDA
- Summative and local assessments - NWEA, Reveal Summative Assessments, Orton Gillingham, DRA and MLPP, etc.
- Formative assessments

### **Budget for 98c:**

- Reducing class sizes in K-2 by adding additional staff
- Junior Kindergarten teacher addition
- Behavior intervention specialist in 6-12

### **Data Supporting Plan**

#### Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency in Math



# Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency in Reading

