

Principal's Report- January 5, 2026 Southside School Council #4

Current Population 393 with 17 classes

Staffing Update: Mrs Kaur and Mrs Lang have ended their positions at Southside prior to the holiday. We would like to welcome Shelby Schuett to the 0.6 role teaching the Gr 5 class each afternoon, as well as FDK Hills. Jane Barker will continue to fill the role until Shelby is able to join us mid January.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs Crossley in our Temporary EA position.

We continue to advocate for additional support for the school.

We were approved for our Facilities Grant for a Digital School Sign ! We will be working with the school board over the next few months on this project.

Safe and Inclusive Schools Team

Bullying Awareness Week in November was a success and students were excited to win their kindness treat bags. We had 2 students who entered the Be Bold About Being Kind art contest, and one student Lujain R. was one of the intermediate winners!

We also did a school wide kindness activity - The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. Students watched the video and then completed a variety of activities around kindness.

We are planning to meet again in early February to look at what we want to do for the second half of the year.

School Improvement

All staff will be focusing on numeracy and literacy goals.

Literacy Goal: Students will... build fluency and improve reading comprehension

Numeracy Goal: Students will.... improve computational and problem-solving skills

Literacy Update

The literacy team met at the end of November and worked around a variety of questions on how to be more specific about our SIEP goals. Some discussion ideas focused on creating division specific goals, how do we address the inconsistencies in student recall ability with foundational skills, and how do we increase student stamina.

Our LST is working with small groups for 6 week blocks to help support foundational skills. Based on Acadience data, we decided to focus on Grade 2 students. We will be meeting again in January to discuss gathering updated data for all students and setting up our next group of students.



SOUTHSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

2025-2026 Safe and Inclusive School Plan

Our school is committed to providing all students with a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment free from bullying and harassment that promotes respect, acceptance, and empathy.

Staff, students, parents and caregivers, and community partners will work together as a team to help make our school safe and welcoming for everyone.

The Safe and Inclusive School Plan highlights some of the key actions that our school community will put in place as part of our bullying prevention and intervention efforts.

Key Priorities and Goals

This year we are focusing on developing respectful relationships, specifically between students.

We are doing this because we want all members of our school community to feel safe, connected, and respected.

Key Actions or Strategies

- Communicate clear, consistent language throughout all grades using Restorative Practices model
- Model Restorative Practices interactions
- Collect student input on what it means to respect peers
- Involve students in the process of learning how to better respond to their peers

Community and Home Connections

- Ask your child about the language used at school to resolve concerns/issues
- Try to talk about cyberbullying at home with your child
- Check out this resource School Mental Health Ontario about supporting mental health and well-being for every family



Numeracy Update

We are excited to update you on our school improvement and equity plan for numeracy.

Formed Numeracy Team: We've formed a team of passionate educators to improve math instruction and boost student achievement. Mrs Linfield, Mrs Marks, Mrs Hills, Mrs Samko, and Admin

Online Math Tools: Our team is integrating online math tools into the curriculum to make math more engaging and accessible for all students. In an effort to ensure that all staff are familiar with the TVDSB approved platforms. We hosted a "Lunch and Learn" for staff run by our System Math Learning Coordinator, focusing on using online math tools and innovative teaching strategies.

Data Review: This fall, we reviewed student performance data to guide our instructional strategies and support students effectively. Equity is central to our efforts, ensuring all students have access to high-quality math education. We have reviewed our progressed, and updated our Numeracy plan at the staff meeting this evening and will continue our work moving forward.

EQAO

In preparation for EQAO 2025/26 staff have already begun practice questions with students. In addition to this, staff will be meeting monthly with Admin to prepare as well. As the testing window gets closer, students will be participating in practice assessments online.

Testing window for 2025/26 Gr 3 and Gr 6 EQAO: May 5–June 9, 2026.

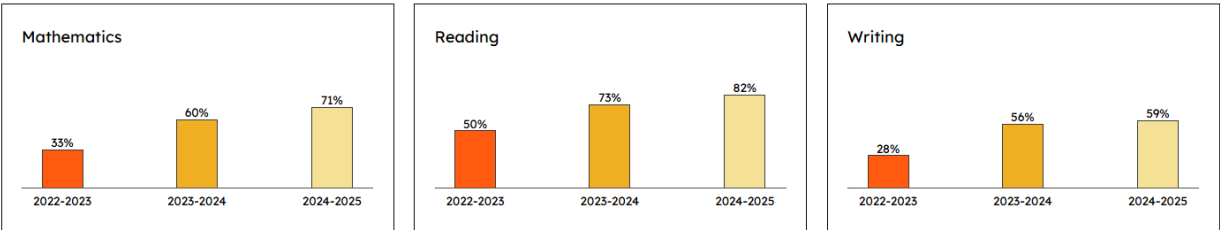
Next you will find the results from Southside/TVDSB/Province for both Gr 3 and then Gr 6

Overall Gr 3

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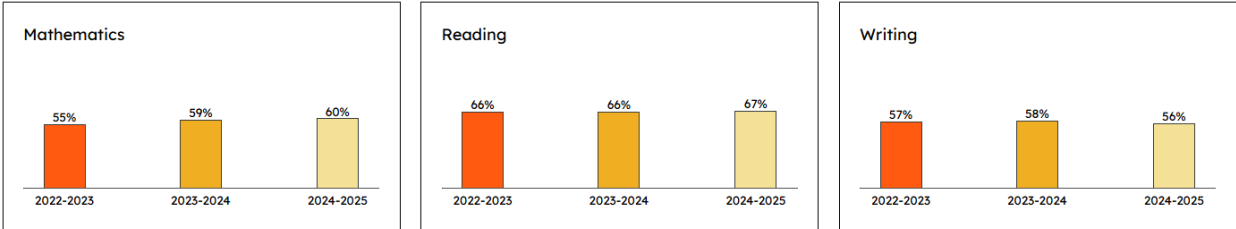
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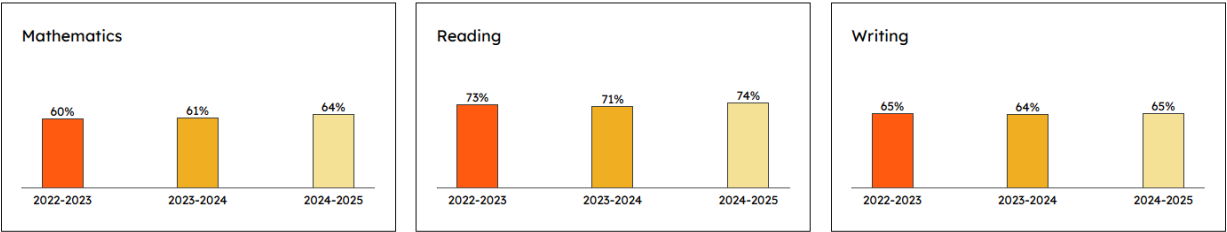
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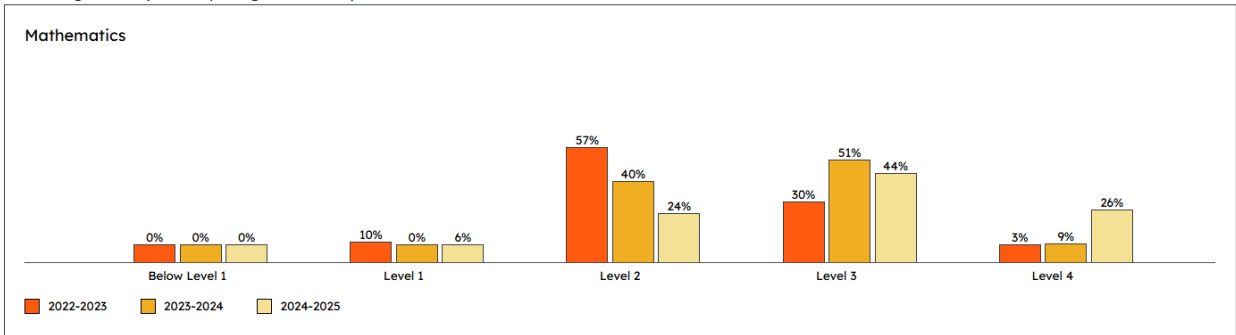
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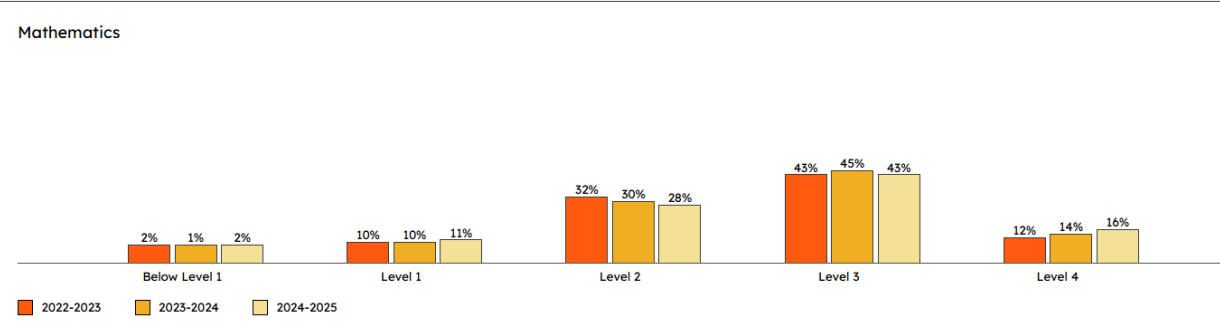


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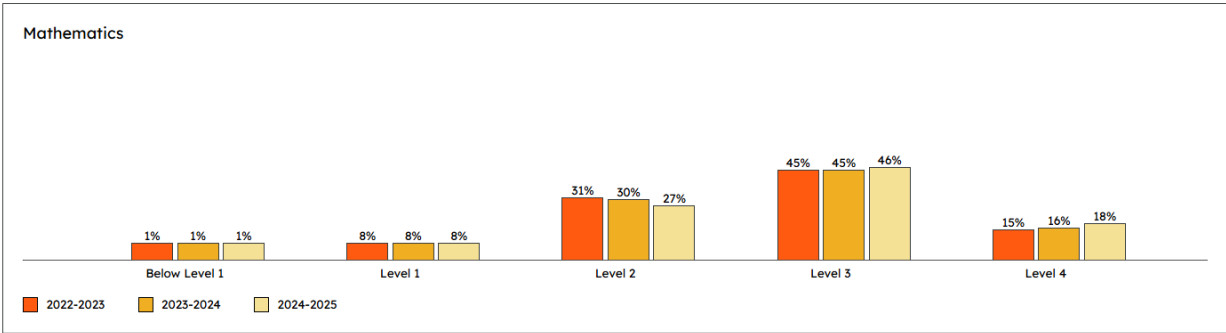
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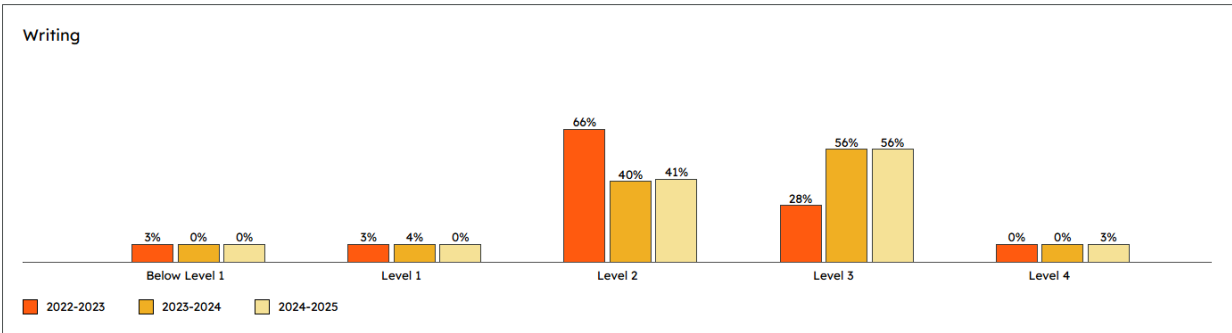
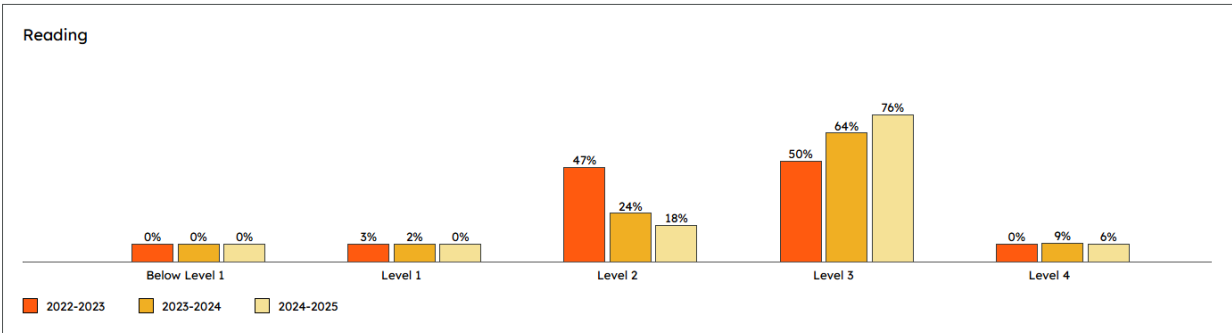
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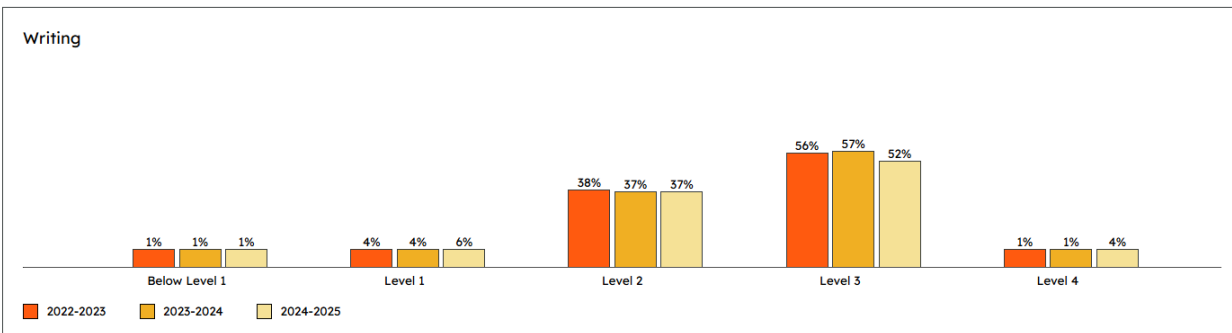
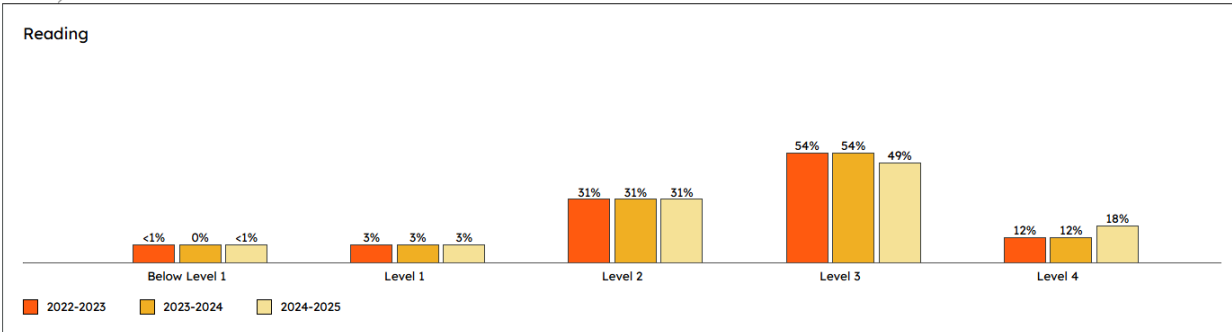
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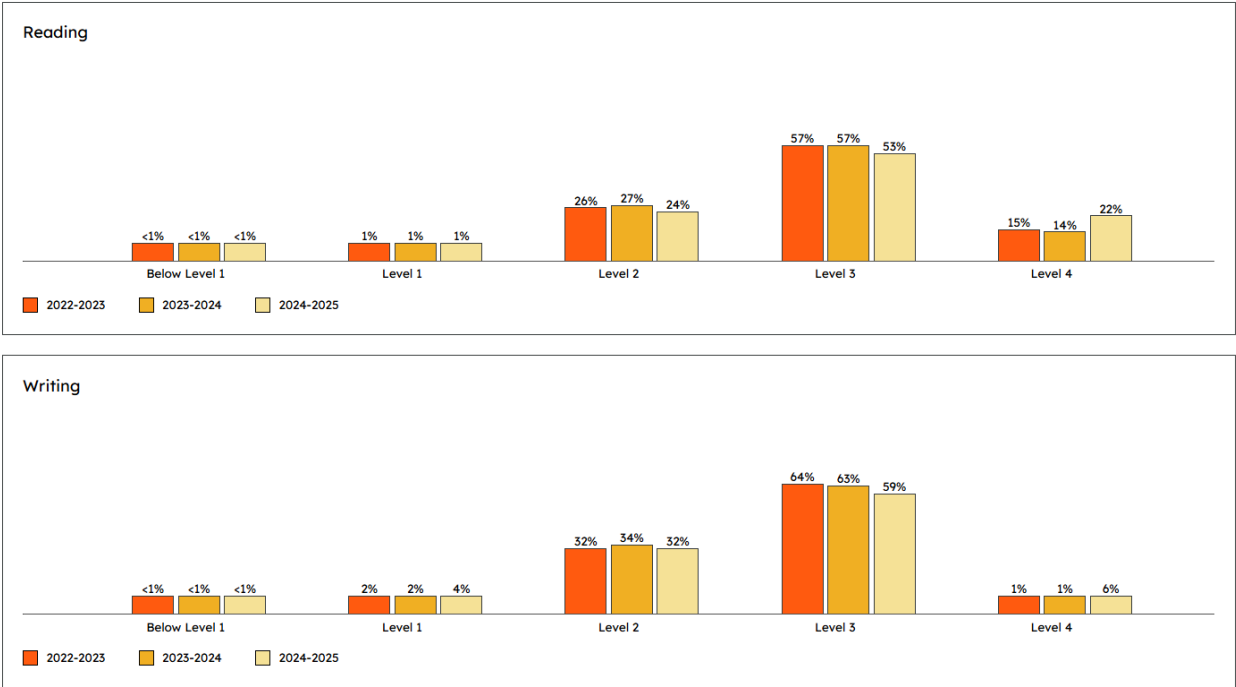
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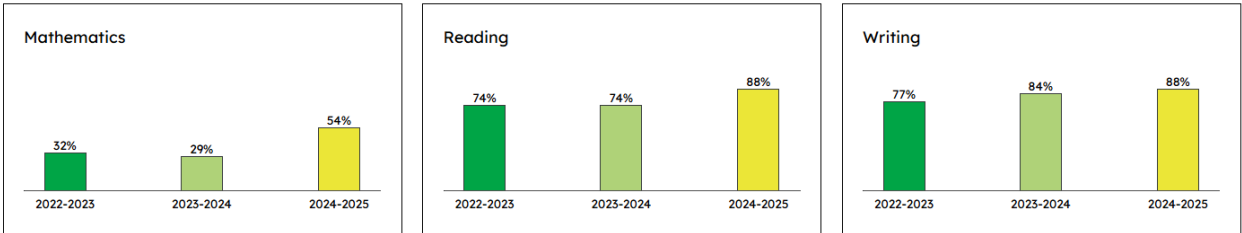


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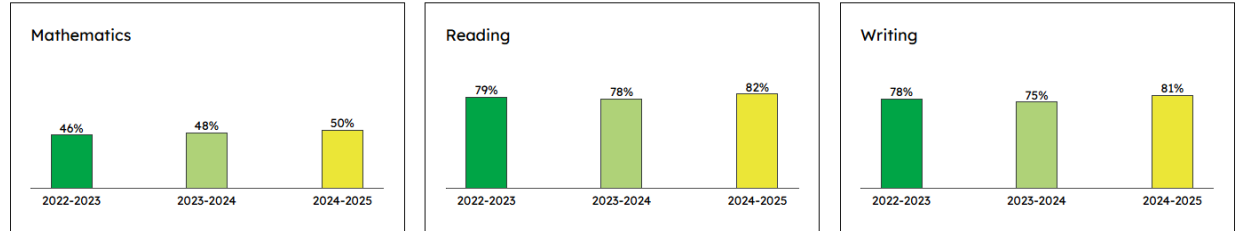
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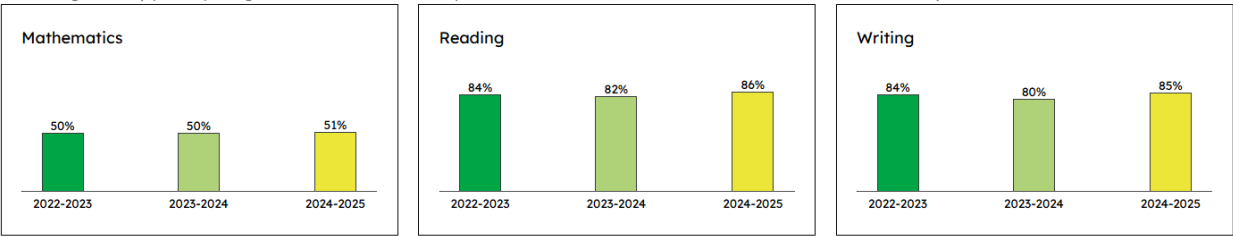
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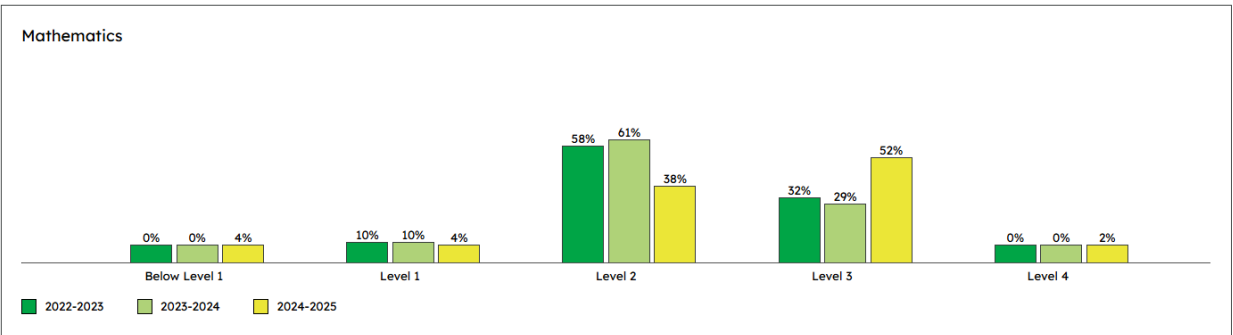
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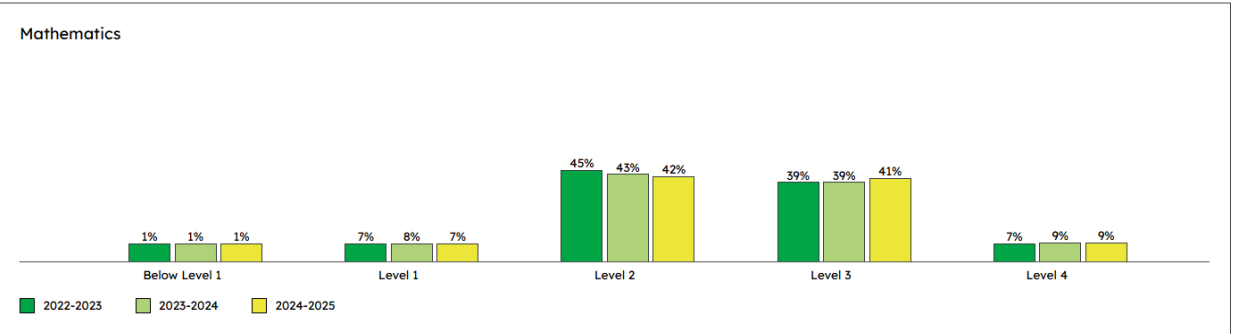
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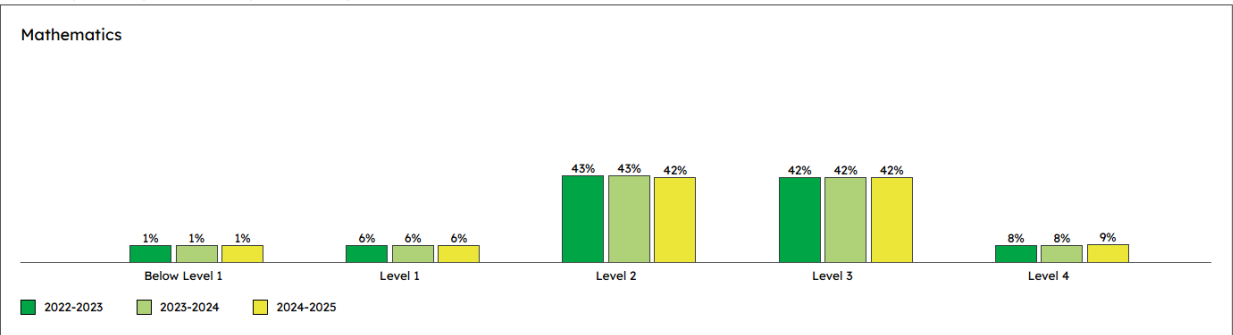


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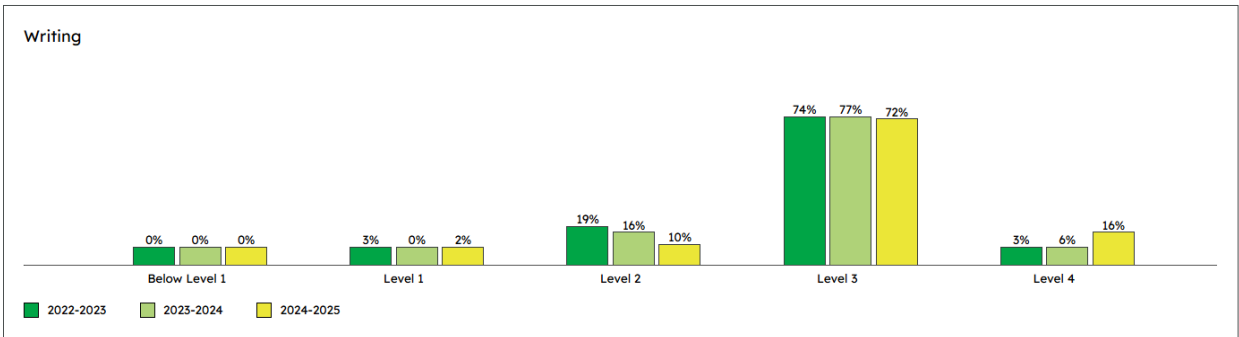
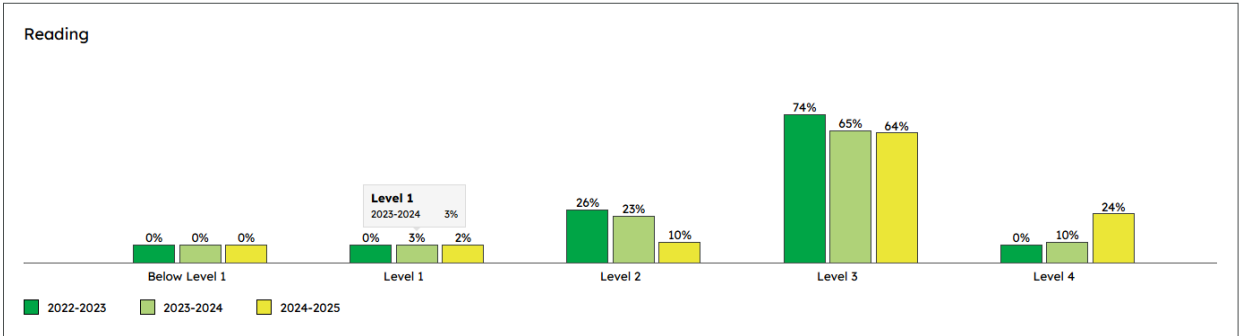
Percentage of Fully Participating Students by Level of Achievement



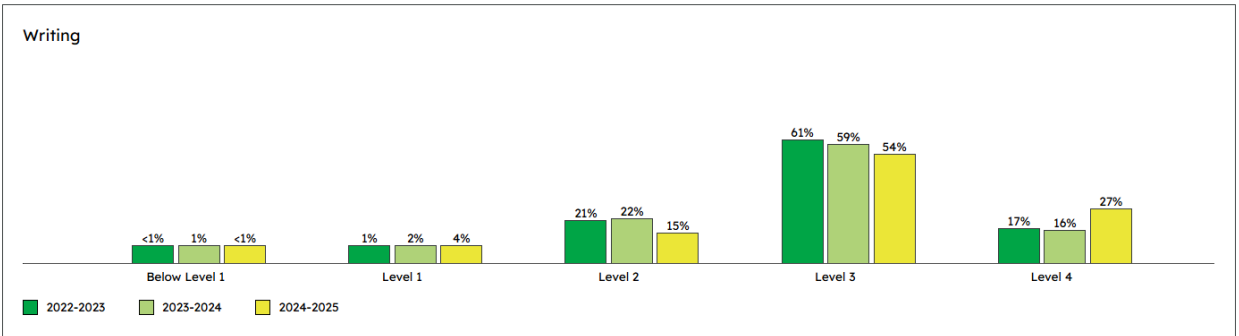
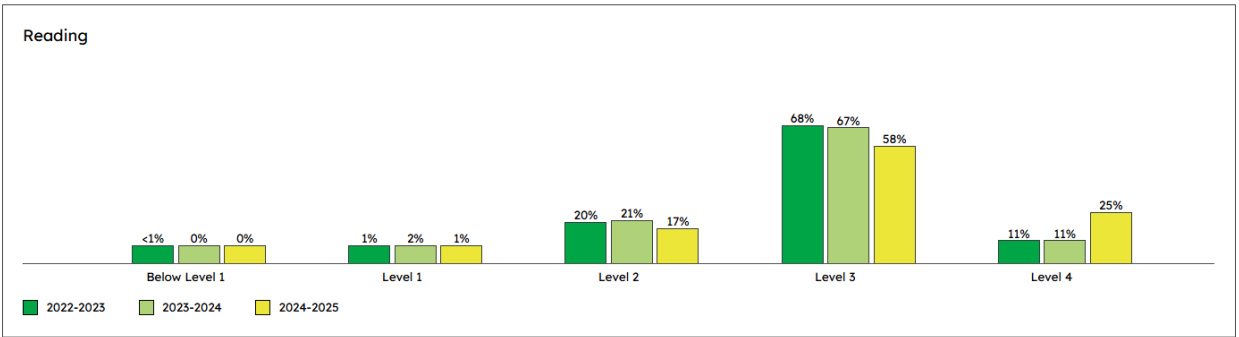
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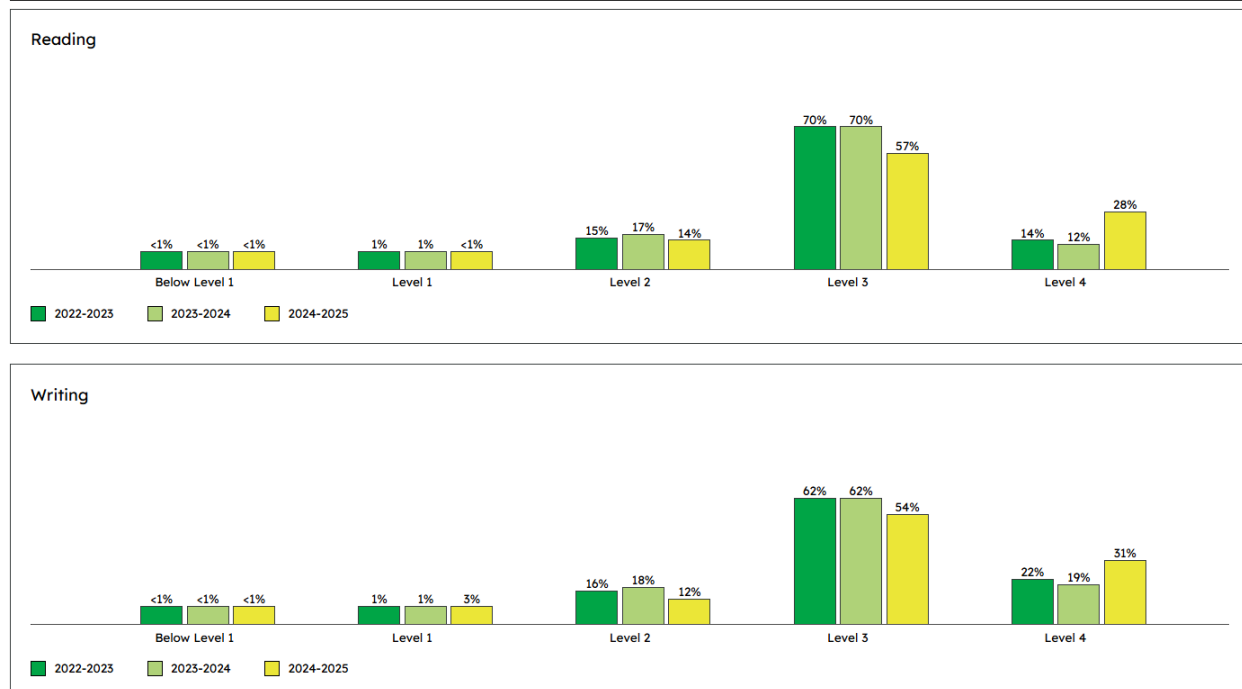
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Budget: \$41,556.00

Carry forward has been processed.

Remaining \$26,787.07

Purchased resources for Kinder 104, a second projector, and a boom stand

35.54% of budget has been spent

Attendance

TVDSB goal is that all students attend at a rate of 90%

We monitor attendance and late arrivals. Students who were not meeting this target in late October/early November will have heard from their homeroom teachers to see how we (the School) can help support families with getting our Tigers here, on time. We reviewed our data again just before the holidays, and for those families that are continuing to struggle with attendance/lates we will be sending letters from Admin to again try and connect and see how we can support families.

In this process, we do recognize that there are reasons that creep up from time to time that may cause a student to be away. If we are aware of those absences (ie. competitive athlete outside of school, family vacation, prolonged illness), we adjust the numbers to reflect this before reaching out/sending letters.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 9 Dress up like New Year's Eve (Fancy/Sparkle)

Jan 20 National Penguin Day - dress as a penguin or in penguin gear

Jan 30 PD Day

Feb 2 Next School Council meeting

Feb 16 Family Day Holiday

Feb 20 Term 1 Report Cards go home

Your devoted Administrators,

Mrs Collins and Ms Maddox

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