

Needs Assessment 2022-2023

OLATHE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REVIEW FOR BUDGET

School Summary

SCHOOL: Santa Fe Trail Middle School

PRINCIPAL: J.J. Libal

4-Digit Number for School: 0861

1. IDENTIFY THE BARRIERS THAT MUST BE OVERCOME FOR EACH STUDENT TO ACHIEVE GRADE LEVEL PROFICIENCY ON STATE ASSESSMENTS:

Our teachers, students, and families face a number of challenges in ensuring student proficiency on assessments. Some of those challenges at this school include:

- Increased percentage/number of students meeting one or more at-risk criteria.
- Increased percentage of students receiving ELL supports and services.
- High levels or an increase in absenteeism among our student population.

2. IDENTIFY THE BUDGET ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS AND REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS:

This school faces a number of budget challenges when determining how to allocate funds to best meet the needs of our students. Given our population, the following budget considerations could have the biggest impact on student achievement.

- Additional staff members hired to meet the individual learning and SEL needs of all students.
- Increased funding and time for staff development.
- Increased funding to expand extended school year and summer school programs for students.

3. IDENTIFY THE AMOUNT OF TIME THE BOARD ESTIMATES IT WILL TAKE FOR EACH STUDENT TO ACHIEVE GRADE LEVEL PROFICIENCY ON THE STATE ASSESSMENTS IF THE BUDGET ACTIONS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED:

We measure growth each year and document in our KESA plans our success on a variety of student success factors. We emphasize growth and strive to lead the world in the success of each student. Although we do this and are proud of the work we do, many factors make it impossible to estimate a time that every student will achieve a definition of grade level proficiency. Such factors include:

- While assessment scores are one measure, our school does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency.
- Many of the factors that affect student success, such as trauma, poverty, mental health and student disabilities, are out of the local board's control, so giving a time estimate on things that consistently change, or are under the control of other agencies, is not a realistic practice of a local school board.