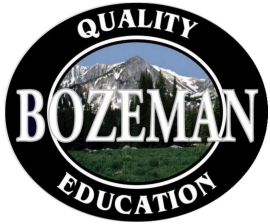


# Early Literacy Nights

Or Better Yet.....

Insert Catchy BSF Inspired Name



# THE WHY

## Focus Goals:

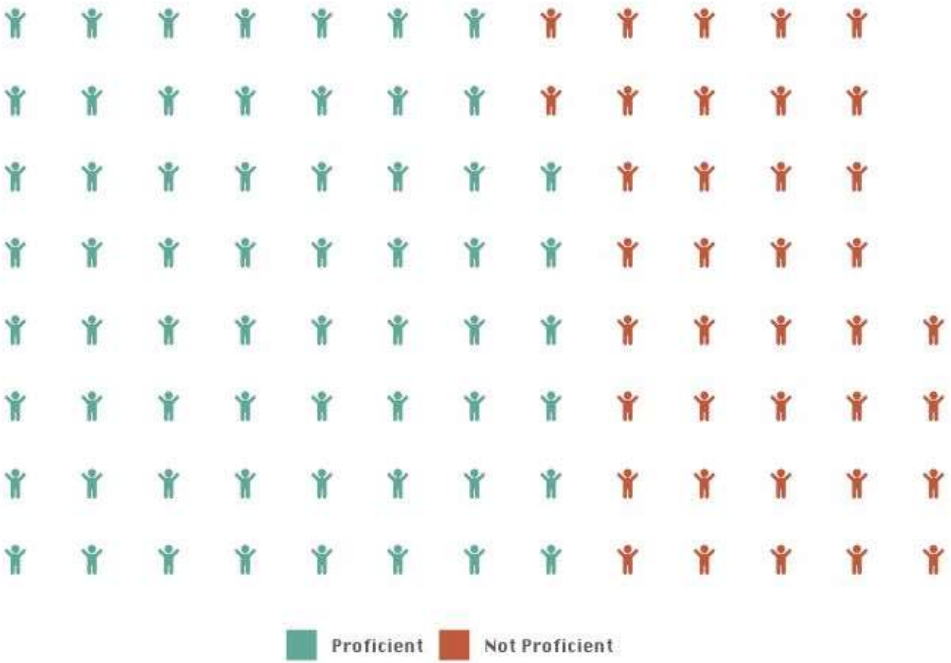
*Short term, 5-10 year planning horizon*

**Early Literacy Goal:** By 2022, 85% of all children entering Kindergarten will have requisite literacy skills as measured by STAR early literacy. (A score of 530 on the STAR assessment is a good predictor of success by 3rd grade.)

**Grade Level Reading Goal:** By 2025, 90% of all BSD7 3rd Grade Students will demonstrate grade-level reading skills by achieving a proficient score on the STAR reading assessment at the end of the school year.

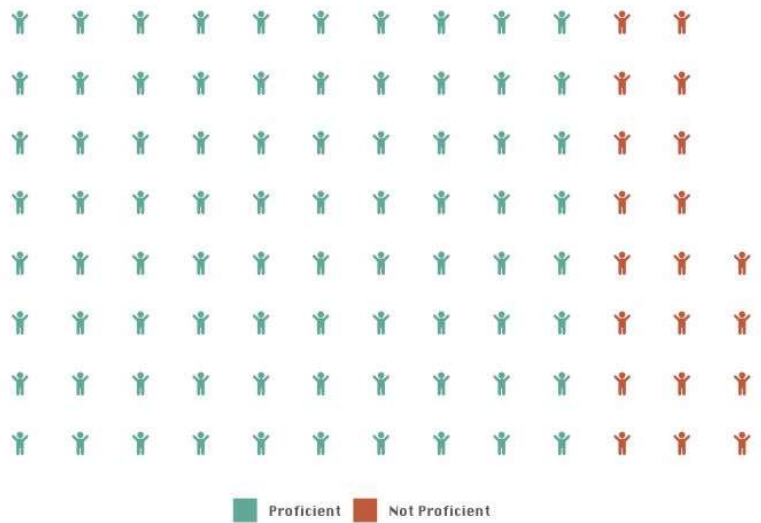
**\*\*NEW\*\* PLC Goal:** By spring of 2025 all BSD7 schools PK-12 will have fully implemented PLC's in place that will support the closing of the achievement gap, thus qualifying BSD7 as a Solution Tree Model PLC District.

# State Assessment Literacy Proficiency Proportions



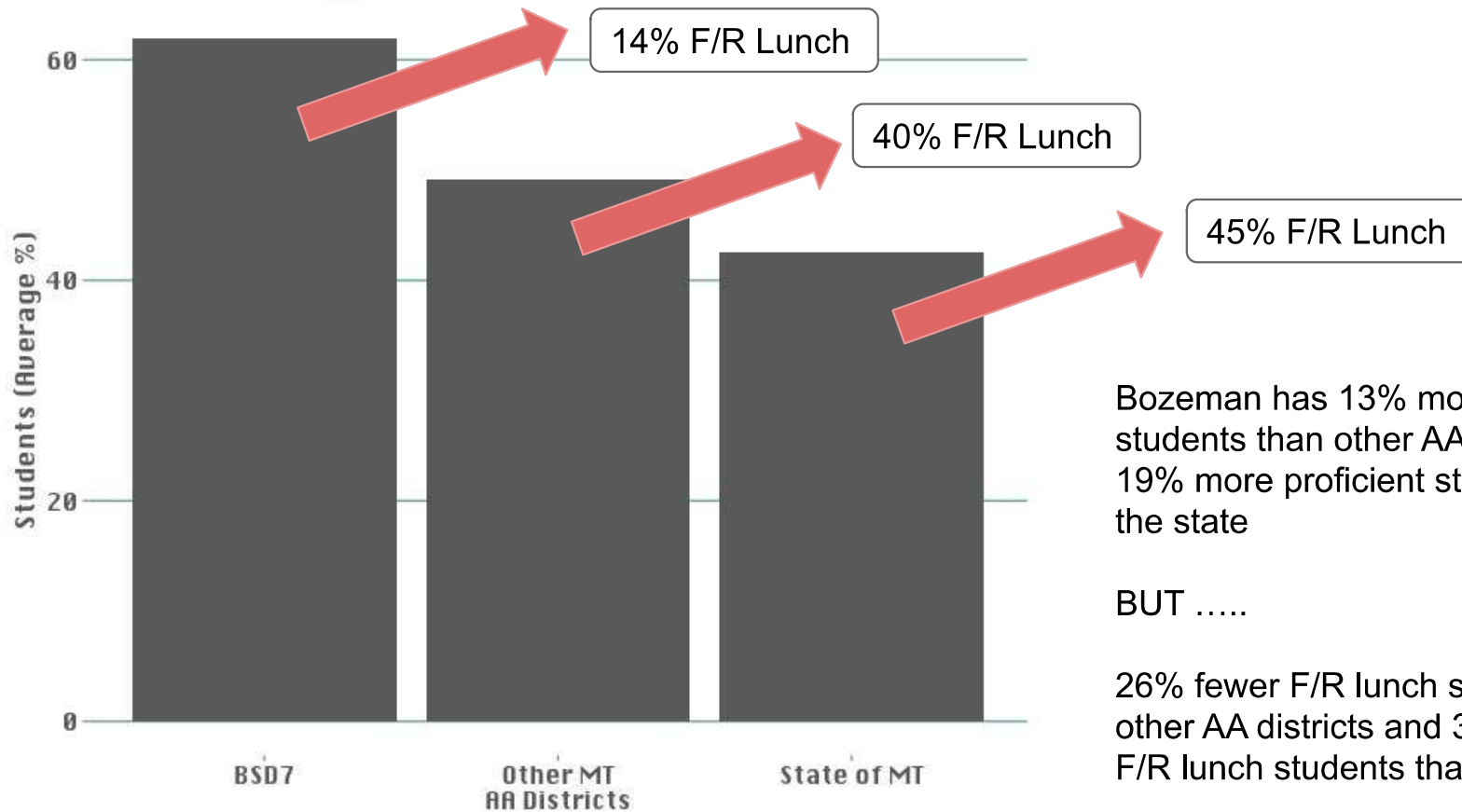
**GOAL: 80% proficiency**

# Math and Literacy Proficiency Goal



38% of 3-8 and 11 graders are not proficient in literacy

## Proportion of Students Proficient on State Reading Assessments

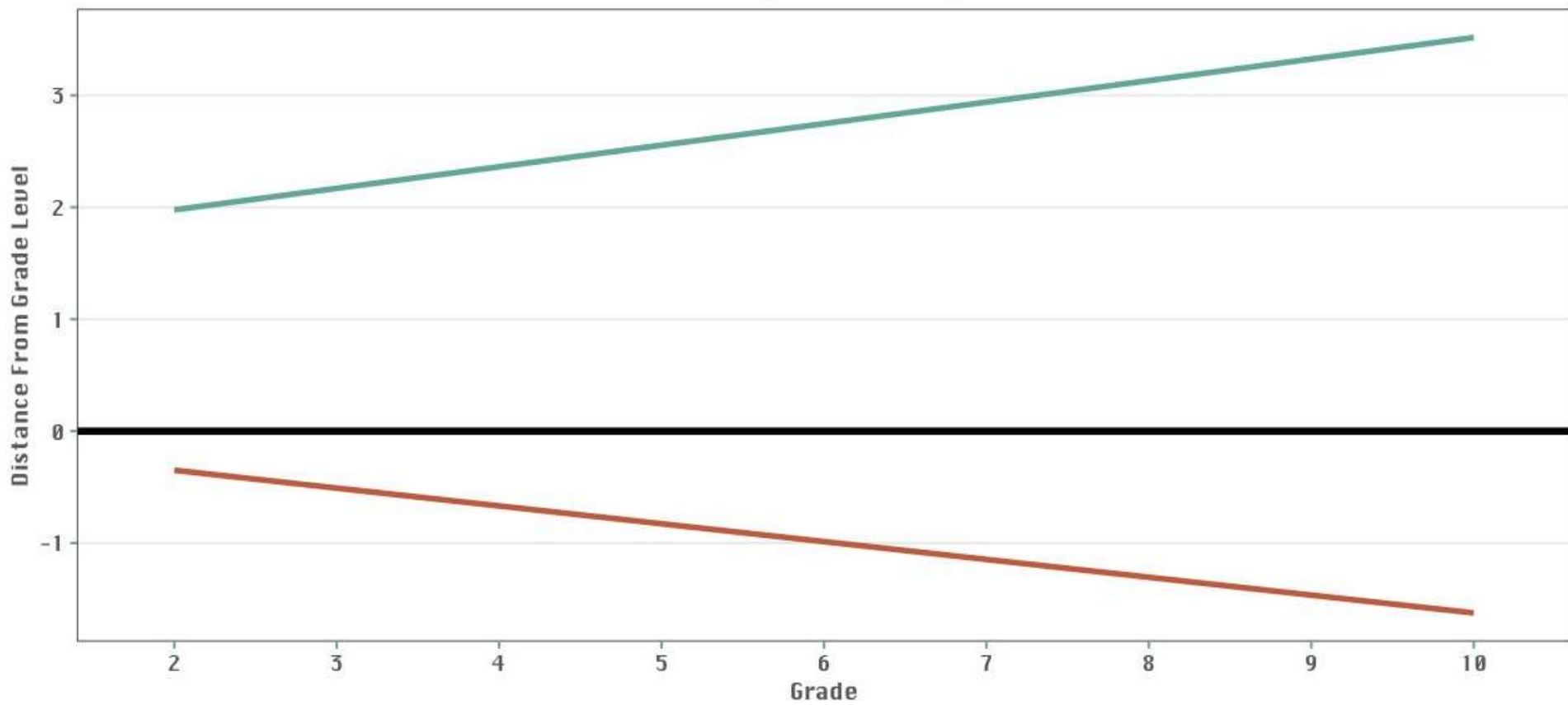


Bozeman has 13% more proficient students than other AA districts and 19% more proficient students than the state

BUT .....

26% fewer F/R lunch students than other AA districts and 31% fewer F/R lunch students than the state.

# Median Distance from Grade-Level Reading Proficiency



Not Proficient Proficient

# Bozeman Public Schools Long Range Strategic Plan

2020-2021

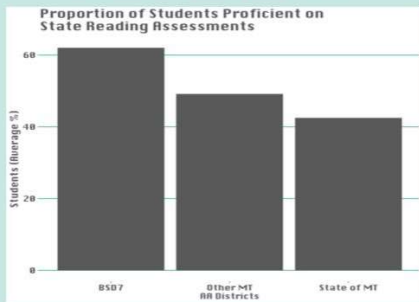


**BSD7 Mission:** Bozeman Public Schools exist to provide an outstanding education that inspires and ensures high achievement so every student can succeed and make a difference in a rapidly changing world community.

## **BSD7 Goals:**

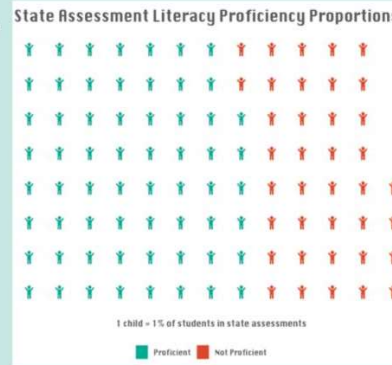
- By 2022, 85% of entering Kindergarteners will have requisite literacy skills
- By 2025, 90% of third graders will demonstrate grade-level reading skills
- By 2025, all schools will have Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to support closing student achievement gaps

Bozeman shows comparatively strong proficiency in literacy on state assessments:



However, Bozeman has about **30%** fewer economically disadvantaged students than the average Montana district, including other AA districts

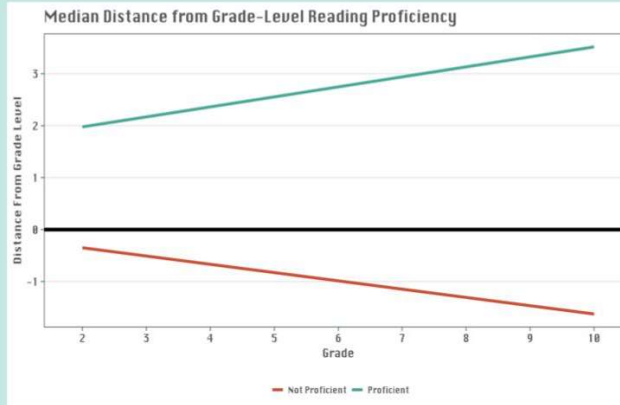
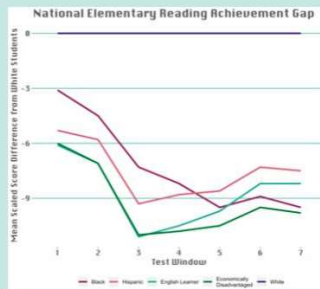
And still nearly **40%**



of students are not meeting proficiency in math and literacy on state assessments in grades 3-8 and 11.

## There is an opportunity gap in our classrooms!

Nationally, longitudinal gaps exist between white students and minority or economically disadvantaged students:



In Bozeman, non-proficient students from all backgrounds do not have the same opportunity to achieve because the methods currently used are not effective in boosting them to grade level proficiency.

## The way forward:

- Tier One Instruction - “First Best Instruction” so that **ALL** students’ experience targeted and direct instruction in core literacy skills
- Teacher professional learning on the science of reading, taking into account how the brain learns to read
- Teacher collaboration through PLCs that focus on improving student outcomes

National data sources and citations: *The Gap within the Gap* <https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-gap-within-the-gap/>  
*Early Childhood Longitudinal Study* <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2019/2019130.pdf>  
*NAEP data* <https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/ndecore/xplore/NDE>



# THE WHY

**Early Literacy Goal:** By 2022, 85% of all children entering Kindergarten will have requisite literacy skills as measured by STAR early literacy. (A score of 530 on the STAR assessment is a good predictor of success by 3rd grade.)

Current Reality: Around 60%

# THE WHAT



## PARENT KNOWLEDGE

Literacy Consultant &  
BSD7 Teachers Provide  
Parent Training



## FOOD & DRINK

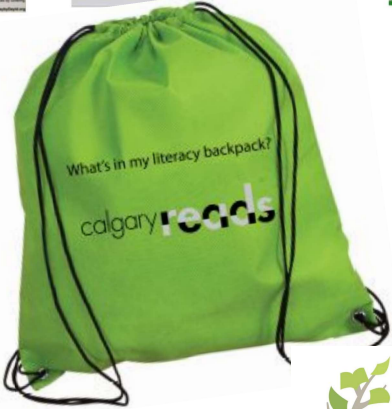
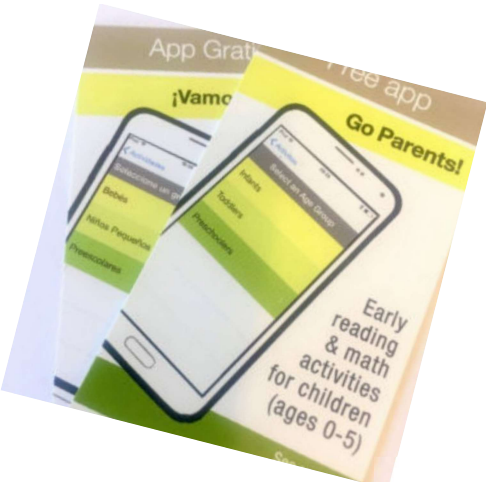
Dinner for families at  
their home school



## PARENT RESOURCES

Goody bag with  
literacy/numeracy  
resources to use at home

# THE WHAT



**Lee Pesky**  
LEARNING CENTER

# THE ASK

Family Night Food/Drink (WH, ED, IR, HY) = \$1,950  
(Attendance 125 of 250 enrollment)

1,000 Pesky Center Kits (Sponsor's Logo/s) = \$32,884.50

Bags/Manipulatives (Sponsor's Logo) = \$7,000

Literacy Consultant (WH, ED, IR, HY) = \$1,200

**\$43,034.50** + ? (Other Events)