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EXCEPTIONAL
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Methacton School District

April 13, 2023

TOWN HALL

Superintendent Dr. David Zerbe



Town Hall Agenda

- Student Achievement
- Food Services
- Facilities



Student Achievement

Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) is based on achievement for a particular year for students in grades 3-8.

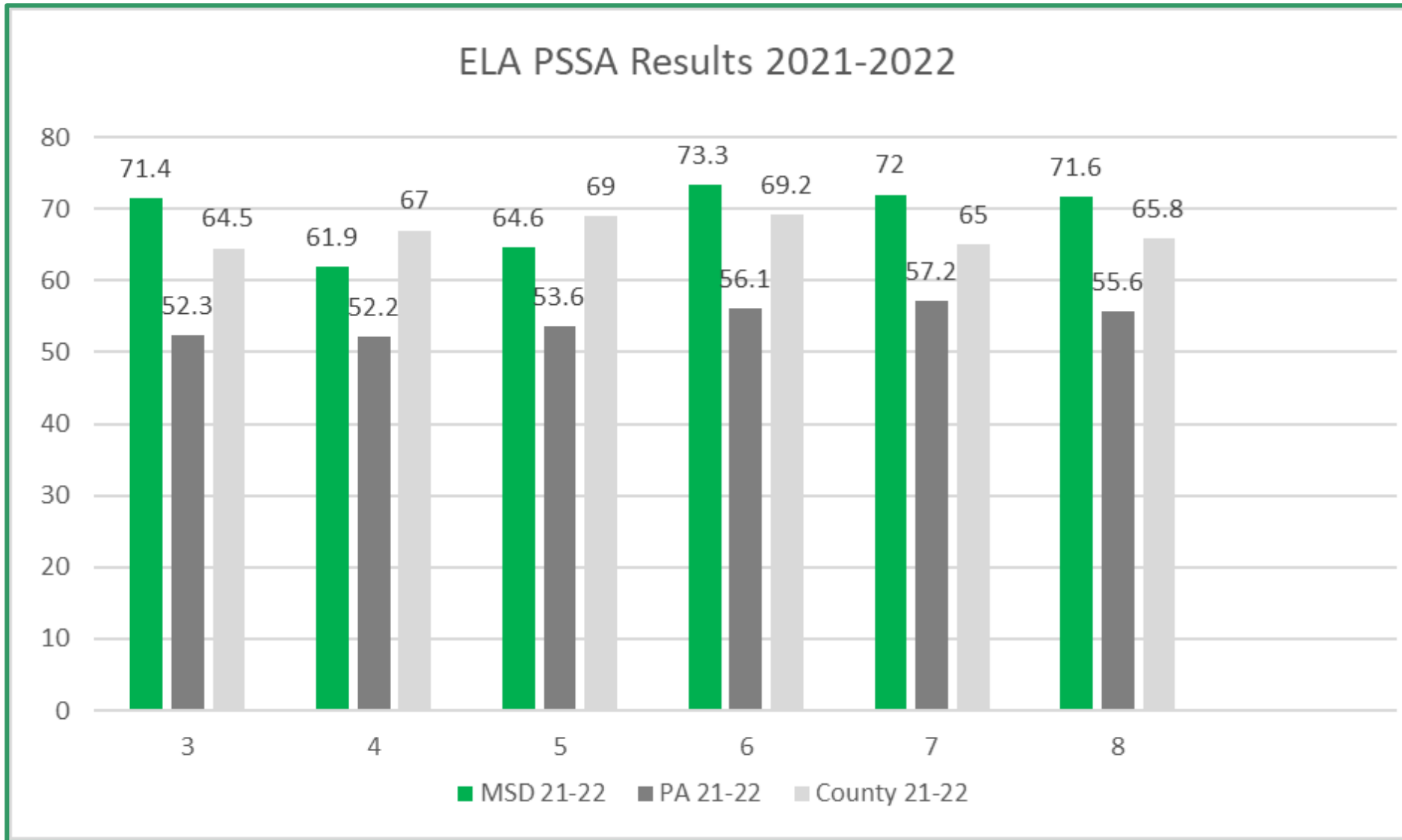
Keystones- based on achievement as an end of course exam for Algebra I, Biology & Literature (PA graduation requirement).

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) measures a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants.

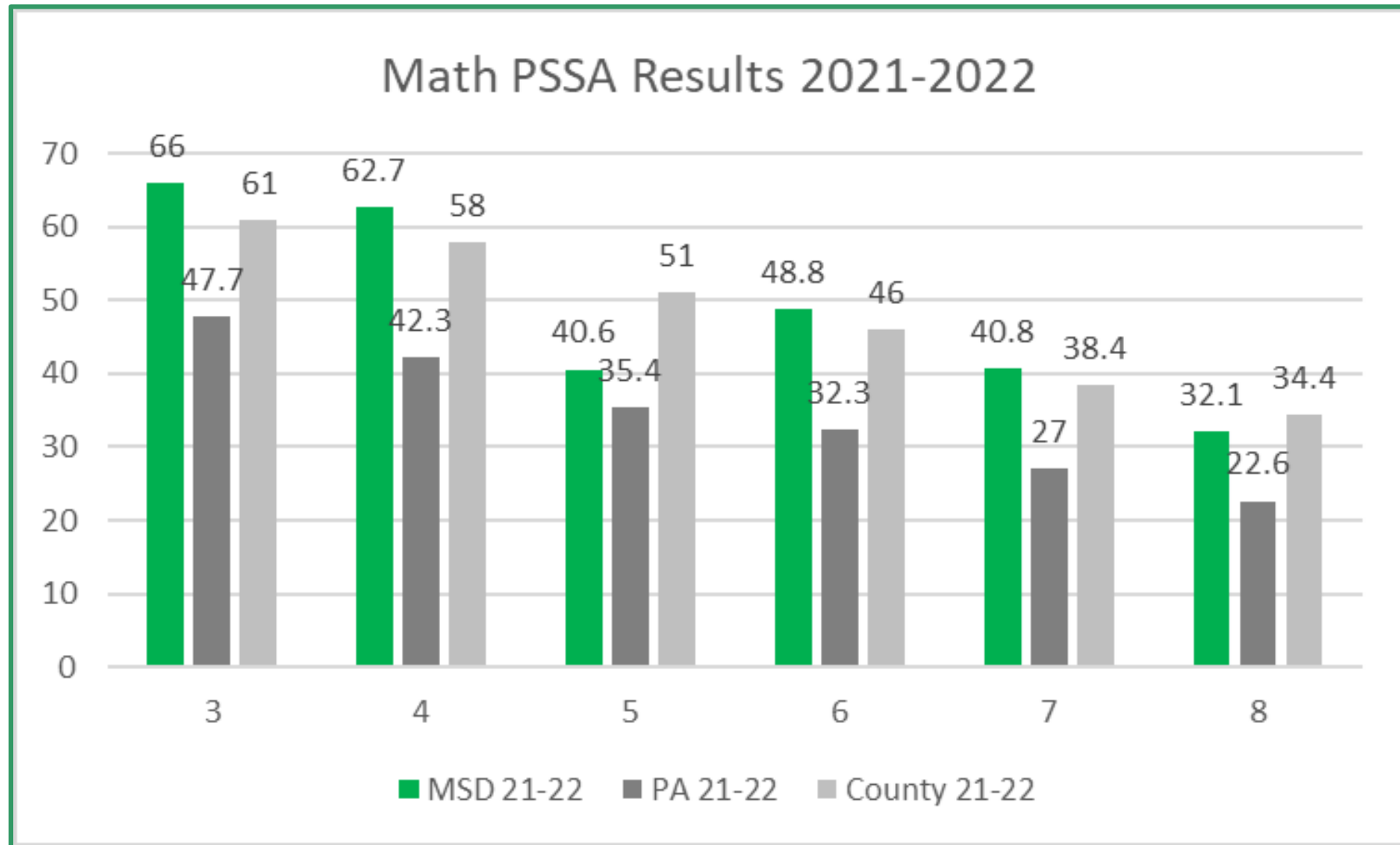
Advance Placement (AP) provides college level courses and assessments taken while in high school to earn credit.

National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) exams measure proficiency towards industry recognized credentials.



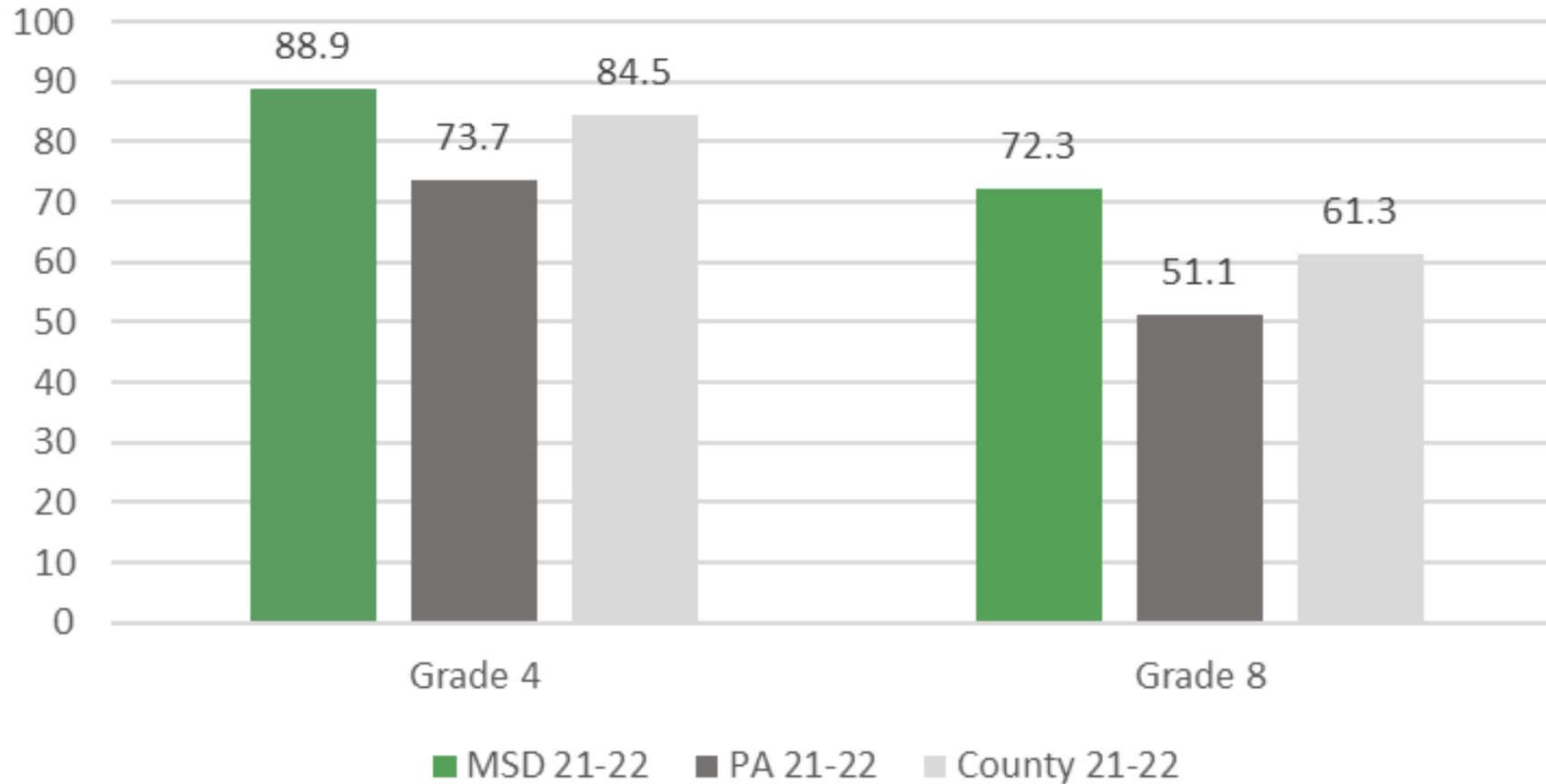


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- Methacton students in grades 4 and 5 performed below the county average in Language Arts

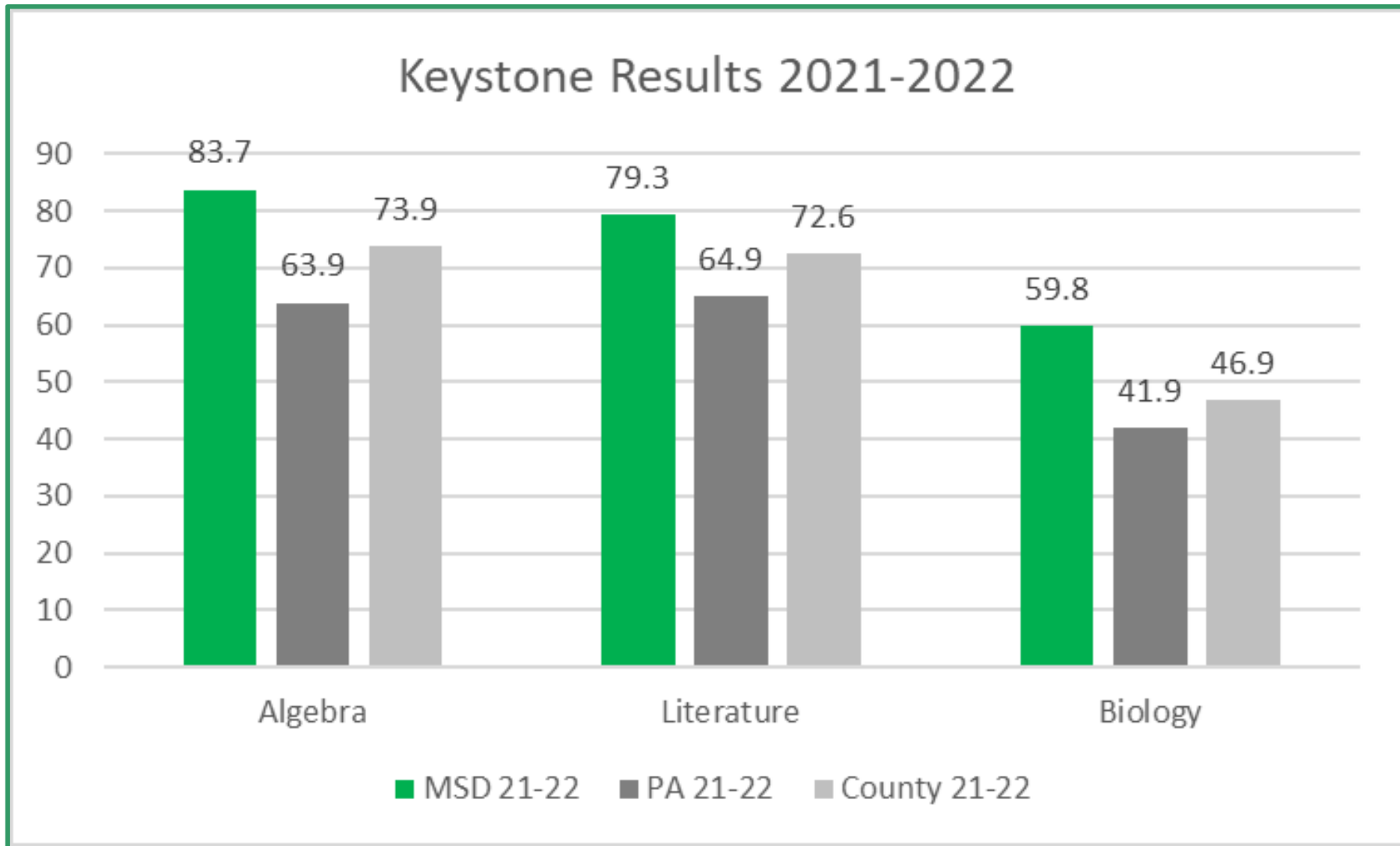


- Methacton students in grades 3-8 are above the state average in Math
- Methacton students in grades 5 and 8 performed below the county average in Math

Science PSSA Results 2021-22

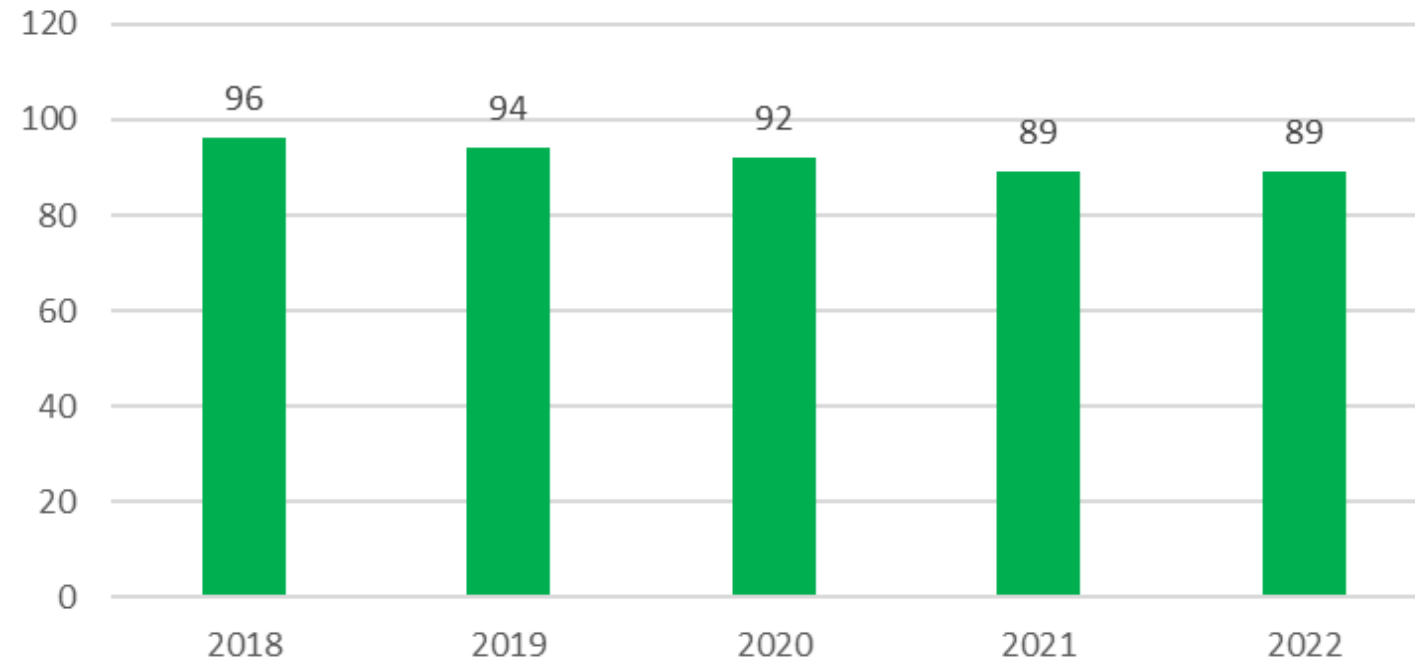


- Methacton students in grades 4 and 8 are above the state average in Science
- Methacton 8th grade students displayed scores well above the state average

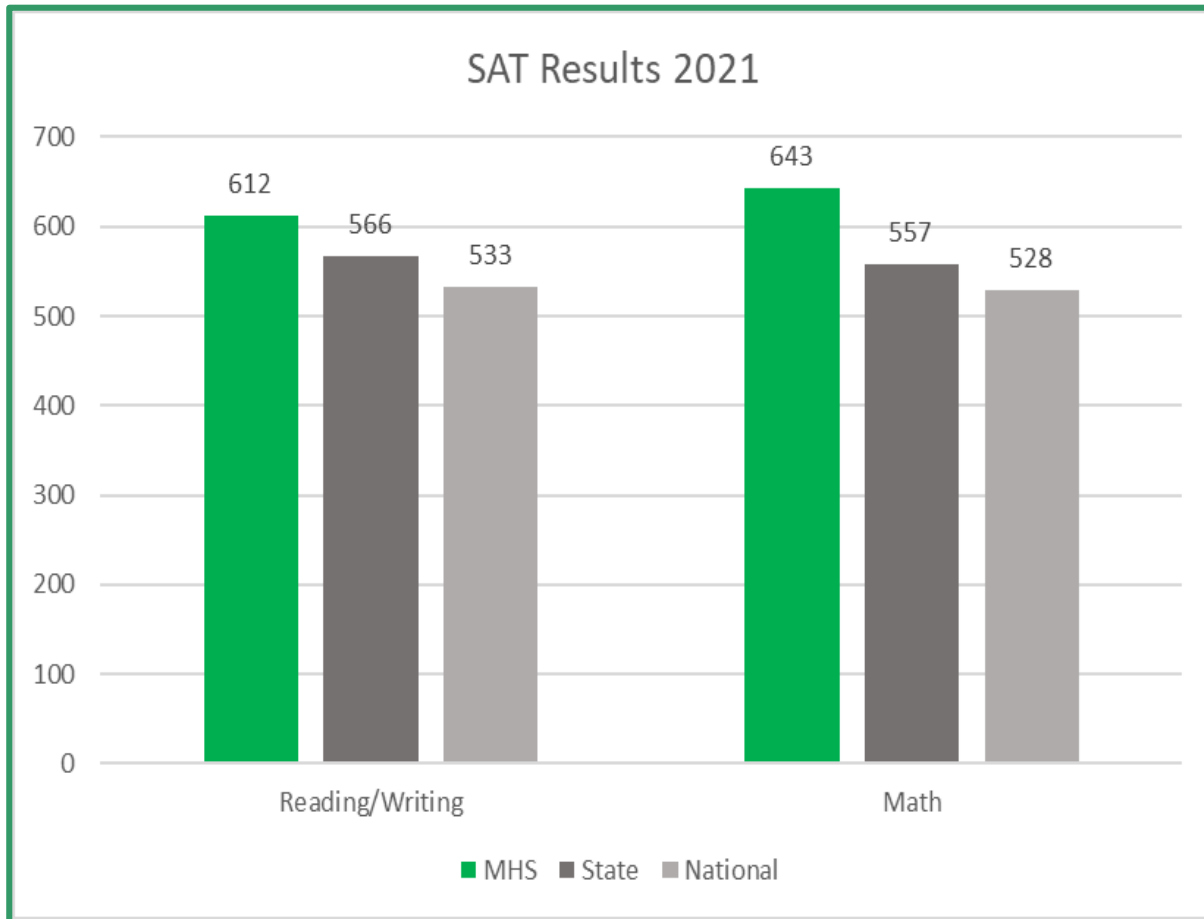


- Methacton students are above the state and county average in all Keystone tested subjects

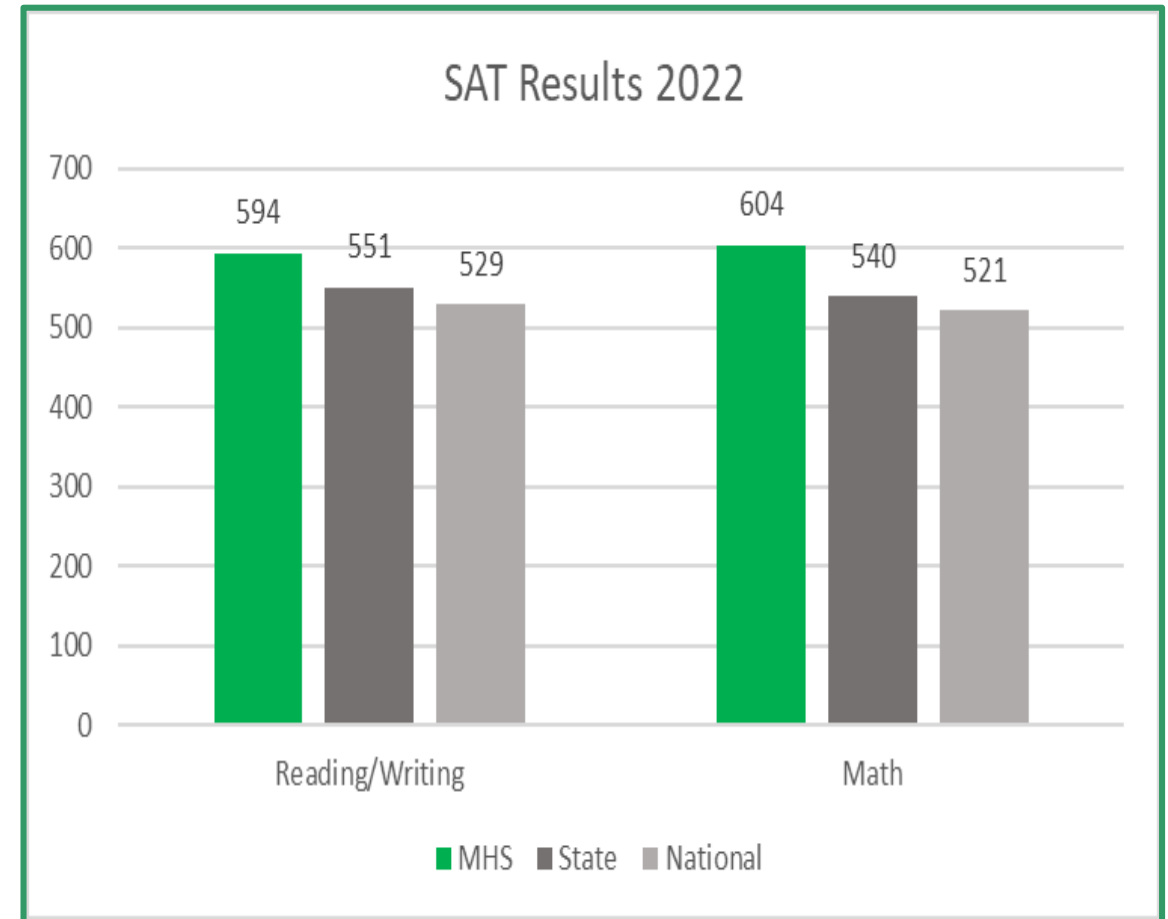
Advanced Placement
percentage scoring 3 and above



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total AP Students	363	351	365	323	398
Number of Exams	789	707	783	689	830
AP Students with Scores 3+	347	331	335	288	353



214 test takers



310 test takers

Results reflect scores of the graduates of the identified year who took the SAT during high school

- Methacton SAT Scores are consistently greater than the state and national averages
- Methacton SAT Math scores show a strong level of proficiency

Advertising Design
Auto Collision Repair
Automotive Technology
Baking and Pastry Arts
Biomedical Technology
Computer Integrated Machining
Construction Carpentry
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Diesel Truck Technology
Electrical Trades
Graphic Arts
Health Sciences
Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
Internet Technologies
Mechatronics
Property Maintenance and Renovation
Protective Services
Recreational Power Equipment
Social Media Marketing
Welding and Fabrication

North Montco Technical Career Center

2021-22 NOCTI

- Basic 29
- Competent 72
- Advanced 94
- Total 195
- Passed 166
- % Passed 85%



Improvement Strategies

- Added Two K-4 Math Specialists (January 2023)
- Added One 5-6 Math Specialist (January 2023)
- Adopted New Textbook/Resources K-12 (Implementation next school year)
- Continuation of K-12 Math Coaches (3) to support teacher efficacy
- Continuation of Math Virtual Help Desk grades 7-12
- Continuation of Curriculum Support Room at Methacton High School
- Continuation of 8th Period Intervention Support at Arcola Intermediate
- Math Progression Implementation at High School (Algebra)



Improvement Strategies (continued)

- Added one 7-8 Reading Specialist (January 2023)
- Added two K-4 Literacy Coaches (Fall 2023 – grant)
- Added one 5-8 Literacy Coach (Fall 2023 – grant)
- Exploring Intervention Specialist - Role at Arcola and High School
- Continuation of Lexia to support students in Grades 1-4
- Implemented BOOST for K-4 (After School/Summer Program)
- Implementing structured literacy training for staff
- Expanding our system of intervention 7-12
- Updated our College and Career Readiness (339) Plan



Creating Opportunities

- Windy Hill Hydroponics Farm
- Methacton CSI Program
- Unified Sports
- Junior Achievement Collaboration
- Incubator Edu Program (Shark Tank)
- STEM (FAB LAB)
- Arcola Planetarium renewal
- Elementary/Skyview Career Maker Spaces
- E-Sports (currently under review for implementation)



Strengthening Our Program

- Greater Focus on Social Emotional Learning
- Strengthen the School Counseling Program
- Updating Safety and Security
- Strengthen our Gifted Education Program
- Strengthen Athletic and Activities Program
- Expand College and Career Readiness Services
- Tie industry certifications to High School courses
- Future use of Audubon Elementary School Property



Student Achievement

Dr. Zerbe will now take a few questions on student achievement.



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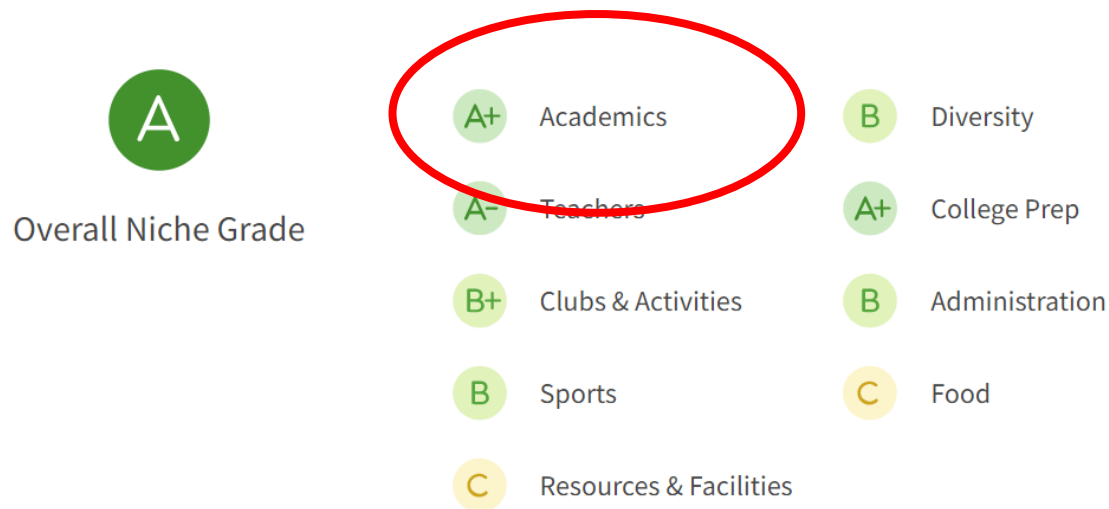


Chester County District (in Top 10)

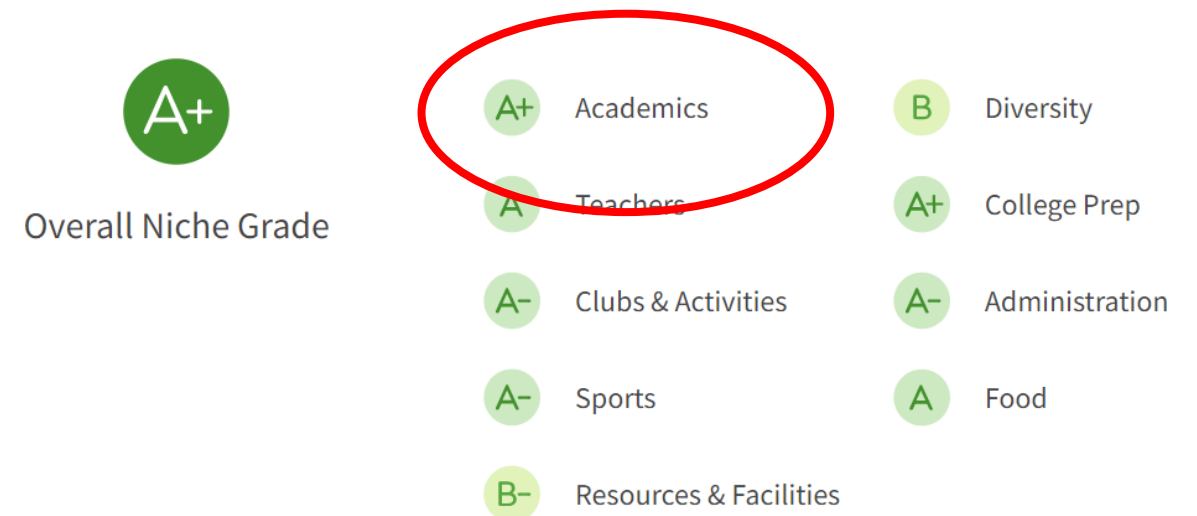


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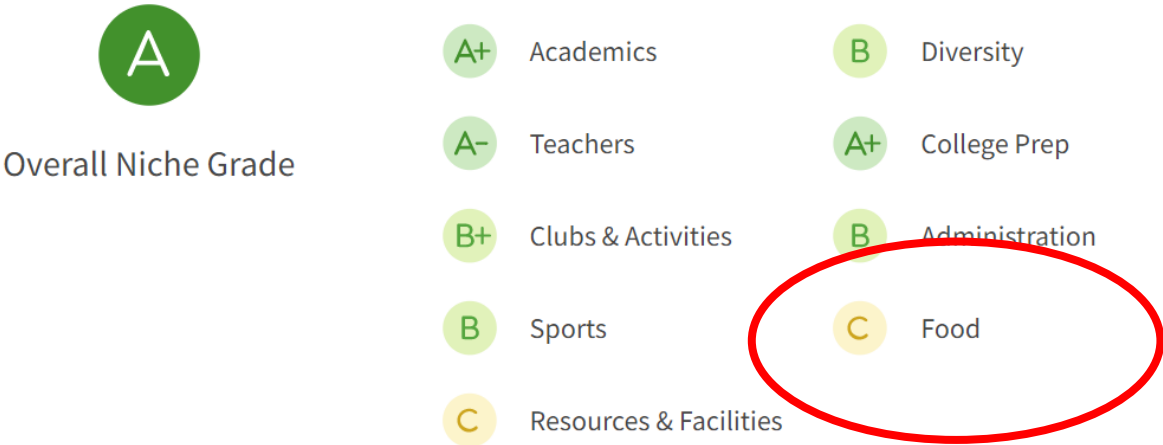


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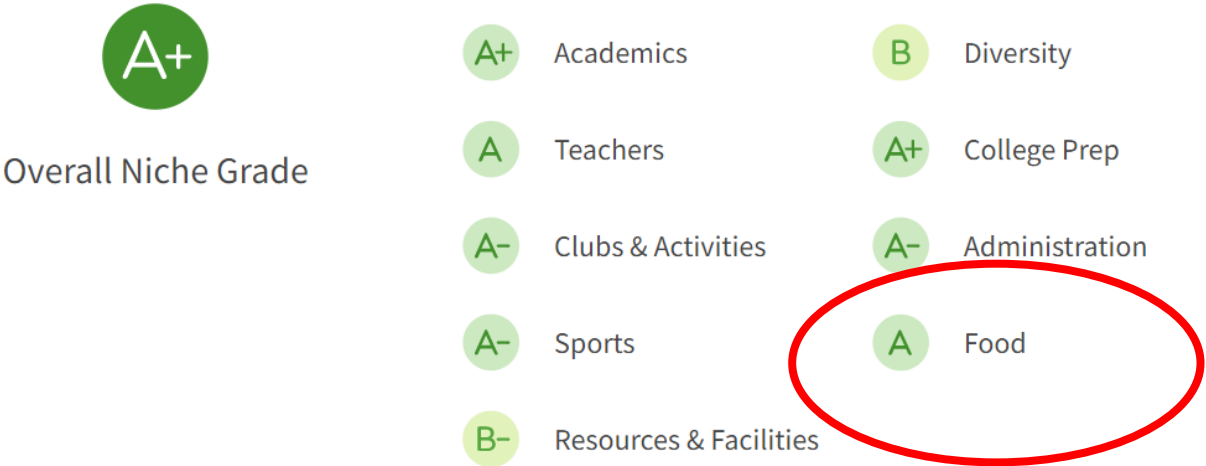


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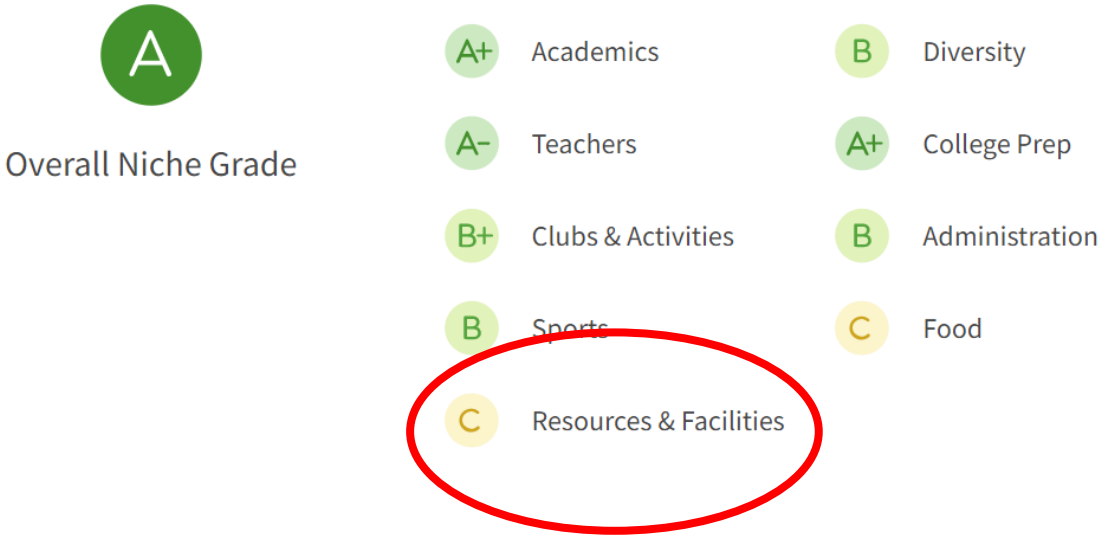


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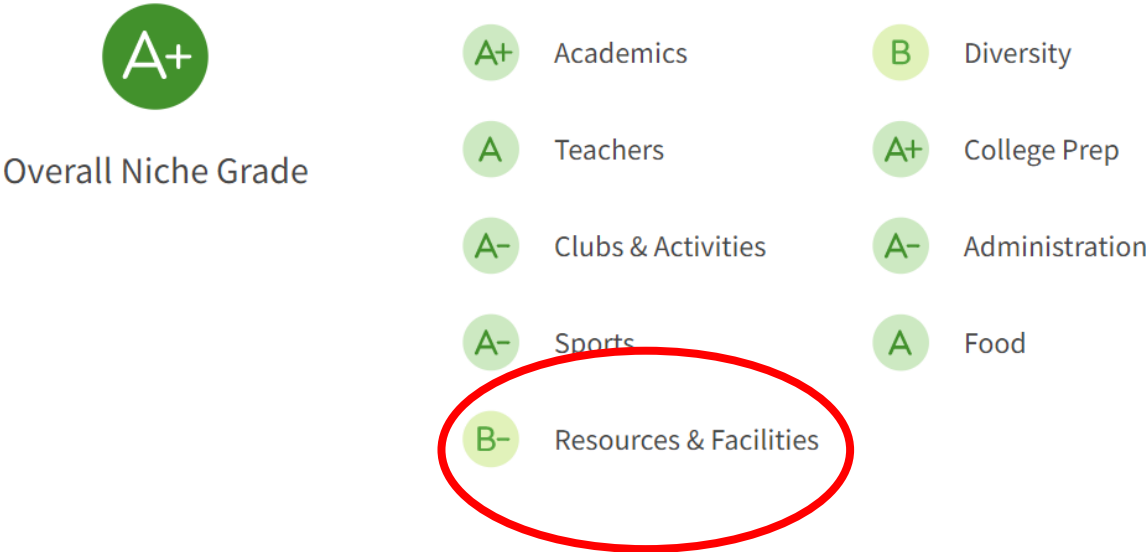


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Food Services

- All 7 schools operate under the National School Lunch Program
- Aramark provides the management and operational oversight
- Aramark has been the food services provider since 2011/2012 SY
- 2022 Niche ranking has Food Services in Methacton as “C”
- District required to issue RFP every 5 years (this is end of 5 year agreement/sequence)
- Staffing challenges in Food Services has limited the availability, choice, quality of foods (7 staff short currently)
- Free breakfast for all students increases challenges associated with staffing limitations



Food Services

- Strategic Goals
 - Improve access to better quality/variety/dietary options for all students
 - Increase our ranking in Food Services from C to an A+
- Process
 - Reviewed rankings of top 100 A+ districts who also had an A+ rating in food services
 - Created Arcola and High School Food Services Review Teams
 - Students/Staff Teams
 - Discussion
 - Menu selection
 - Taste testing
 - Site visits
 - Issued RFP
 - Students/Staff Teams feedback incorporated in RFP
 - Students/Staff Teams + Board/Parents involved in RFP review and final vendor selection



Food Services

Main Decisions

- A recommendation of vendor for all 7 school buildings – April 2023
- A recommendation to stay on or go off NSLP at High School – April 2023
- Anticipated Impact
 - All schools will provide free/reduced meals (on or off NSLP)
 - All schools will benefit from district chef – better quality/variety/options/training
 - All schools will benefit from increase in Food Service staff wages (attract more staff)
 - All school meal prices will comply with the NSLP pricing tool (on or off NSLP)
 - All schools meals will increase in product quality based on specifications in RFP
 - Skyview/Arcola/High School will gain access to premium meals options
 - High School will gain access to grab and go/café option (if we go off NSLP)
 - High School will see a decreased food waste (if we go off NSLP)



Food Services

Dr. Zerbe will now take a few questions on food services.



Facilities

- 2016 District Facilities Assessment Report
- Impact: \$58,633,710 in improvements
 - Supported closure of Audubon Elementary School
 - Renovation of Eagleville Elementary School
 - New Arrowhead Elementary School
 - Façade, fire alarm, canopy, and water infiltration at High School
 - Arcola auditorium remediation (ceiling) and remodeling + HVAC
 - Various building roof replacements
 - High School – egress and security project
 - Security cameras all district buildings
 - Skyview building automation control system upgrade
 - Transportation fuel tank repair



Facilities

- 2022 Facilities Condition Assessment
 - Outlines long-term needs at all district facilities
 - Includes Facility Condition Index (FCI) for each building that provides objective indication of a building's overall condition defined as the ratio of the cost of current needs divided by current replacement value (CRV) of the facility.
 - Will update 10-year Master Plan
 - Includes Preventative Maintenance tasks/schedules integrated into District work order system

Facilities

- Current Status

- November 2022 – continuing with Master Plan from 2016
 - Slated to make HVAC improvements to Methacton High School
 - Improvements would only address original portion of school and an additional section
 - Estimated costs \$12.7m along with 2 years of disruptions turned out to be \$25.3m with disruptions
- Placed future projects from 2016 Master Plan on hold
- Need to update facilities Master Plan with 2022 assessments
- Need to take a more comprehensive look into Methacton High School



Facilities – Compressive Facilities/Campus Planning Process

- Constructed in 1961
- Facilities Assessment - FCI over 60%
- Limitations structure/campus places on existing operations & services
- Limitations structure/campus places on future innovation & program development/expansion
- Need input from stakeholders on building/campus for the next 50 years of Methacton High School
- Funding/impact on annual budget



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