Strategic Plan Goals



End-of-Year Update

June 18, 2026

District 48 Strategic Plan
Areas of Focus

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Academic Excellence

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Culture of Belonging

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Sustainable Finances and Facilities

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Communication and Community Engagement



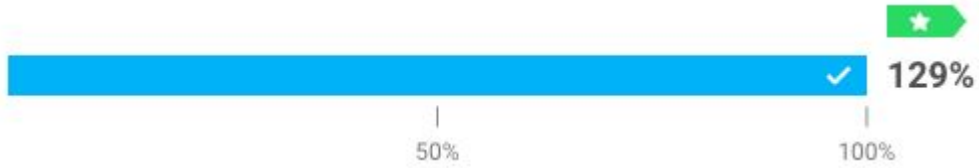
Goal 1: Academic Excellence

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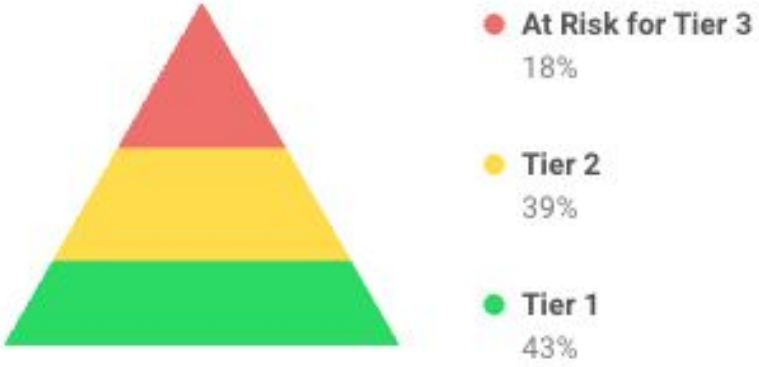


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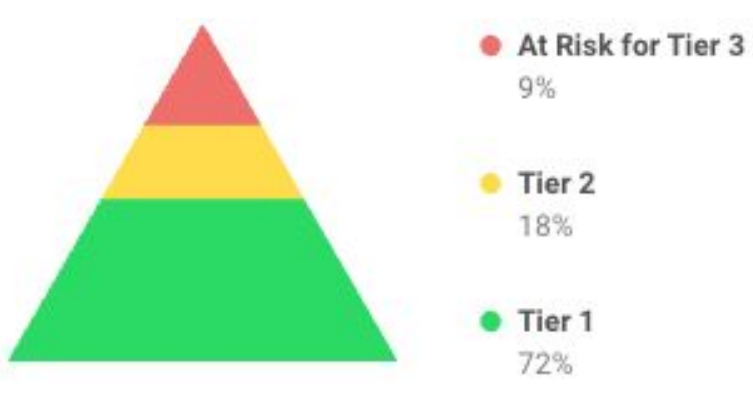


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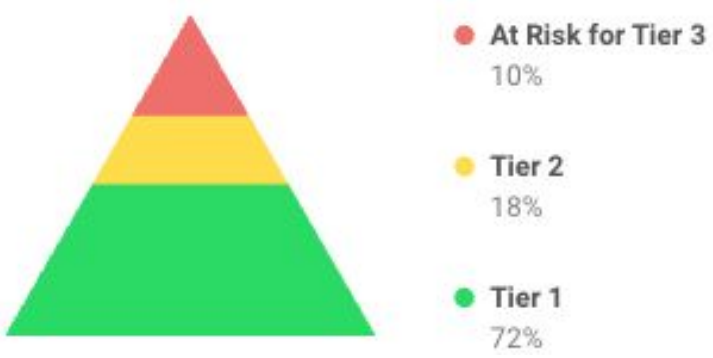


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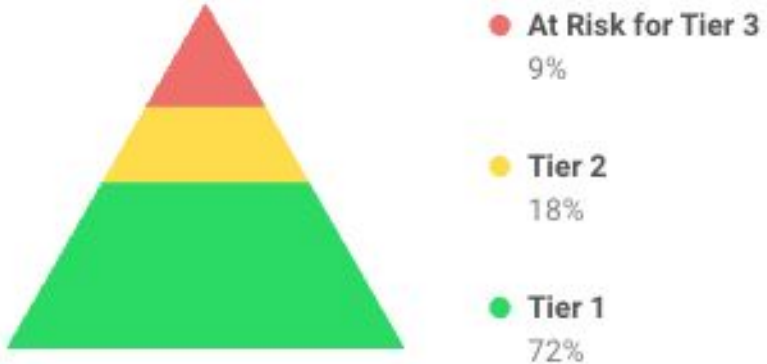


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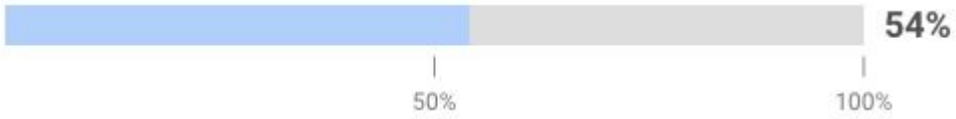


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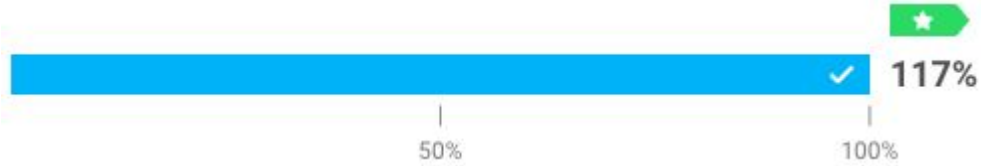


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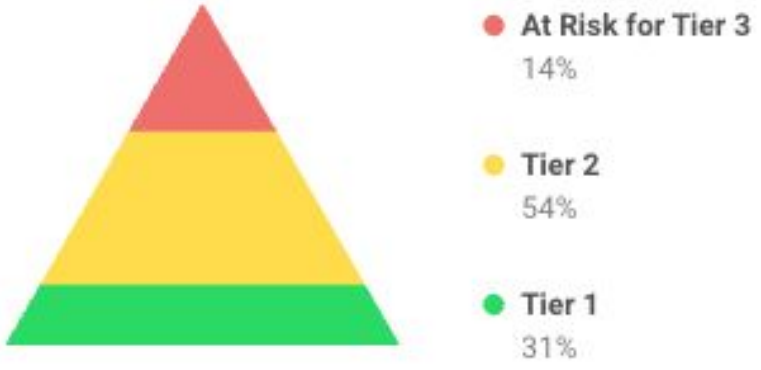


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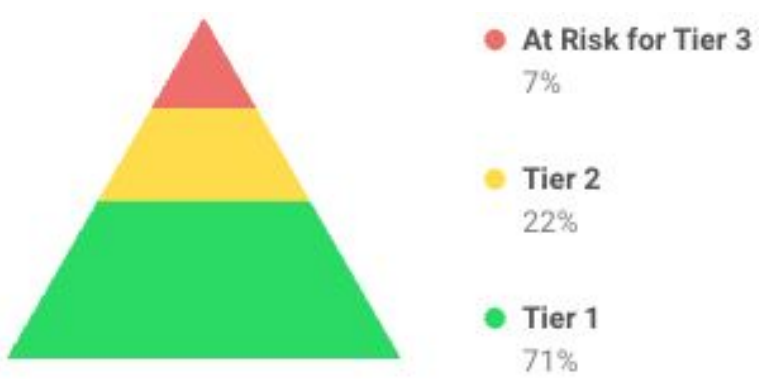


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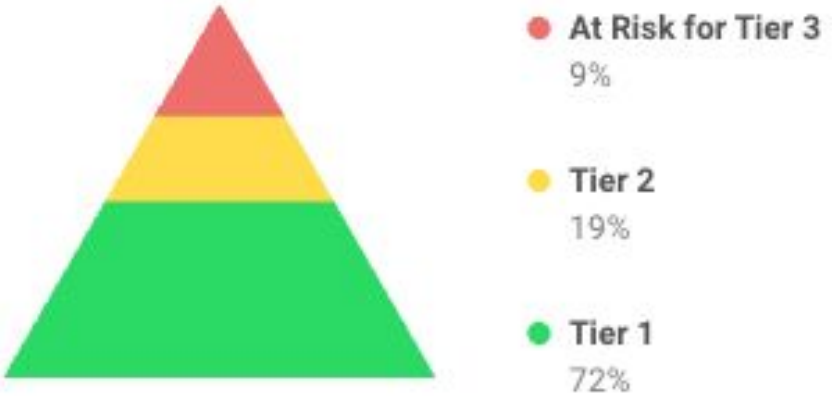


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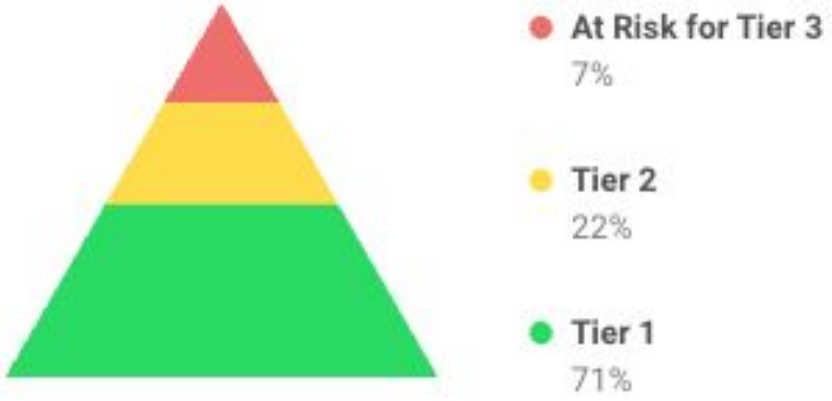


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Academic Excellence: Next Steps

- Continue to provide meaningful professional development opportunities in the 26-27 school year. Specifically around the new ELA resources and our MTSS process.

- Continue to support and monitor our implementation of Tier I resources (academic & behavioral) and the iReady individualized learning pathways to ensure the highest levels of student growth and achievement.



Goal 2: Culture of Belonging

Updates & Successes

- Referrals and discipline incidents have drastically improved this school year.
- Working on increasing the level of trust among all stakeholders surveying parent and staff members
- Being more present to help keep communication lines open
- Focusing on wellness (staff and students)
- Student assemblies and celebrations
- Focus on Tier 2 behavior intervention supports

Updates & Successes

- Salt Creek CARES (Community, Advocacy, Resilience, Engagement and Support) Grant was a great success!
  - 351 Treatment visits that were free to students and families
- Overall Feedback Received:
  - ***Access to care when families had been on waitlists for months, and in some cases over a year.***
  - ***Connections to providers experienced in working with children and adolescents.***
  - ***Improved coping skills, communication, emotional regulation, and family functioning.***
  - ***Relief for parents who had struggled to find appropriate services on their own.***



Next Steps

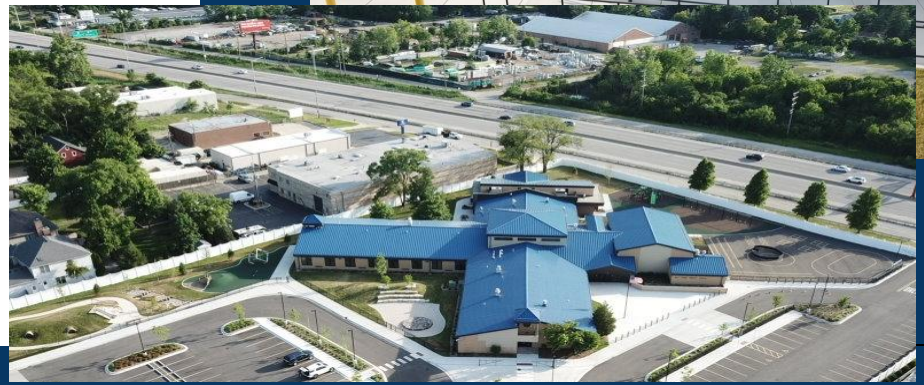
- Provide additional professional development to improve student behaviors through proactive, positive behavior supports.
- Develop new opportunities to share opportunities for celebration around positive news and events.
- Plan and implement a D48 cultural night



Goal 3: Sustainable Finances and Facilities







Updates & Successes

- We have a budget that maintains and improves facilities and operations to support the district's vision for excellent educational programs.
- We are following a comprehensive facilities maintenance and improvement plan.
- We are maintaining technology infrastructure in all schools to ensure reliable internet access, updated devices for students and staff, and a robust cybersecurity system.

Next Steps

- Continue to prioritize expenditures that directly support student learning and district goals.
- Continue to follow an operating budget that maintains and improves facilities and operations to support the district's vision for excellent educational programs.
- Continue strengthening Capital Projects Fund reserves to proactively address aging infrastructure and support future major building repairs and replacements.



Goal 4: Communication & Community Engagement

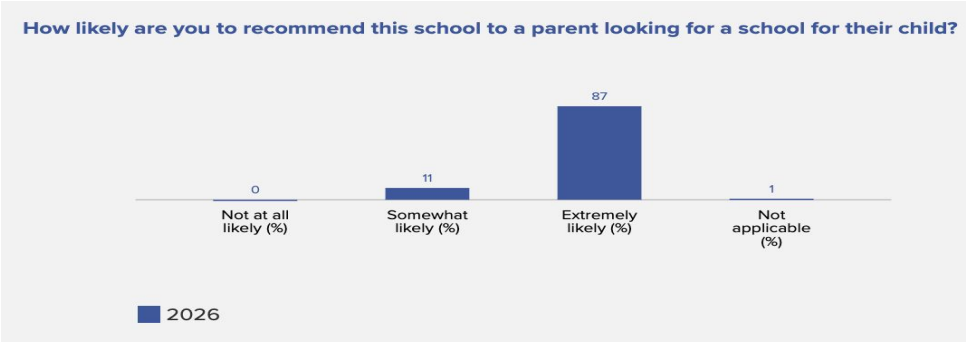


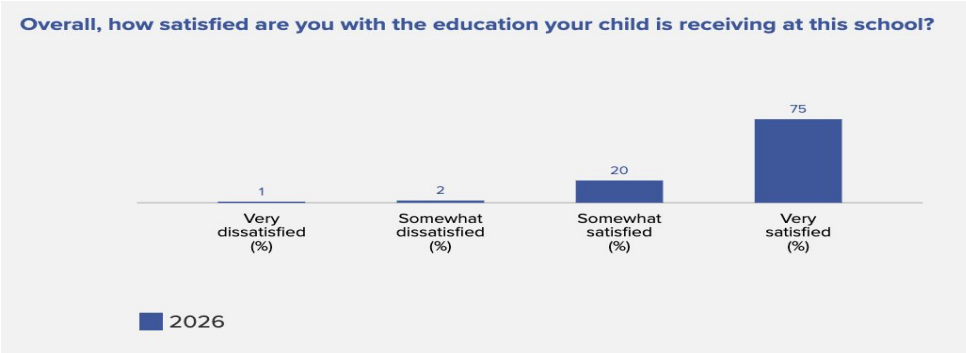
Updates & Successes

- District wide communication plan (Staff, Families and Community)
- Multiple surveys throughout the year for parents to leave feedback
- Parent/ Community Series
- Successful partnership with FTC and their events
- Partnership with all three municipalities and participation in multiple community organizations



5Essentials: Parent Net Promoter Questions





- 87% of parents are ***Extremely Likely*** to recommend their school to another parent (*up from last year!*)
- **98%** are either *somewhat likely* or *extremely likely* to recommend
- 75% of parents are ***Very Satisfied*** with the education their child is receiving (*up from last year!*)

Communication & Community Engagement Next Steps

- Continue our district-wide communication plan (Staff, families and community) to provide opportunities for additional feedback and input from our parents and community members.
- Increase participation in our D48 Parent/Community Involvement Series
- Continue our partnership with FTC and their events.



D48 UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 48 • SPRING 2025

"Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders"

AND WE'RE OFF!

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY, TO BE COMPLETED BY START OF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

After passing the Safe Schools | Secure Futures bond referendum last fall, District 48 is quickly making progress on projects that address critical infrastructure and learning needs in all three school buildings. Phase one construction began during Spring Break and will continue during these final weeks of the school year. Phase two will get underway on the last day of school, June 3, and will proceed throughout the summer.

The majority of the work is expected to be completed before the first day of school in late August. The Albright Middle School gym and locker rooms will be completed in summer 2026.

"There was overwhelming support for the referendum in November, and we are deeply grateful to voters for caring about the future of our schools," says Dr. Amy Zaher, superintendent. "It is an exciting time for the community, as we make essential repairs and renovations that will benefit students today and for years to come."

The successful referendum enabled the District to sell bonds and use the funds to improve safety and security, increase ADA accessibility and better meet educational needs. When students return in the fall, they will find interior and exterior building repairs and renovations that will significantly enhance their learning environments. This includes shifts in grade-level configurations. (See P. 5 for the new configurations, a list of the improvements at each school and the construction timeline.)

Zaher says the District did a lot of pre-work and planning so that the construction could begin in the spring and progress quickly throughout the summer, ensuring there is minimal disruption to students. This preparation also helped the District avoid some price escalation and resulted in cost savings.

The construction manager, Nicholas & Associates, has done a great job of organizing the workflow and communicating with building principals, according to Zaher. The schools are keeping their families informed of details such as temporary changes to traffic flow, and the District sent a letter to surrounding neighbors who might be affected by the construction in the coming months. Community members can learn more about the projects and the timeline at the Safe Schools | Secure Futures page at saltcreek48.org.

STUDENTS GRATEFUL FOR SUCCESSFUL REFERENDUM

Albright

Salt Creek, Swartz and Albright students express their gratitude for significant community support of the Safe Schools | Secure Futures referendum, which is funding essential projects that will enhance safety and learning in their schools.

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Salt Creek School District 48

Thank You!








Stay in your seats
Sit quietly
Respond to teacher
Circle Time
Snack
Story Time
Centers
Dismissal