## 243 Lebo-Waverly State Assessment Review for Budget Considerations

## 243 Lebo-Waverly District Summary

#### (A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.

Our teachers, students, and families face a number of challenges in ensuring student proficiency on assessments. Some of those challenges in our School District include:

- Difficulty in retaining and attracting highly qualified teachers and replacing teachers as they retire
- High levels or an increase in absenteeism among our student population
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- We believe using one assessment score is not an accurate measure of student success, especially because assessments are written in a way to avoid 100% success for every assessment participant.

#### (B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Our students face a growing number of barriers to success and our district continually works to support them. Current budget constraints that impact our ability to successfully remove barriers for our students include:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Allocating budget to focus on prevention, identification, and intervention concerning trauma and mental health issues

# (C) 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.

- Lack of constitutional funding of special education continues to impact our ability to fully meet the needs of all students
- While assessment scores are one measure, our district does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of

- student proficiency
- Similar to how other professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, etc, cannot ensure 100% success due to a variety of factors and obstacles, we will be unable to achieve 100% 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.

## **Waverly High School Building State Assessment Review**

**District:** 243 Lebo-Waverly **School:** Waverly High School

**Building Number:** <u>1140</u> **Grades Served:** <u>6-12</u>

#### (A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.

There are always a number of challenges that should be considered when evaluating student success in a district. Some of the key barriers that impact this school include, but are not limited to:

- Declining enrollment that reduces funding and access to additional services and supports for students
- Difficulty in retaining and attracting highly qualified teachers and replacing teachers as they retire
- High levels or an increase in absenteeism among our student population
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- We believe using one assessment score is not an accurate measure of student success, especially because assessments are written in a
  way to avoid 100% success for every assessment participant.

#### (B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Given an appropriate level of funding for both general education and special education, there are a number of budget actions we could take to remove some barriers. Some of them include:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Increased funding and time for staff development
- Allocating budget to focus on prevention, detection and intervention concerning trauma and mental health issues

- Lack of constitutional funding of special education continues to impact our ability to fully meet the needs of all students
- While assessment scores are one measure, our school does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency
- Similar to how other professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, etc, cannot ensure 100% success due to a variety of factors and obstacles, we will be unable to achieve 100% 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.

## **Lebo High School Building State Assessment Review**

**District**: 243 Lebo-Waverly **School**: Lebo High School **Building Number**: 1136 **Grades Served**: 6-12

#### (A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.

There are always a number of challenges that should be considered when evaluating student success in a district. Some of the key barriers that impact this school include, but are not limited to:

- Difficulty in scheduling and finding more time to provide teacher/staff collaboration that would support improved student learning
- High or increased levels of homeless students and families and foster care families
- Difficulty in retaining and attracting highly qualified teachers and replacing teachers as they retire
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- It is difficult to encourage a student's highest performance on an assessment that does not impact their future.
- We believe using one assessment score is not an accurate measure of student success, especially because assessments are written in a
  way to avoid 100% success for every assessment participant.

#### (B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Given an appropriate level of funding for both general education and special education, there are a number of budget actions we could take to remove some barriers. Some of them include:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Increased funding and time for staff development
- Additional substitute teachers for teacher release time
- Allocating budget to focus on prevention, detection and intervention concerning trauma and mental health issues

- Lack of constitutional funding of special education continues to impact our ability to fully meet the needs of all students
- While assessment scores are one measure, our school does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency
- Similar to how other professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, etc, cannot ensure 100% success due to a variety of factors and obstacles, we will be unable to achieve 100% 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.

### **Lebo Elementary School Building State Assessment Review**

**District**: 243 Lebo-Waverly

School: Lebo Elementary School

Building Number: 1134

**Grades Served:** Daycare-5

#### (A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on assessments.

There are always a number of challenges that should be considered when evaluating student success in a district. Some of the key barriers that impact this school include, but are not limited to:

- Difficulty in scheduling and finding more time to provide teacher/staff collaboration that would support improved student learning
- High or increased levels of homeless students and families and foster care families
- Difficulty in retaining and attracting highly qualified teachers and replacing teachers as they retire
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- It is difficult to encourage a student's highest performance on an assessment that does not impact their future.
- We believe using one assessment score is not an accurate measure of student success, especially because assessments are written in a
  way to avoid 100% success for every assessment participant.

#### (B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Given an appropriate level of funding for both general education and special education, there are a number of budget actions we could take to remove some barriers. Some of them include:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Increased funding and time for staff development
- Additional substitute teachers for teacher release time
- Allocating budget to focus on prevention, detection and intervention concerning trauma and mental health issues

- Lack of constitutional funding of special education continues to impact our ability to fully meet the needs of all students
- While assessment scores are one measure, our school does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency
- Similar to how other professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, etc, cannot ensure 100% success due to a variety of factors and obstacles, we will be unable to achieve 100% 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.

## **Waverly Elementary School Building State Assessment Review**

**District**: 243 Lebo-Waverly

**School**: Waverly Elementary School

Building Number: <u>1138</u> Grades Served: Daycare-5

#### (A) Identify the barriers that must be overcome for each student to achieve grade level proficiency on 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:

- Difficulty in scheduling and finding more time to provide teacher/staff collaboration that would support improved student learning
- High percentage/number of free and reduced students and increased poverty rate
- Difficulty in retaining and attracting highly qualified teachers and replacing teachers as they retire
- High levels or an increase in absenteeism among our student population
- An increasing level of social emotional challenges and needs of students
- We believe using one assessment score is not an accurate measure of student success, especially because assessments are written in a way to avoid 100% success for every assessment participant.

#### (B) Identify the budget actions that should be taken to address and remove those barriers.

Given an appropriate level of funding for both general education and special education, there are a number of budget actions we could take to remove some barriers. Some of them include:

- Increased salary to recruit and retain high quality certified and classified staff
- Additional staff members hired to meet the individual learning and SEL needs of all students
- Allocating budget to focus on prevention, detection and intervention concerning trauma and mental health issues

- Lack of constitutional funding of special education continues to impact our ability to fully meet the needs of all students
- While assessment scores are one measure, our school does not believe that student assessment scores should be the sole measure of student proficiency
- Similar to how other professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, etc, cannot ensure 100% success due to a variety of factors and obstacles, we will be unable to achieve 100% 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.