

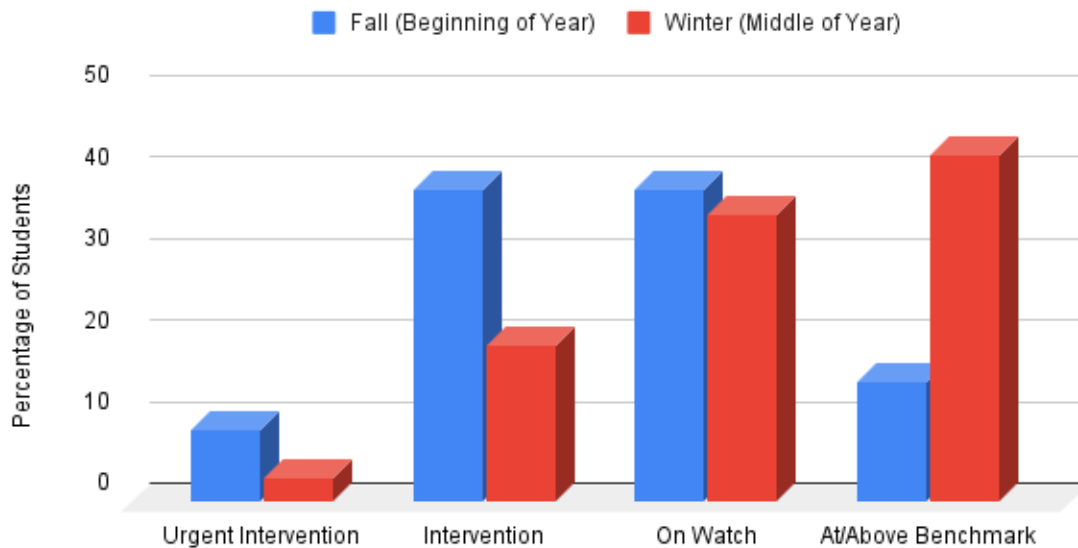
**Dedham Public Schools**  
**Interim Superintendent's Update**  
**March 1st, 2023**  
**Day 107 of the 2022-2023 School Year**

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## Teaching and Learning

**Elementary Math Intervention:** With addition of a district-wide elementary math interventionist, support has expanded to include Grade 3 (all schools) and Grade 4 (Riverdale), in addition to the ongoing intervention at Avery (Grades 2-5) with [Bridges Intervention](#). The process of screening, providing intervention, and progress monitoring is outlined [here](#). The following graph summarizes progress in elementary math intervention as of the Winter (Middle of Year) Star Math assessment window.

**Fall and Winter Star Math Assessment Outcomes with Bridges Math Intervention**



We are focusing district-wide intervention in Grade 3 initially based on end of year mastery data from Star Math (Spring 2022) which indicated potential gaps in their ability to efficiently and accurately use basic math operations. Fall Star Math, teacher input, and EveryDay Math assessments lead to the inclusion of Grade 4 at Riverdale. It is our hope that we will be able to exit more Grade 3 students over the course of the year and use the same assessments to determine which grade levels to then focus on, school-by-school.

## Professional Development

**Early release day.** Tomorrow will be an early release day for students. Faculty and staff throughout the district will engage in focused professional learning at this time. Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Heather Smith has been hard at work coordinating a wide range of learning opportunities designed to meet the needs of Dedham's faculty and staff. Details about tomorrow's professional development [can be found here](#).

## Community Engagement

**Oakdale Building Project.** As I mentioned in my last update, the Oakdale visioning team continues its work and held its final meeting on February 16th. Facilitated by David Stephen from Newvistadesign, this group of approximately 35 leaders, educators, parents, and community members worked collaboratively to establish educational, architectural, and community priorities for Dedham's next elementary school building projects. A full report on this work is available via the link [here](#). This report provides detailed information about the process itself and all of the information that was gathered through it. The District is now working to incorporate all of this information into the Educational Program that will be submitted at the end of this month to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) as part of the Preliminary Design Program (PDP).

**Extended School Day and Year Programming.** The Director of ESD/ESY Programming and The Office of Student Services continue to work closely towards establishing a fully integrated summer program for children in kindergarten through grade five. Beyond the amazing internal collaboration, the District is also working to enhance existing and establish new partnerships with other town departments and local businesses. Most recently Ms. Freda has secured partnerships with the Dedham Public Library and Mo's Martial Arts as summer partners. They will make their debut at LEAP Rec Fridays providing engaging learning opportunities for our youngsters! LEAP Summer online registration opened today at 12:00 pm and families can access registrations under their "Forms" section in their PowerSchool accounts.

Ms. Alyssa Freda will be on site at Avery next Tuesday, March 7th, and Greenlodge next Wednesday, March 8th, to discuss the LEAP Before and Afterschool Program as parents pick up their children from the after school program. Families interested in learning more about the LEAP Before and Afterschool Program are welcome to attend the zoom [Q&A Session on Thursday](#), March 9th, at 7:00 pm.