

## W.G.Mallett School Board Update

September 28, 2021

Tracy Williams, Principal

### 2020 - 2021 School Year in Review; 'Crisis and Opportunity'...

\* Mallett School began and ended the year with hybrid learning. In the hybrid model we had about 249 in-school students (about half each day). In Remote Academy there were 39 Mallett participants. Home-schoolers totaled 27.



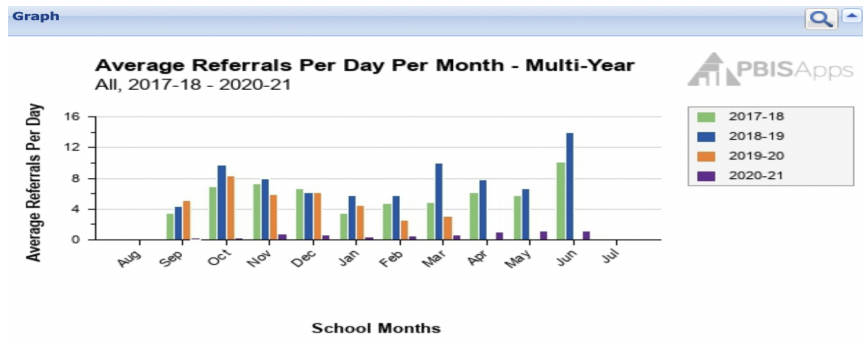
< Our first 'normal' event June 2021.

\*Specialists & interventionists were tapped to become remote teachers. This was a tough adjustment: less contact with them, students lost services. But - small classroom sizes did help to give students more individualized attention. Our teachers learned a wide variety of ways to utilize new tech tools for instruction.

\*Parents didn't come into the building (1st Day of School, Open House...) but there was a lot more communication in general via See-Saw, texting, email, phone calls and Zoom.

\*As in the other elementary schools, 1 to 1 iPads were provided to all students/teachers; tough at first but did open some doors instructionally.

\*We missed many students but there was a significant drop (80-90%) in all areas of ODR/SWIS data.



### What We Learned

\*Be careful of setting low expectations: students did not have any issues with masks, etc. :)!

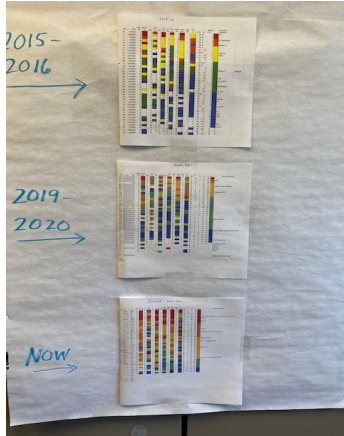
\*Smaller class/group sizes were powerful. They made a big difference with relationships and community-building and so - more targeted instruction and improvement academically, socially and behaviorally.

\*Teachers gained a lot of skill in managing new technology and using it effectively.

## ASSESSMENTS

\*Our end of year assessment scores were better than we'd anticipated but lower than our typical range.

\*Currently, we are seeing the further impact of last year in the early assessment data - trending much lower and below proficiency for many.



### NEW STAFF

Pre-K Teacher - Angie Casavant

Pre-K Ed Tech - Mary O'Rourke

1st Grade Teacher - Nicole Pilote

2nd Grade Teacher - Alora Ross

Spec. Ed. Resource Rm. Tchr. -Amanda Chick\*

Spec.Ed Resource Rm. Ed Tech - Nina Rosen

Spec.Ed Resource Rm. Ed Tech - Miranda Schleier\*

Life Skills program Ed Tech. - Beverly Misner

PALs program Teacher - Eric Nichols\*

Title 1/ Reading Recovery - Cassie Smith\*

Day Treatment - Ed. Tech - Sarah Nye \*

**TBD:** Resource Room Teacher

Life Skills Teacher

Day Treatment Social Worker

PALs Ed Tech

\*Staff who have returned to Mallett after working away :).

### FACILITY UPDATES

1. Our leaking cafeteria roof has been temporarily fixed. There is now a more intensive roofing strategy in the early stages.

2. We are grateful for the improved audio/visual system that's been installed to replace the failing system we had in the cafeteria. Rooms now have new Apple TV systems in place.

### Current Challenges and Concerns:

\*Seeing some students with a high level of need academically, emotionally and behaviorally.

\*Presently a lot of inconsistency with student and staff attendance. Have had 45 - 50 out on some days.

\*Continue to work to regain the sense of community and the essence of our school - thinking more outside the box and re-introducing some former traditions!