



Rocketship Public Schools CA Board Committee Meeting Agenda (2026-27 - Q2)

Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM PST

2960 Story Rd, San Jose CA 95127

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1. Opening Items

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public comment on off-agenda items

2. Consent Items

- A. Approve minutes from the August 20, 2026 meeting of the Rocketship CA Board Committee

3. Information Items

- A. Mission Moment
- B. Executive Director Update
- C. Beginning of the Year Achievement Update
- D. Student Recruitment, Enrollment and Attendance Update

4. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn Meeting

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Rocketship Public Schools CA Board Committee Meeting Minutes (2026-27 - Q1)

Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM PST

2001 Gateway Pl Ste. 230E, San Jose, CA 95110

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1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

At 4:05pm, Ms. Bernal-Samano took roll call. With a quorum of committee members present, Ms. Bernal-Samano called the meeting to order.

Present: Diana Phuong, Nicole White, Patrick Hoynes, Raymond Raven, Yolanda Bernal-Samano

Absent: Hugo Castaneda, Tamara Peterson

B. Public comment on off-agenda items

At 4:06pm, Ms. Bernal-Samano called for public comment on off-agenda items. No members of the public provided public comment.

2. Consent Items

A. Approve minutes from the June 4, 2026 meeting of the Rocketship CA Board Committee

At 4:07pm, a motion to approve consent item 2(A) was made by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Phuong, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Yes: Diana Phuong, Nicole White, Patrick Hoynes, Raymond Raven, Yolanda Bernal-Samano

No: --

Abstain: --

3. Information Items

A. Mission Moment

At 4:08pm, the committee discussed information item 3(A). No action was taken.

B. Executive Director Update

At 4:16pm, the committee discussed information item 3(B). No action was taken.

C. Regional Health Dashboard Review

At 4:33pm, the committee discussed information item 3(C). No action was taken.

D. 2025-26 Financial Review

At 4:37pm, the committee discussed information item 3(D). No action was taken.

4. Action Items: Finance - Review and Recommend Approval

A. Recommend Approval of Revised 2026-27 Budget, including all School Level Budgets to the Rocketship Board of Directors

At 4:48pm, the committee discussed action item 4(A).

At 5:02pm, a motion to recommend approval of action item 4(A) to the Rocketship Board of Directors was made by Mr. Hoynes, seconded by Mr. Raven, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Yes: Diana Phuong, Nicole White, Patrick Hoynes, Raymond Raven, Yolanda Bernal-Samano

No: --

Abstain: --

5. Break

At 5:03pm, the committee took a break.

At 5:06pm, Tamara Peterson joined the meeting.

6. Information Items

A. Family Engagement, Recruitment and Enrollment Update

At 5:15pm, the committee discussed information item 6(A). No action was taken.

B. Talent Update

At 5:38pm, the committee discussed information item 6(B). No action was taken.

At 5:42pm, Ms. Phuong left the meeting.

7. Closed Session

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Gov. Code Section § 54957:
Executive Director

At 5:52pm, a motion to move to closed session was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. White, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Yes: Nicole White, Patrick Hoynes, Raymond Raven, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Tamara Peterson

No: --

Abstain: --

8. Report Out

- A. Public report on actions taken in closed session

At 7:08pm, Ms. Bernal-Samano called the open session back to order and took roll.

Present: Nicole White, Patrick Hoynes, Raymond Raven, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Tamara Peterson

Absent: --

At 7:09pm, Ms. Bernal-Samano reported that no action was taken on item 8(A) during the closed session.

9. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn Meeting

At 7:10pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Hoynes, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Yes: Nicole White, Patrick Hoynes, Raymond Raven, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Tamara Peterson

No: --

Abstain: --

Q2 Rocketship Board Committee Meeting

October 1, 2026



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Public Comment

Consent Items

Mission Moment

Los Dichos Family Literacy Night





Executive Director Update

26-27 Progress to Goals



Accelerate Reading Achievement

Goal: 45% in reading | 60% in math

Progress : 28% in reading | 39% in math

Status: Off Track



Strengthen & Scale

Goal: 102% enrolled to BET

Progress : 98.5% enrolled to BET

Status: Off Track

Activate Community Power

Goal: 2000 turnout at renewal

Progress : 310 (1 hearing, 1 RM)

Status: On Track

Improve our Experience

Goal: 16 to 20 eNPS

Progress : 37 (BOY Crew Check)

Status: On Track



Opening OC in August 2027 depends on three critical gates; charter and facilities are the near-term priorities

CHARTER	FACILITY	ENROLLMENT
Secure charter approval	Submit a strong Prop 39 application	Convert interest into enrollment
WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN	WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN	WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN
Secure OCBE approval by demonstrating the quality of the charter and proposed school, backed by Rocketship's track record and strong family turnout.	Submit a strong Prop 39 application backed by sufficient signatures from Anaheim families, while continuing to pursue alternative facility options.	Build a strong enrollment pipeline and convert early family demand into the enrollment needed for a successful, financially viable opening.
KEY RISK	KEY RISK	KEY RISK
Charter petition is denied, potentially delaying opening date.	Insufficient qualifying signatures or an unworkable Prop 39 offer leaves us without a viable facility, and no alternative is secured.	Fall short of minimum viable enrollment, particularly if facility uncertainty makes it harder for families to commit.



Orange County Expansion Update (1 of 2)

1 Charter / Authorizer Relationships

- Appeal submitted to the Orange County Board of Education in August
- Clarification meeting with county staff scheduled for September 29
- Public Hearing scheduled for October 7; decision hearing scheduled for November 4

2 Facilities

- Continuing to prioritize a temporary, ready-to-go-space for Year 1
 - Plan A: Prop 39 — building parent demand, collecting signatures and preparing for the November 1 application
 - Plan B: Existing school facility —continue building local relationships and identifying potential options for leasing
- Next step: Following charter decision, advance the longer-term facility strategy for a permanent campus

3 Talent

- Continuing to cultivate interest among current Bay Area team members, with a goal of 25–30% of the founding team coming from current Rocketeers
- Next step: Launch formal hiring for the founding team following charter approval



Orange County Expansion Update (2 of 2)

4 Enrollment / Community & Family Engagement

- Planning for 242 TK–2 students in Year 1, with flexibility based on family demand and facility availability
- Building a base of parent leaders to support Prop 39, enrollment, and turnout at county hearings
- Continuing family engagement activities to deepen relationships and better understand what families are seeking
- Next step: Launch broader student recruitment and marketing following charter approval

5 Finance / Fundraising

- Continuing conversations with prospective funders
- Working a few potential funding leads in the pipeline, not yet confirmed



Join us for our upcoming Rocketship Public Hearings

October 7:

OC Public Hearing
RFZ & RRS Public Hearing

October 13:

ROMO Decision Hearing

November 4:

OC Decision Hearing

November 18:

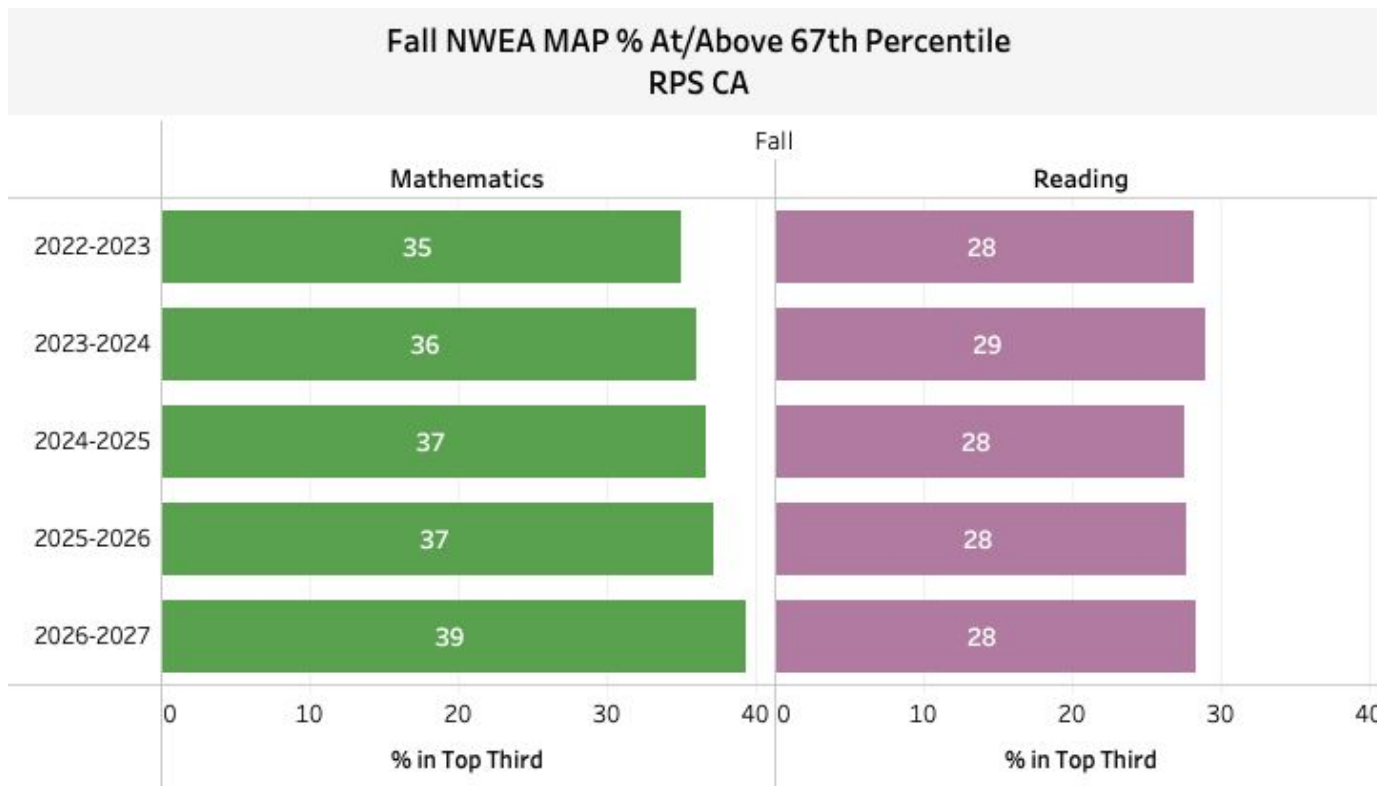
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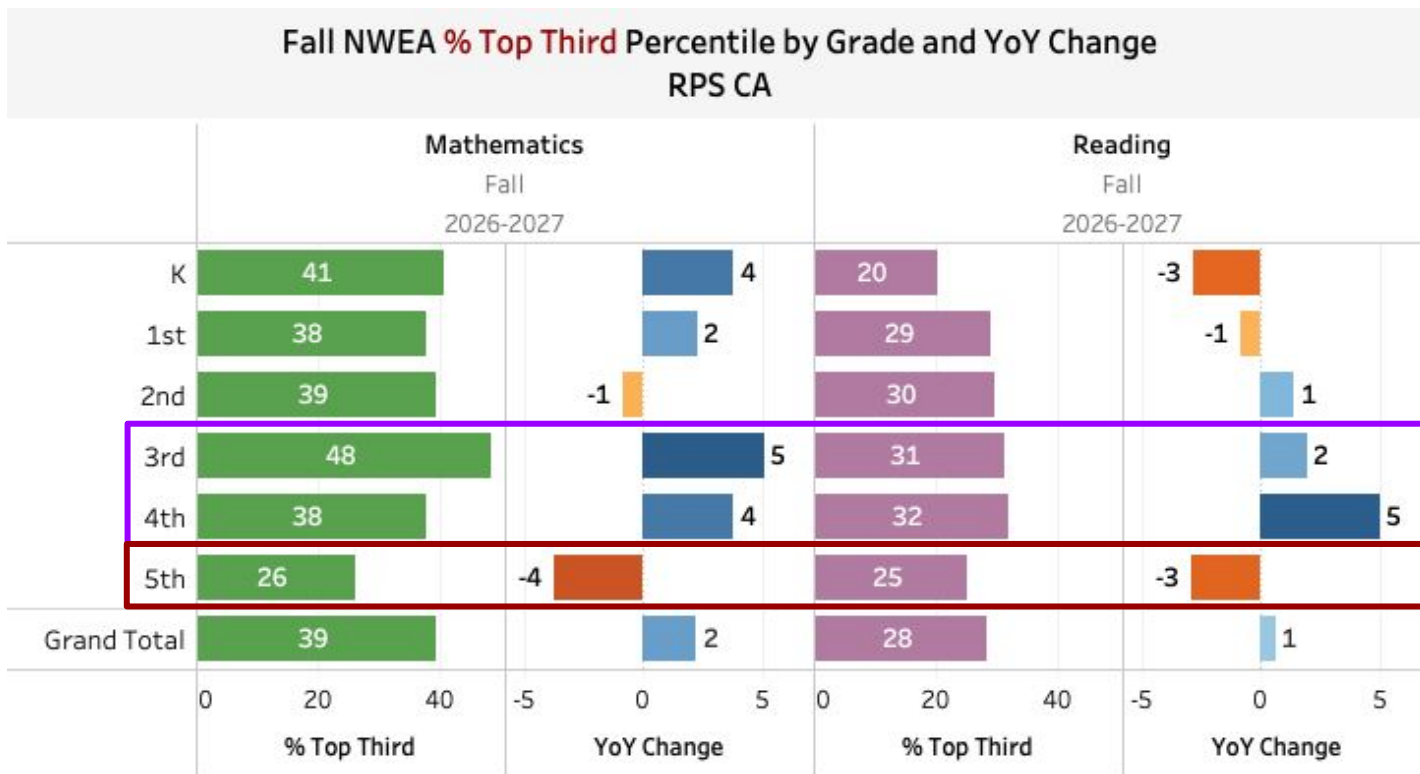


Beginning of the Year Achievement Update

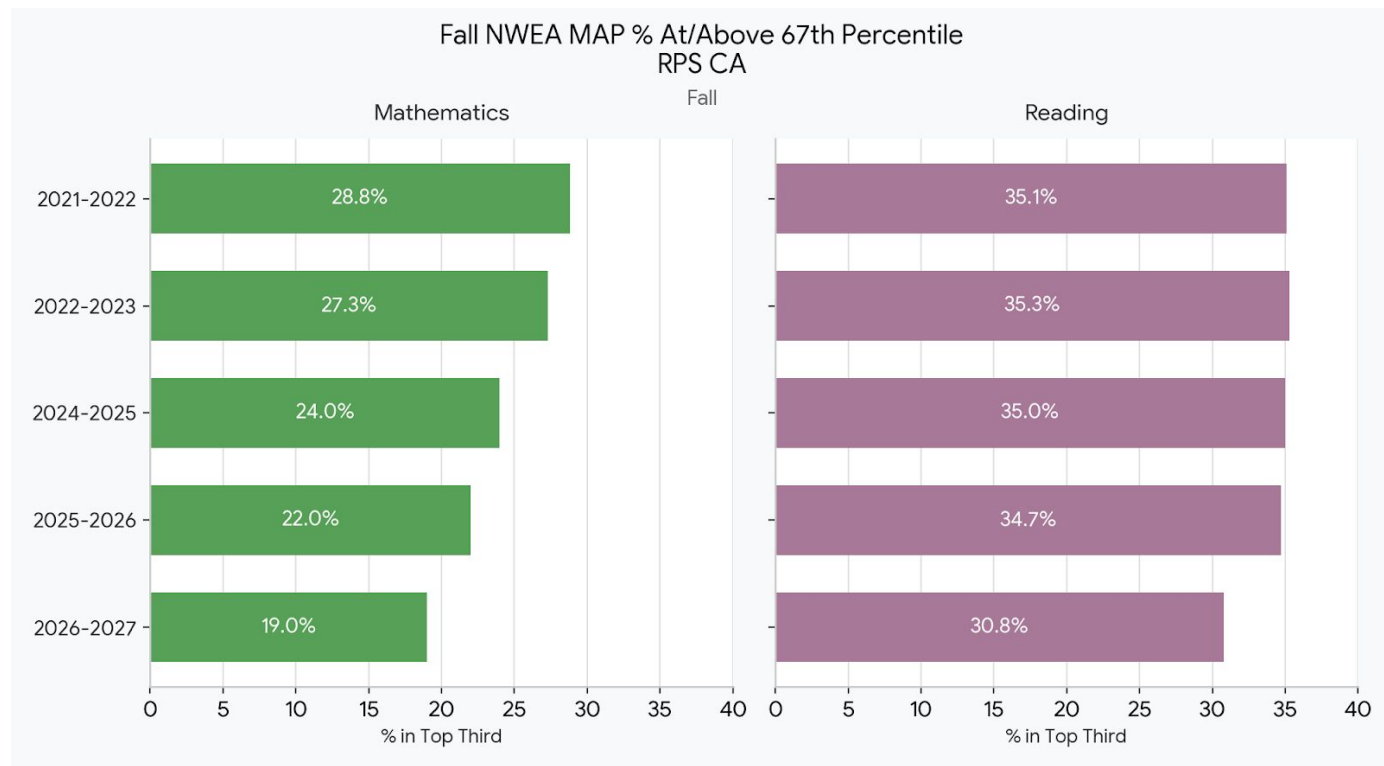
Higher BOY Top Third in Math compared to last several years and similar rate in Reading



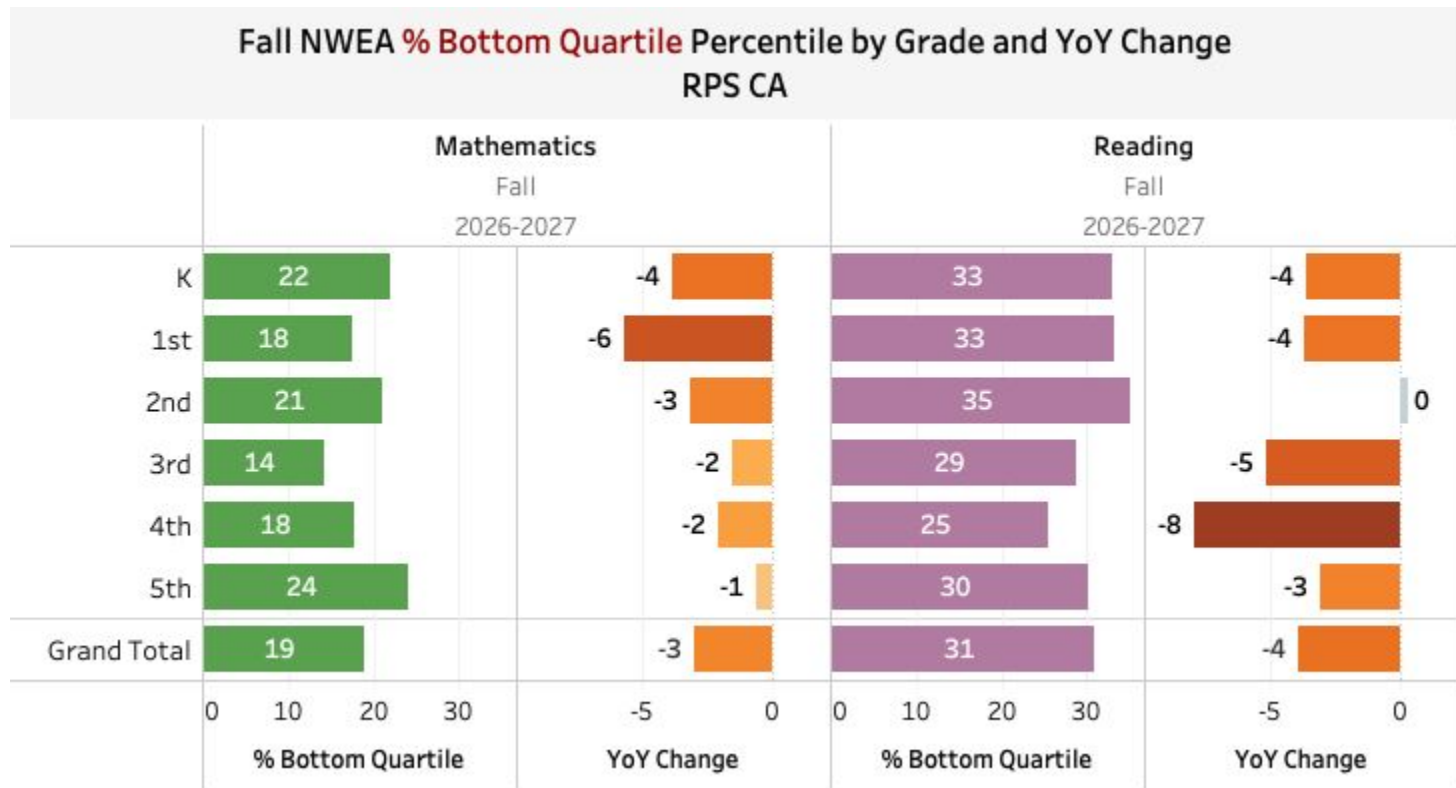
CA's current Top Third rates are higher for G3 and G4 in both subjects compared to last year but G5 is lower



Highest reduction in bottom quartile since pre-pandemic



Lower Bottom Quartile Rates lower than last year across Grade Levels



Quality Schools: Accelerate Reading Achievement

Strategic Activities	Rationale
Adapt and implement prioritized data point system in order to leverage the data to inform instruction, clearly communicate, and celebrate Rocketeer reading level and growth	Previously, it was confusing to communicate a singular goal and monitor progress on a consistent basis
Create and execute a year-long onboarding PD for Y1 teachers, SLs, and NeST managers in order to build performance management and instructional coaching & teaching skills	Move beyond onboarding development focused in first months
Adapt and implement an academic family partnership toolkit* so that students and families are able to name what their reading level is and what activities they can engage in, to reach their next goal.	Further elevate our partnership with families to support our Rocketeers
Build and implement a COST (Coordination of Student Services Team) system and meeting structures in order to proactively identify and support students who exhibit tier 2/3 needs and reduce chronic absenteeism.	More efficiently coordinate supports for students across multiple stakeholders



Progress to Date

Seeing increases in mastery in 6 out of 7 assessments to date

Math	
Grade and Unit	Change in mastery from 25-26
Grade K Module 1	+10%
Grade 2 Module 1	+6%
Grade 3 Module 1	+18%
Grade 4 Module 1	+11%
Grade 5 Module 1	+1%

Reading	
Grade and Unit	Change in mastery from 25-26
Grade K Unit 2	+13%
Grade 2 Unit 1	-2%



Rocketship Discovery Prep [Winter/Spring 2027 renewal]

On track to maintain or improve all indicators

Lowest
Performance



Very Low



Low



Medium



High



Very High

Highest
Performance

	23-24 CA Dashboard RDP	24-25 CA Dashboard RDP	Internal Projection for 25-26 RDP
Chronic Absenteeism	-20.8 improvement from 22-23 to 25.5	+0.3 maintain from 23-24 to 25.9	>-3 improvement from 24-25 and <10%
Suspension Rate	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%
English Learning Progress	1.3 increase from 22-23 to 46.3	3.4 increase from 23-24 to 49.7	Significant Increase from 24-25 to Very High
English Language Arts	15.5 increase from 22-23 to -26.2	23.3 increase from 23-24 to -2.8	Significant Increase from 24-25 to High
Math	12.3 increase from 22-23 to -28.8	30.7 increase from 23-24 to 2.0	Increase within High from 24-25
Science	NA	NA	Significant Increase from 24-25 to High



Rocketship Redwood City [Winter/Spring 2027 renewal]

On track to maintain or improve all indicators

Lowest
Performance



Very Low



Low



Medium



High



Very High

Highest
Performance

	23-24 CA Dashboard RRWC	24-25 CA Dashboard RRWC	Internal Projection for 25-26 RRWC
Chronic Absenteeism	-4.6 improvement from 22-23 to 32.6	2.0 decline from 23-24 to 34.6	>-3 improvement from 24-25
Suspension Rate	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%
English Learning Progress	-24.8 decrease from 22-23 to 9.0	44.6 increase from 23-24 to 53.6	Maintain High* *Incomplete scores
English Language Arts	-30.3 decrease from 22-23 to -97.7	34.3 increase from 23-24 to -63.4	Increase within Low from 24-25
Math	-18.2 decrease from 22-23 to -76.6	37.9 increase from 23-24 to -38.7	Increase within Low from 24-25
Science	NA	NA	Significant Increase from 24-25 to Medium



Rocketship Futuro Academy [Winter/Spring 2027 renewal]

On track to maintain or improve all indicators

	Lowest Performance Very Low Low Medium High Very High Highest Performance		
	23-24 CA Dashboard RFA	24-25 CA Dashboard RFA	Internal Projection for 25-26 RFA
Chronic Absenteeism	-3.6 improvement from 22-23 to 10.8	17.7 decline from 23-24 to 28.5	>-3 improvement from 24-25
Suspension Rate	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%
English Learning Progress	16.9 increase from 22-23 to 60.7	-28.6 decrease from 23-24 to 32.1	Significant Increase from 24-25 to High
English Language Arts	-7.2 decrease from 22-23 to -20.3	0.0 maintain from 23-24 to -20.4	Significant Increase from 24-25 to Medium
Math	18.3 increase from 22-23 to -7.4	-0.7 maintain from 23-24 to -8.1	Increase from 24-25 to High
Science	NA	NA	Increase within Medium from 24-25





	24-25 CA Dashboard	Internal Projection for 25-26
Chronic Absenteeism	-0.8 increase from 23-24 to 26.6%	11.7 improvement to 14.9
Suspension Rate	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%
English Learning Progress	2.3 increase from 23-24 to 45.1	7.2 decrease to 37.9
English Language Arts	14.9 increase from 23-24 to 22.7	8.5 decrease to 31.5
Math	12.9 increase from 23-24 to 4.1	5.3 decrease to -1.2
Science	N/A	48.6

- **Math:** G5 decreased 9% (G3/G4 increased) → increasing small group instruction for G5
- **Reading:** G5 decreased 4% (G3/G4 increased) → increasing small group instruction for G5
- **English Learner Progress:** Implementing progress monitoring and action planning + increasing ML regional coaching and support
- Launched Teacher Residency program at RLS
- Experienced principal leading RLS as of January
- Increasing DoS coaching



	24-25 CA Dashboard	Internal Projection for 25-26
Chronic Absenteeism	3.2 increase from 23-24 to 26.1%	11.4 improvement to 14.7
Suspension Rate	Maintained 0%	Maintained 0%
English Learning Progress	8.2 increase from 23-24 to 54.2	7.1 decrease to 47.1
English Language Arts	11.1 decrease from 23-24 to -35.8	8.4 improvement to -27.4
Math	4.2 decrease from 23-24 to 32.3	25.6 improvement to -6.7
Science	47.3 (new)	1.9 improvement to 49.2

- **Reading:** G4 decreased 10% (G3/G5 increased) → 26-27 G4 teacher led students to 2.1 years of growth last year and increasing SGI in G5
- **English Learner Progress:** Implementing progress monitoring and action planning + increasing ML regional coaching and support
- Launched science teacher professional development series
- Increasing DoS coaching





Student Recruitment, Enrollment, and Attendance Update

Attendance

Above last year ADA at 10/13 campuses

School	August 26	September 26	26-27 Average	25-26 Average	Difference
RRS	95.60%	96.10%	95.80%	95.43%	0.37%
RFA	96.00%	96.10%	96.00%	95.00%	1.00%
RBM	95.70%	96.10%	95.90%	95.00%	0.90%
RLS	96.30%	96.00%	96.10%	95.40%	0.70%
RFZ	97.40%	95.90%	96.70%	95.83%	0.87%
RSSP	95.40%	95.80%	95.60%	95.57%	0.03%
RDP	96.50%	95.80%	96.20%	95.30%	0.90%
ROMO	97.10%	95.70%	96.40%	96.33%	0.07%
RSK	97.20%	95.40%	96.40%	96.10%	0.30%
RMS	95.40%	94.80%	95.10%	94.70%	0.40%
RSA	94.30%	93.70%	94.00%	94.27%	-0.27%
RRWC	93.90%	92.90%	93.40%	93.83%	-0.43%
RDL	92.40%	92.50%	92.50%	93.60%	-1.10%

- **RSA:** Implementing attendance incentive plan for TK-G1
- **RDL/RRWC:** Launching new OM development for first year OMs



Chronic Absenteeism

Above last year Chr. Abs. rate at 9/13 campuses

School	PROJECTED 2025-26 Status	2026-27 Current Status <i>As of 9/15</i>	Change from 25-26
Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep*	16.9	11.0	-5.9
Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy	17.6	12.0	-5.6
Rocketship Delta Prep	31.9	28.0	-3.9
Rocketship Rising Stars*	15.7	12.1	-3.6
Rocketship Futuro Academy*	12.3	9.6	-2.7
Rocketship Alma Academy	23.1	21.5	-1.6
Rocketship Redwood City*	25.9	24.8	-1.1
Rocketship Los Suenos Academy	14.9	14.1	-0.8
Rocketship Spark Academy	11.2	10.4	-0.8
Rocketship Discovery Prep*	9.8	11.0	1.2
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary	14.7	16.7	2.0
Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds	12.0	14.1	2.1
Rocketship Mosaic Elementary*	7.7	11.5	3.8

- **ROMO/RDP:** Intensifying student supports
- **RBM/RMS:** Launching new OM development for first year OMs

We are within striking distance of reaching our Budgeted Enrollment Target

School	Budget Target	Current Enrollment	% to Budget Enrollment Target
RSSP	270	276	102%
RRS	620	624	101%
RSA	524	530	101%
RDP	405	403	100%
RFA	675	675	100%
RDL	530	525	99%
RFZ	518	513	99%
ROMO	534	529	99%
RSK	540	522	97%
RMS	440	420	95%
RBM	518	476	92%
RLS	304	280	92%
RRWC	296	259	88%
California	6,174	6,032	97.70%

Gap to Goal:
142 students



Working toward backfills outpacing withdrawals

Change in net Enrollment YoY Comparison			
Year	Backfill	Withdraws	Change in net enrollment
25-26	222	228	-6
26-27	269	259	10



Continued Strategy for 26-27 Enrollment

Strategy #1

Recruitment Efforts

Tier Support

- **Tier I:** RSSP, RDP, RSA, RRS, and RFA
- **Tier II:** ROMO, RFZ, and RDL
- **Tier III:** RMS, RSK, RLS, RBM, and RRWC

Streamline Applications

- **Centralized System:** Launch centralized offer system to reduce wait time for families who apply
- **New Campaign:** Target Audience_TK & K to expand reach
- **Focus Leads:** Pitch focus schools directly to leads

Strategy #2

Contingency Plans

Adjust Enrollment Targets

- Revisit staffing and adjust model based on application trends to maintain efficiency

Focus Schools

- **Priority Locations:** Direct resources to RRWC, RBM, and RLS



Reflections & Lessons Learned

BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment Summary

GOAL | Current

6,174 | 6,032

RETURNERS | NEW STUDENTS

4,451 | 1,581

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

3,018 → 30% growth

APP to ENROLL CONVERSION RATE

56% (Above national)

RETENTION

82% (Median CSGF 84%)

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Key Lessons & Action Areas

1. Spring & Summer Enrollment

- **Weekly Goals:** Establish structured weekly enrollment targets
- **Dedicated Time:** Ensure clear, protected time allocated to enrollment tasks
- **Centralization:** Streamline and centralize recruitment efforts
- **Proactive Follow-up:** Standardize outreach for non-responsive applicants

2. Retention Efforts

- **Re-Enrollment Tracking:** Track intent-to-return data and conduct proactive follow-up with at-risk families
- **Family Experience:** Establish ongoing feedback loops and standardize regular family touchpoints
- **Attendance Tracking:** Identify early attendance flags and partner with families on targeted re-engagement

3. Day 1 Show Rate

- **Multi-channel Outreach:** Combine summer & teacher connections
- **Direct Engagement:** Deploy door-knocking campaigns for high-priority cases
- **Home Visits:** Prioritize new families and establish accountability structure



Future Strategic Tactics

Targeted interventions across Transitional Kindergarten and Redwood City retention/growth



TK Adjustment Plan

Targeted Enrollment & Eligibility

Which campuses yield highest TK applications?

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Demographic Demand: Surrounding birth rates and waitlists.

Facility Capacity: Which campuses have the classroom spaces.

Staffing Feasibility: Are we able to recruit staffing with the necessary teaching requirements.



Redwood City Strategy

Growth & Competitive Approach

What operational and curricular levers will accelerate Redwood City enrollment?

ACTIONABLE TACTICS

Campus Transportation: Strategic adjustment to bridge geographic access gaps.

Signature Enrichment: STEM, arts, and specialized language tracks.



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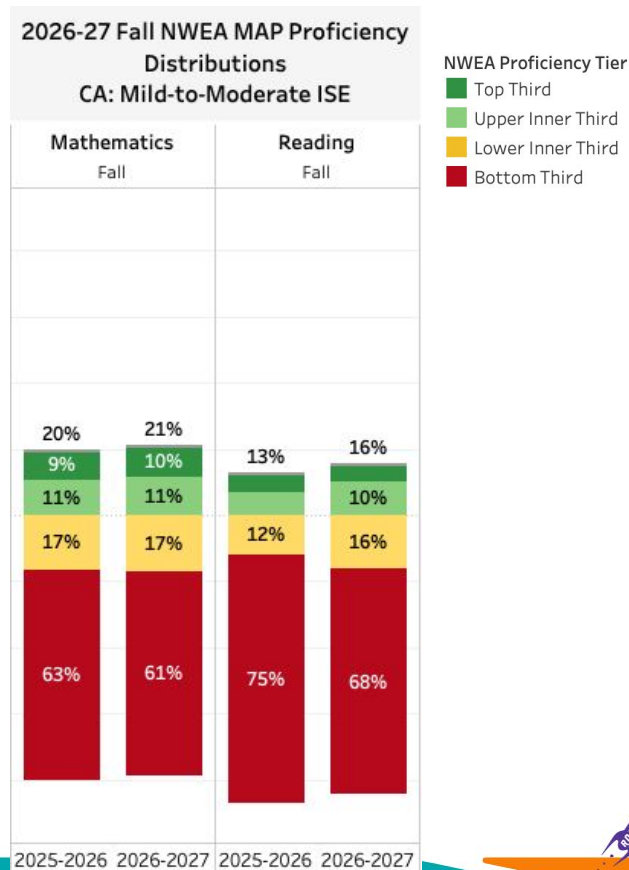


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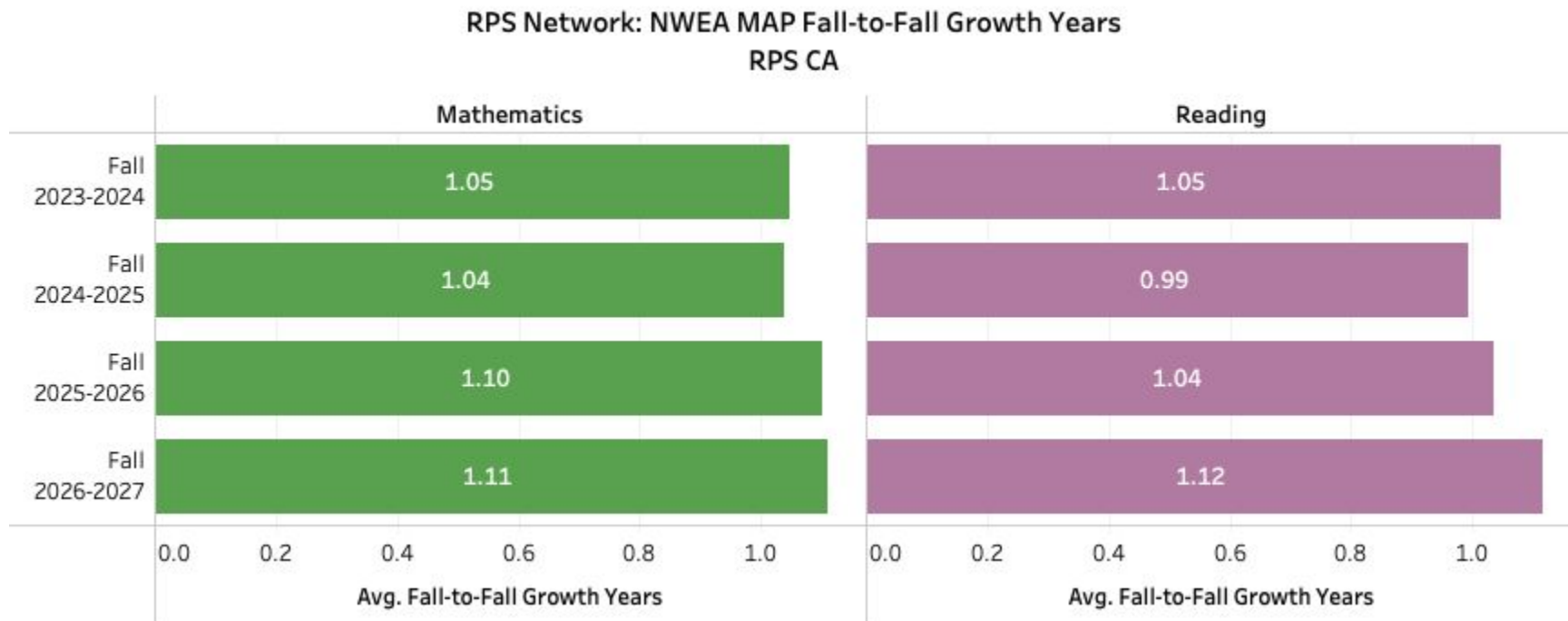


ISE Mild-to-Moderate Students are also starting with lower rates in the Bottom Tiers

- ISE Mild-to-Moderate starting ~2 percentage points lower in both Bottom Third and Bottom Decile in Math
- Greater improvement in Reading with 7 percentage point reduction in Bottom Third decline of 14 percentage points decline in Bottom Decile from last year



Fall-to-Fall Growth Years are similar to last year in Math and higher in Reading



43% of CA Rocketeers are on or above Amira Reading Grade Level

2026-27 BOY Amira Benchmark Distribution
RPS CA

