

August 28, 2013

Dr. Elaine Beraza  
Yakima School District  
104 North Fourth Avenue  
Yakima, Washington 98902

Dear Dr. Beraza:

The school visit schedule you have prepared looks great. The Board certainly appreciates your willingness to show us the great work going on in the Yakima schools.

In order to tie-in the work of the Board with these visits, I wanted to give you an idea of what we are working on and what might be topical in our initial discussion at the pre-briefing.

- The State Board and OSPI are currently rethinking state and federal school improvement processes (including federal SIG grants) as a result of recent legislation. Perhaps you could reflect a bit on the experience at Adams and how SIG aided or hindered progress overall.
- The State Board is rethinking accountability for English Language Learners and has recently adopted an “Ever ELL” approach in its Index, subject to federal approval. Details of that approach are available at our website [here](#). Perhaps you can reflect on issues impacting the performance of your ELL students, both within the TBIP program but also after they exit, and how traditional state accountability systems, including the Achievement Index, do or do not accurately reflect their progress and incentivize their growth.
- The State Board of Education is working on strengthening graduation requirements and has historically received feedback from vocational programs that the 24 credit package the Board supports would “crowd out” CTE programs. It is the belief of many members that cross-crediting opportunities (in which a student fulfills a science credit, for example, at a skills center) can help address this problem. Perhaps you can reflect on your own local experiences in this regard, particularly since we are visiting Y-V Tech.

We very much look forward to our visit.



Ben Rarick, Executive Director  
Washington State Board of Education



The State Board of Education Visit

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Yakima Public Schools

**Pre-Briefing - 8:15-8:35**

104 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. - Training Rooms A& B

*8:35 - 8:45 Travel Time to Eisenhower High School*

**Eisenhower High School - 8:45-10:00**

611 S. 44 Ave

- Tour of new Eisenhower High School

*10:00 - 10:15 - Travel Time to Adams Elementary School*

**Adams Elementary School - 10:15-11:15**

723 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

- 10:15 - 11:15 - Classroom visits

*11:15 - 11:30 - Travel Time to YV-Tech*

**YV-Tech - 11:30 - 1:00**

1120 S 18th Ave

- Welcome, Introductions and Description of the Culinary Arts Program - Craig Dwight, Principal of YV-Tech
- Lunch - Prepared by YV-Tech Culinary Arts Students
- YV-Tech students/staff highlight STEM programs and partnerships

**Contacts:**

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Note: Parking at 104 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Adams Elem is limited - car pooling suggested

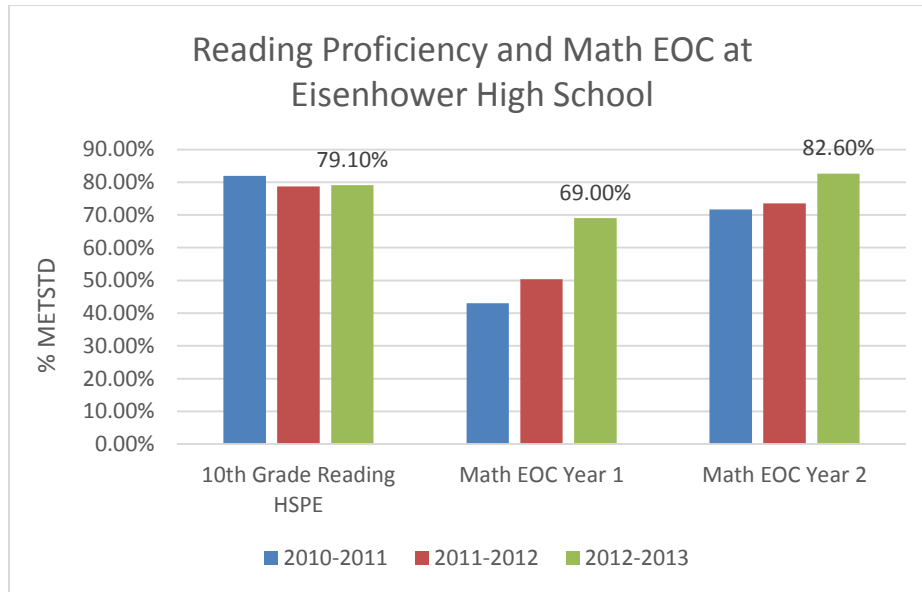
<b>School Site Visit Information – Yakima Thursday, September 12</b>	
8:15 – 8:35 a.m.	Members drive directly to the Yakima School District Central Services and meet at the Professional Library (directions included in the packet) Orientation by Superintendent Dr. Elaine Beraza <a href="http://www.yakimaschools.org">http://www.yakimaschools.org</a>
8:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Brief orientation to Eisenhower High School by Superintendent Walking tour of new state of the art facilities, including new security features, environment friendly features, and student learning spaces.
Eisenhower Profile	Eisenhower High School opened its doors in 1957 and, today, Ike's enrollment nears 2,000. Ike has finished construction of all new facilities. <a href="http://schools.yakimaschools.org/education/school/school.php?sectiondetailid=341&amp;">http://schools.yakimaschools.org/education/school/school.php?sectiondetailid=341&amp;</a>
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Brief orientation to Adams Elementary School by Superintendent Discussion with principal and staff members about the turnaround from being the lowest-performing school in the district. Guided visit to classrooms.
Adams Profile	Adams Elementary School is a 2012-2013 Priority school and a SIG school. However, test scores have recently risen at Adams and it is no longer the lowest-performing school in the Yakima School District. <a href="http://schools.yakimaschools.org/education/school/school.php?sectiondetailid=75&amp;">http://schools.yakimaschools.org/education/school/school.php?sectiondetailid=75&amp;</a>
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center by Superintendent Lunch prepared by students. Student presentation on the tech prep experience in Yakima and the culinary arts program. Superintendent will discuss career paths offered at YV Tech, including Boeing and green energy programs.
YV Tech Profile	YV Tech profile: YV Tech was founded in 1977 with six technical education programs. Today, YV Tech offers 23 programs. 90% of its students go on to postsecondary education. The skills center facilities have finished the second phase of recent expansion. <a href="http://yvtech.us/">http://yvtech.us/</a>

Central Services,  
 Professional Library  
 104 N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Yakima, WA 98901

Eisenhower High  
 School  
 611 S. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 Yakima, WA 98908

Adams Elementary  
 School  
 723 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Yakima, WA 98901

Yakima Valley  
 Technical Skills Center  
 1120 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Yakima, WA 98901



### **Eisenhower High School Demographic Information**

#### **Enrollment**

October 2012 Student Count	1,974
May 2013 Student Count	1,770

#### **Gender (October 2012)**

Male	982	49.70%
Female	992	50.30%

#### **Race/Ethnicity (October 2012)**

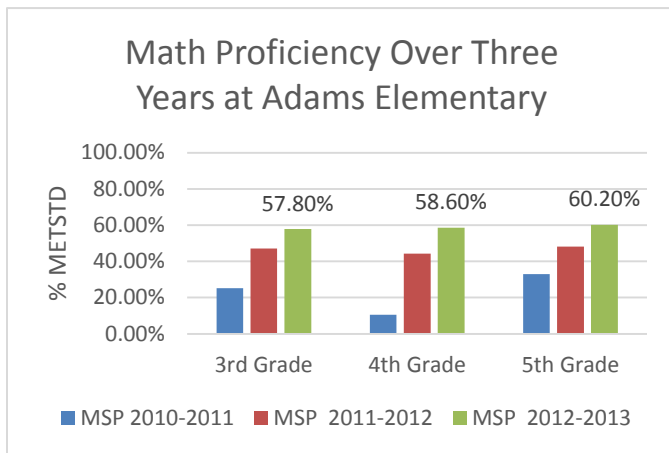
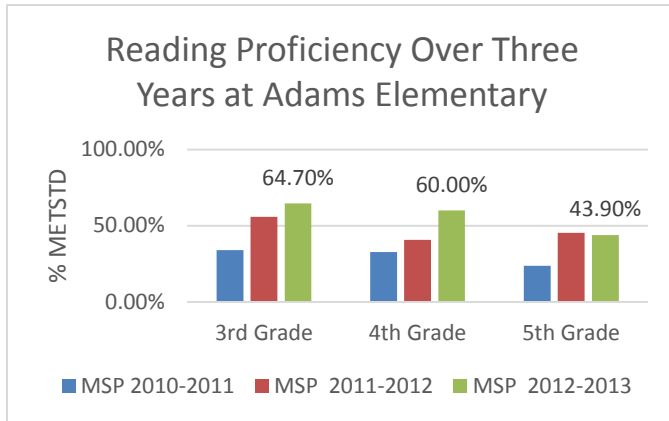
American Indian/Alaskan Native	31	1.60%
Asian	22	1.10%
Pacific Islander	3	0.20%
Asian/Pacific Islander	25	1.30%
Black	20	1.00%
Hispanic	1,191	60.30%
White	645	32.70%
Two or More Races	62	3.10%

#### **Special Programs**

Free or Reduced-Price Meals (May 2013)	1,222	69.00%
Special Education (May 2013)	179	10.10%
Transitional Bilingual (May 2013)	178	10.10%
Migrant (May 2013)	264	14.90%
Section 504 (May 2013)	23	1.30%
Foster Care (May 2013)	1	0.10%

#### **Other Information (more info)**

Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (Class of 2012)	73.00%
Adjusted 5-year Cohort Graduation Rate (2011)	87.30%



**Adams Elementary Student Demographic Information**

**Enrollment**

October 2012 Student Count	677
May 2013 Student Count	686

**Gender (October 2012)**

Male	342	50.50%
Female	335	49.50%

**Race/Ethnicity (October 2012)**

American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	0.70%
Black	4	0.60%
Hispanic	645	95.30%
White	16	2.40%
Two or More Races	7	1.00%

**Special Programs**

Free or Reduced-Price Meals (May 2013)	665	96.90%
Special Education (May 2013)	120	17.50%
Transitional Bilingual (May 2013)	445	64.90%
Migrant (May 2013)	187	27.30%

**Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center Mission and History**

Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center (YV-TECH) began its operation in 1977 with six programs; today that number has increased to twenty-three programs. Operating as a co-op YV-TECH offers technical career programs to local high schools. YV-TECH operates under a ten-member administrative council made up of ten superintendents who are the governing body for YV-TECH.

We provide free technical career training to high school students from sixteen school districts. We work closely with Yakima Valley Community College, Perry Technical Institute, The Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters, Job Corp, The City of Yakima, and other technical and community colleges to provide advanced placement, apprenticeship training, and free college credits for high school students. YV-TECH is currently developing programs in partnership with Boeing, Puget Sound Ship Yard, and the Central Washington Police Academy. Currently, over 90 percent of the YV-TECH programs connect to post-secondary training. This significantly reduces student-training time, costs, and allows students early entrance into the workforce with entry-level industrial skills.

YV-TECH has served over 18,000 students since its opening and many have gone on to work as owners, operators, managers, supervisors, and superintendents in and around our community.

**Mission**

Our mission is to prepare all students with the skills, knowledge and attitude to successfully advance to the next educational or career level.

**Vision**

We envision all students with a successful career and provide a positive, constructive contribution to the community in which they live.

**Goals**

- Provide a safe and respectful environment
- Prepare students to become valued employees
- Build teamwork - to trust, take risks and bring out leadership qualities
- Be honest citizens, quality workers, and responsible family members
- Develop life-long learning skills to achieve personal growth

## Oxford Suites

1701 E Yakima Ave  
Yakima, WA 98901

1. Head west on E Yakima Ave (1.7 mi)
2. Turn right onto N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (0.1 mi)

## Yakima School District

Central Services, Professional Library  
104 N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Yakima, WA 98901

1. Head south on N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave toward W A St (0.1 mi)
2. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto W Yakima Ave (0.2 mi)
3. Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Summitview Ave (2.1 mi)
4. Turn left onto N 40<sup>th</sup> Ave (0.5 mi)
5. Turn right onto W Tieton Dr (0.2 mi)
6. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> left onto S 44<sup>th</sup> Ave (0.2 mi)

## Eisenhower High School

611 S. 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Yakima, WA 98908

1. Head South on S 44<sup>th</sup> Ave toward W Arlington Ave (0.3 mi)
2. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left onto W Nob Hill Ave (3.8 mi)
3. Turn left onto S 10<sup>th</sup> St/S Fair Ave (0.6 mi)
4. Turn left onto E Adams St (0.1 mi)

## Adams Elementary School

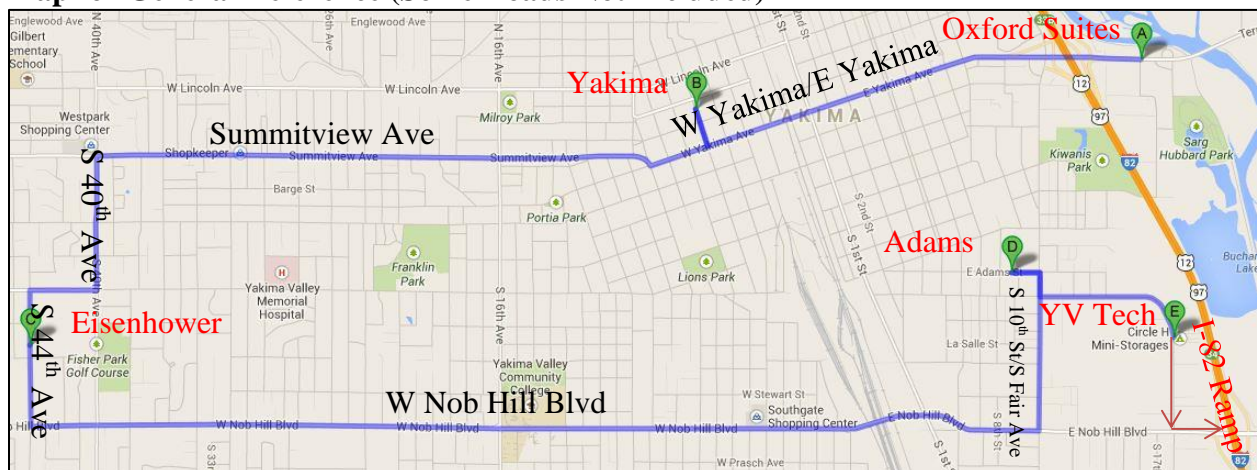
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Yakima, WA 98901

1. Head east on E Adams St toward S 9<sup>th</sup> St (0.1 mi)
2. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto S 10<sup>th</sup> St./S Fair Ave (0.1 mi)
3. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Pacific Ave (0.4 mi)
4. Continue onto S 18<sup>th</sup> St (0.2 mi)

## Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center

1120 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Yakima, WA 98901

## Map for General Reference (Some Roads Not Included)



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