



## Board of Trustees Work Session

Tuesday, September 23, 2025  
Smith Elementary School  
2320 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Helena, MT 59601  
& Via TEAMS  
12:00 p.m.

Members of the public can attend in person or remotely by clicking the link below:

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## AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

*This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.*

**IV. PRESENTATION**

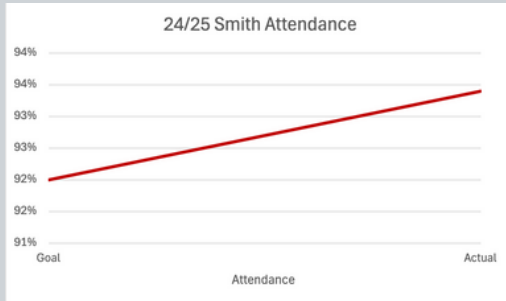
Principal Sarah Simpson, Smith Elementary School

**V. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

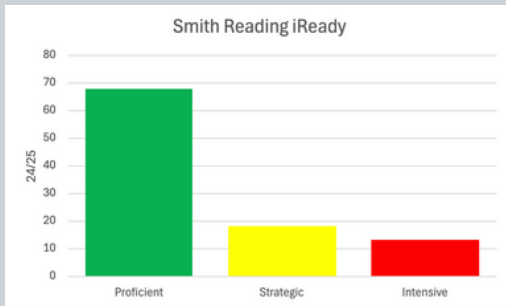
**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

## School Leadership Team

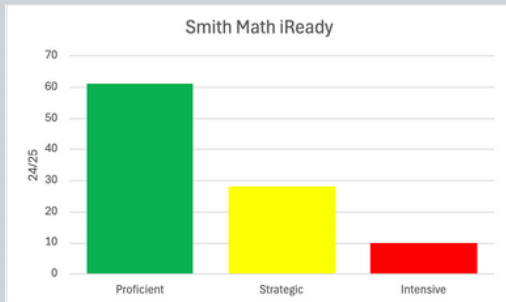
Our School Leadership Team meets, designs and reviews goals based on academics, building relationships and home/school connections aligned to the district priorities..



25/26 Attendance Goal is 95%



25/26 Reading Goal is to increase proficiency to 73%



25/26 Math Goal is to increase proficiency to 65%

## Enrollment

### Traditional Classrooms

KinderSprouts (1) 17  
Kindergarten (2) 29  
First Grade (2) 41  
Second Grade (2) 34  
Third Grade (2) 35  
Fourth Grade (2) 38  
Fifth Grade (1) 28

### Montessori Programs

Kindergarten (1) 18  
Lower Montessori (2) 35  
Upper Montessori (1) 24

### Total Enrollment

299



## Demographics

Free And Reduced Lunch 39%

ESL 17

McKinney-Vento 24

Kid Packs 57

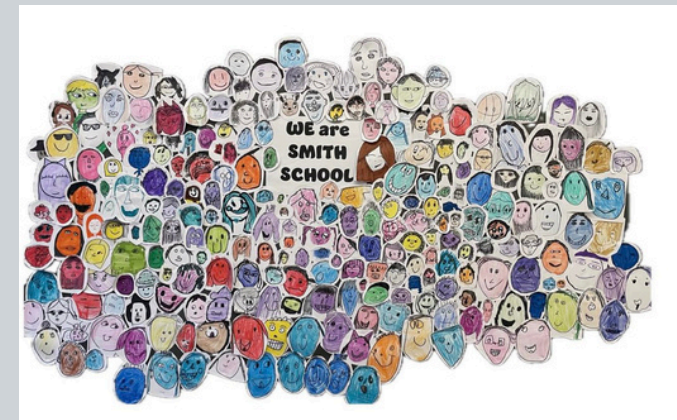
504 Plans 8

Individual Education Plans 62



## Vision Statement:

To promote academic excellence in a respectful caring community



# Connections

- Monthly Whole School Celebration Assemblies
- Summer Playground Playdates and Popsicles
- Back to School Family Resource Event
- Back to School Open House
- Cheers and Tears
- Carnival Classic
- Fabulous Firsts
- Smith Tailgate @HHS
- Book Fairs
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Walk To School Day
- Raise Craze
- Healthy Choice Spirit Week
- Math Night
- Christmas Program
- Food Drive for Families
- Family Movie Night
- Missoula Children's Theater
- Unified Spirit Week
- Pancakes with Parents
- May Day Baskets
- Family Day at the Ballpark
- Field Day
- Saber Packs
- IEFA Tutor



# Student Voice

Student Quotes about PAX:  
 "Leaders help others do the right things."  
 "Leaders are role models for the younger kids."



Field Day Shirts  
2025



Friends/Teachers/Hot Lunch/Playground/Play-Doh/Library/People are Kind/the Field/Respect/Everybody helps each other/Balls at Recess/PAX/Assemblies/Morning Announcements/i Pads/Playing/Principal/Miniparas/Everyone gets to be unique/Music/Everyone is nice and kind/Gym/Fun/Teachers are friendly and fun/Everyone is included/Learning/Everybody's smile can make a difference



# Community Partnerships



- Carroll College
- READ Dog Program
- Lewis and Clark Library Book Mobile
- Book Pals
- Kids Hope
- Gates of the Mountains
- Helena Symphony
- Holter Museum
- Cinemark Movie Theater
- Great Divide Ski
- Starbase
- HART
- Helena Food Share
- Helena Police Department
- Helena Education Foundation
- Parent for Smith (PSS)
- Helena Public Montessori Parents (HPMP)
- Indian Education For All
- Exploration Works
- Week of the Young Child

