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Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, February 19, 2026
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @9:35

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Dr. Kelly Lathem – Chairperson
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith – Secretary
Michael Weaver – Vice-Chairperson
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of November Minutes (attached) @9:37

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

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Motivating, Valuing and Empowering Students for Success

Magnet School Council

Principal's Report

November 6, 2025

- November enrollment update – 654 students enrolled
  - K-3rd – average class size 22 (19-25)
  - 4th-5th – average class size 25 (23-26)

- Literacy and Math professional learning continues
  - Benchmark Coach classroom sessions K/1, 2/3, 4/5
  - Eureka sessions on PL/workday
  - Peer observations
  - Grade level professional learning community (PLC) teams

- Math Fact Fluency Masters – will recognize again this year – November, February and May
  - Goal (K): Counting to 100 by 1s and 10s
  - Goal (1): addition and subtraction within 10
  - Goal (2): addition and subtraction within 20
  - Goal (3): addition, subtraction, and multiplication within 20
  - Goal (4-5): addition, subtraction, and multiplication within 20, and division within 100

- Grade level parent conferences are going well!

- Museum Nights beginning soon! (4th and 5th grade 11/20/25)

- MAP Growth midyear testing K-5 – December

- December dates will be shared before Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Dates

- November 7 – Families
- November 10-14 – One and Done
- November 11 – Veterans Day Walk of Honor and Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- November 20 – 4th & 5th Grade Museum Night
- November 21 – One and Done Celebration
- November 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break

- Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Allgood commented on how wonderful the new morning car rider time is. It is going well.

- Dr. Lathem recommended heaters for the staff working car riders, but that may be a safety hazard. Ms. Westbrook will check on this and put it as a wish list item. The school provides hot hands for the staff, and they are able to monitor in shifts during the very cold days.

- Dr. Lathem is on the parent advisory board for the county. She stated that the main topic was student technology at school (watches, phones, smart glasses, etc.) Phone storage in classrooms was talked about, but a decision has not been made yet.

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  - 4th-5th – average class size 24 (23-26)

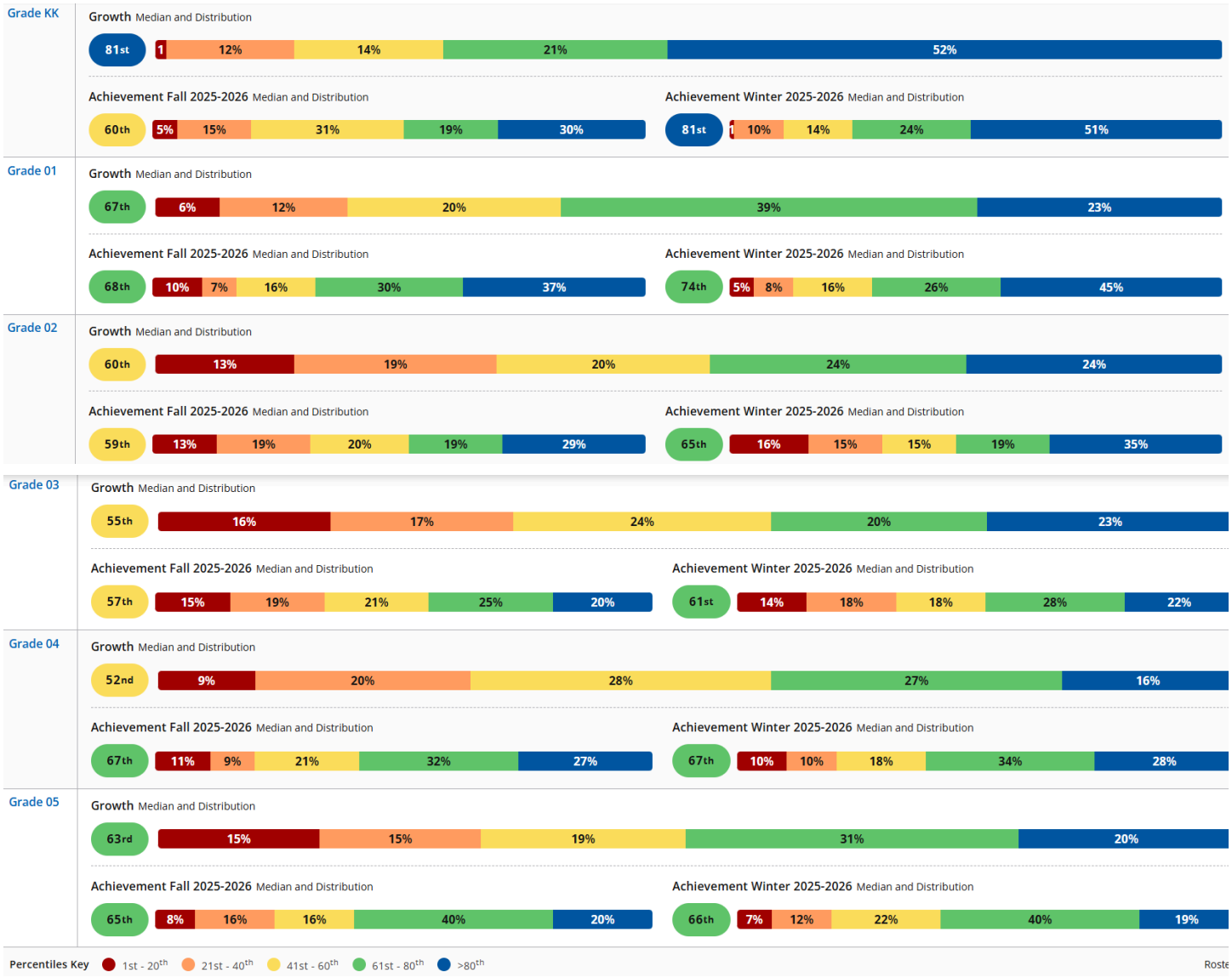
- One School One Book – success!
  - Feedback: It was a great thing to see older and younger siblings reading together. The real world connection with the Humane Society and Author Zoom.
  - Idea: Make a book suggestion list of other books that would be good for families to read together.

- Congrats MVES Technology Competition participants and winners! (see 1/29 newsletter)

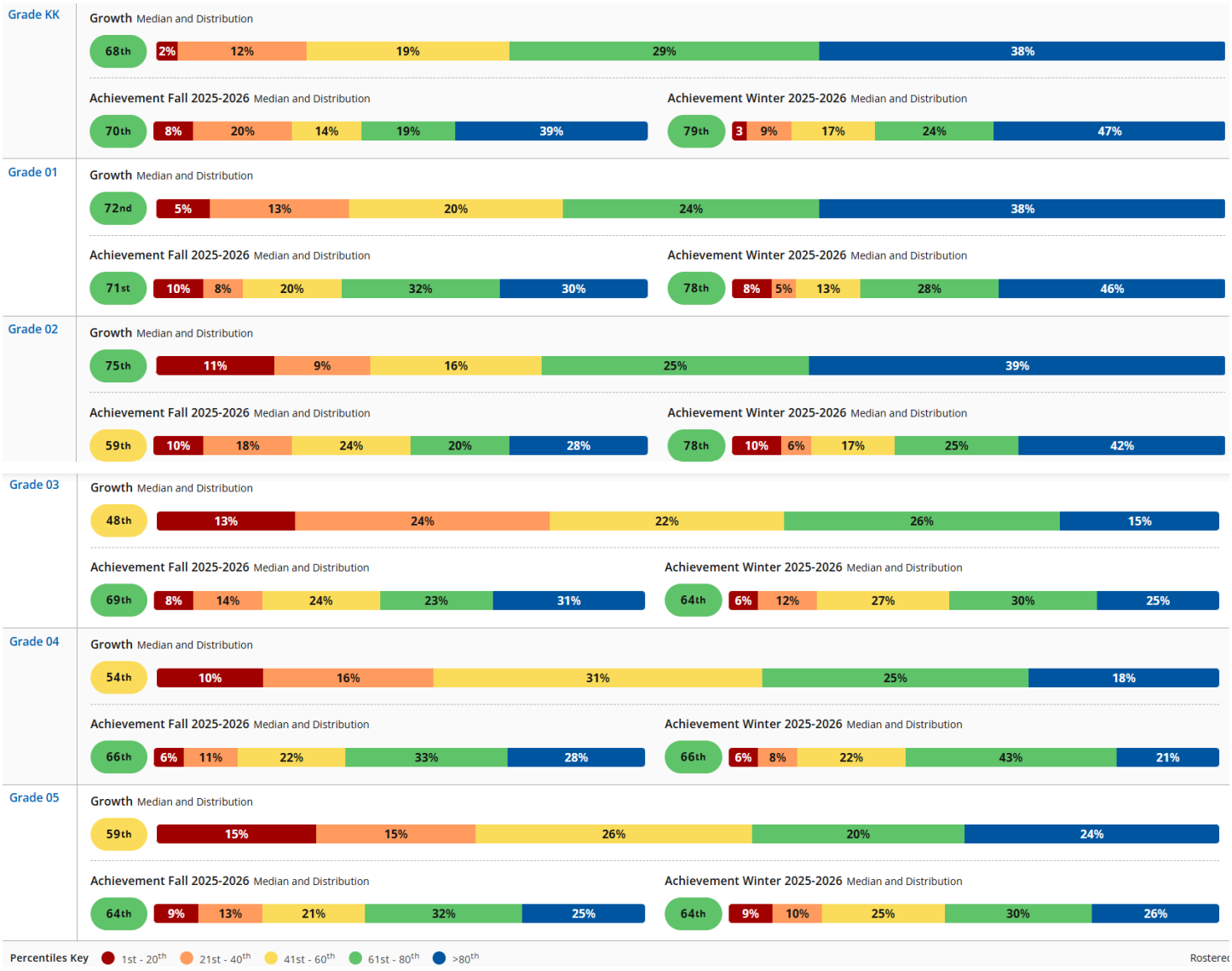
- February Professional Learning
  - ELA:
    - Benchmark Coach classroom sessions K/1, 2/3, 4/5
    - Benchmark and Milestones sessions on PL/workday 3rd-5th grade
    - Foundational reading and sound wall K-2nd grade
  - Math - Eureka and Milestones sessions on PL/workday K-5th grade
  - Peer observations
  - Grade level professional learning community (PLC) teams

- **MAP Midyear Achievement and Growth**
  - Feedback: Students are aware of their goals, but in a healthy and not stressful way.

READING



MATH



- **CCRPI (ccrpi.gadoe.org)**

  CONTENT MASTERY **74.1** (*achievement* - down 2.2 from 2024)

  PROGRESS **84.1** (*growth bubbles of like peers* - down 13.7 from 2024)

  CLOSING GAPS **14.3** (*subgroup growth* - down from 93.8 in 2024)

  READINESS **87.0** (*lexiles, attendance, fine arts* - down .5 from 2024)

  Overall **71** (down from 88.7 in 2024)

  Avg of 2024-2025: **80** *(average below 67.5 for MVES, NHMS or NHHS would qualify as Promise School)*

  - MVES performed above all 2025 district scores except Closing Gaps
  - Subgroup improvement targets set based on prior year
  - Working towards more students with IEPs making progress and meeting improvement target

- Math Fact Fluency Masters – will recognize again first week in March
- Museum Nights continue next week!
- Spring dates will be shared before Spring Break

Upcoming Dates

- February 20
  - 3rd-5th grade Progress Reports
  - HCSD Elementary Girls Sports Day
- February 26
  - Spring Pictures
  - Kindergarten and 3rd Grade Museum Night
- February 27 - Last day to order a yearbook
- Week of March 2 – Read Across America
- March 12 – 1st and 2nd Grade Museum Night
- March 16 – Harlem Wizards at NHHS
- March 16 – Kindergarten Registration begins
- March 19 – Report Cards
- March 20 – Student holiday
- March 23-25 – Math Mania
- March 27-28 – Musical at NHHS
- March 30 – Future Explorers at 1:15 (connection class)
- March 31-April 2 – Spring MAP Growth testing
- April 6-10 – Spring Break
- April 21 – Future Explorers at 1:15 (connection class)
- May 1 – Future Explorers at 9:45 (lunch and visit kinder class)