

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020 7:00 PM
Board of Education Chambers, [Address], [City], CT [Zip]

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS
 1. Somers High School students will be recognized as winners of the 2020-21 Budget Book Graphics Project.
The Board will recognize Jillian Mailhot and Chloe Albano as winner of the 2020-21 Budget Book Graphic Project.
4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT
 1. Superintendent Advisory Group
The Board will be updated on Somers High School events.
 2. MBA Technology Presentation
Annual Technology Presentation
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. Draft of Board of Education January 27, 2020 Meeting 3
The Board will review and approve the Board of Education's Minutes of January 27, 2020.
6. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
7. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
8. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Warrant of February 10, 2020 7
The Board will review and consent to the February 10, 2020 warrant in the amount of \$366,398.76.
9. NEW BUSINESS
 1. 1st Warning of 2020-2021 School Calendar 13
The Board will review the 2020-2021 SPS School Calendar for the next Board meeting to be approved.
 2. Approval of Somers High School AP and Honors Art Overnight Field Trip to New York City 14
Somers High School's Art Department will be taking their AP and Honors Art students to an overnight field trip to New York City from April 24, 2020 through April 25, 2020.
10. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Revised CIP 2020-2024 Plan for BOE Approval 18
The Board will review and approve the Revised CIP 2020-2024 Plan.
11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 1. Pension Update (Forma Group)
Annual Pension Update
 2. Somers High School's Improvement Plan
Mr. Gary Cotzin, Somers High School Principal, will update the Board on the school improvement plan.
 3. PSAT, SAT, and AP Report 19
Mr. Gary Cotzin, Somers High School Principal, will update the Board on the PSAT, SAT, and AP results.
 4. Superintendent's Proposed 2020-21 Budget Discussions
The superintendent will answer questions from the Board regarding the proposed 2020-21 budget.
12. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE
The Superintendent will update the Board on any issues or upcoming events.
13. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. CURRICULUM

2. POLICY
3. SALARY & NEGOTIATION
4. PLANNING
14. CREC UPDATE
15. ADJOURNMENT

Somers Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Meeting Room
January 27, 2020
7:00 PM

Attendance Taken at 6:59 PM:

Present Board Members: Krista Cherry, Sarah Bollinger, Marissa Marks, David Palmer, Bruce Devlin, Jan Martin, Jeremy Anderson, Kate McLellan, Anne Kirkpatrick

Others: Andrew Slater, Patrick Soucy, Erika Purdy

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Devlin at 7:00 p.m. in the Mabelle B. Avery Board of Education meeting room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The students were not present for the BOE meeting.

3.1. Two Somers High School students will be recognized as winners of the 2020-21 Budget Book Graphics Project.

Rationale: The Board will recognize Jillian Mailhot and Chloe Albano as winner of the 2020-21 Budget Book Graphic Project.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Draft Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the January 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the draft minutes from the January 13, 2020 BOE meeting passed with a motion by Kate McLellan and a second by Anne Kirkpatrick. **9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

5. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by David Palmer and a second by Jeremy Anderson. **9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

7.1. Warrant of January 27, 2020

Rationale: The Board will review and consent to the January 27, 2020 warrant in the amount of \$184,435.27.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Somers High School SSS (Students Supporting Students) Retreat - Overnight Field Trip

Rationale: Somers High School's SSS will be taking their members to the annual overnight retreat at the Silver Lake Conference Center from March 6 through March 8, 2020.

Discussion: The focus of the retreat is on leadership development, social/emotional learning, and team building. Students attending this conference may utilize these skills to help other students better understand the different social/emotional issues within the school.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the SHS Students Supporting Students overnight retreat to Silver Lake Conference Center passed with a motion by David Palmer and a second by Jan Martin. **9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

8.2. 2020-2021 Superintendent's Proposed Budget for Somers Public Schools

Rationale: The Superintendent will present the proposed 2020-21 Budget for Somers Public Schools.

Discussion: Superintendent Czapla presented the proposed 2020-21 budget to the BOE. This is the first year that the Strategic Plan has been implemented to address the needs that have been identified including goals, student achievement, professional development, and accountability. He stated that SPS is off to a good start. Superintendent Czapla asked the administrators to develop their budget in relation to the strategic plan. Their budget requests had to be justified.

He reviewed student achievement in 2018 where he recognized students were underperforming compared to DRG-C but stated that last year the curriculum was being finalized with professional development. In 2019, there have been improvements in the lower levels which is encouraging, and he looks forward to next year's data. There has also been growing concern relating to mental health needs and student achievement. Mental health not only impacts the individual but may impact the entire class as well. SPS has been looking at adding more resources for mental health. The 2020-21 budget priorities include increasing student achievement and educational opportunities; providing students with mental health resources; and, continuing to update and maintain all facilities.

Superintendent Czapla proposed a budget of \$24,792,970 which is a \$908,833 or 3.81% increase from the current year's budget. The majority of expenses fall under nondiscretionary or contractual obligations (salaries, insurance and benefits, tuition, transportation, and utilities). Salaries and insurance and benefits make up 81% of the budget. Superintendent Czapla is proposing to add \$416,406 under contractual obligations in Salaries by adding a 0.4 SHS school counselor to help

address mental health issues; a 1.0 math interventionist at MBA; and, a 1.0 MBA school psychologist. MBA currently shares a school psychologist with SHS. This will provide more special education testing and clinical services needed to get in front of mental health issues. Insurance and benefits are increasing by \$311,700 due to higher premiums at 18%. There has been a slight reduction of Special Education services by \$20,100. Transportation is increasing by \$49,970. Utilities are increasing by \$6,300.

Other significant budget impacts include the discretionary categories including instructional resources (textbooks & programming and departmental supplies) at \$110,520 and equipment (5-year technology replacement plan and MBA Technology Education course transition to more relevant STEM experiences) at \$22,200.

There are a number of requests that are unable to be funded at this time; however, Superintendent Czapla will be closely monitoring Kindergarten enrollment which may increase the need for part-time Kindergarten Paraeducators.

Superintendent Czapla presented the PPE (Per Pupil Expenditure) to the BOE. This is the rate at which it costs a town to educate a student. In the State of CT, the average cost to educate a student is \$18,791. In DRG-C (communities in CT with the same socioeconomic status as Somers), the average cost to educate a student is \$19,431. In Somers, the average cost is \$16,718. Superintendent Czapla stated that although Somers is educating students at a more efficient cost than the average school district in CT and DRG-C, there is still a lot more work to be done which costs money.

After presenting the slideshow of the proposed 2020-21 budget, Superintendent Czapla went through the provided budget proposal book with the BOE members. Anne Kirkpatrick asked questions regarding staff, transportation, and curriculum. Jeremy Anderson positively commented on the MBA math interventionist and music replacement plan. Jan Martin commented on the increased transportation cost of athletic trips. Superintendent Czapla asked the BOE to email all questions in a single email so that he may address them and report back at the next BOE meeting on 2/10/20.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. Superintendent's Update

Rationale: The Superintendent will update the Board on any issues or upcoming events.

Discussion: There was nothing further to report other than the budget.

10.2. Personal Finance Grant

Rationale: The Board will be informed about this grant.

Discussion: Superintendent Czapl reported that SPS received a \$10,000 grant from Next Gen Personal Finance to support the new Personal Finance course as a graduation requirement. Students may also meet the graduation requirement by taking Consumer Mathematics.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1. CURRICULUM

Discussion: No report.

11.2. POLICY

Discussion: Anne Kirkpatrick reported that the next committee meeting will be held on 2/10/20 at 6:30 p.m.

11.3. SALARY & NEGOTIATION

Discussion: No report.

11.4. PLANNING

Discussion: No report.

12. CREC UPDATE

Discussion: Anne Kirkpatrick provided the BOE with a CREC report. She attended a presentation by Superintendent of CREC Magnet Schools, Tim Sullivan, Jr. She stated that the purpose of Magnet schools was to close the ethnic gap; however, this has been complicated. Also, CREC has acquired new Board members.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:54 p.m. passed with a motion by Jan Martin and a second by Kate McLellan. **9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Jan Martin, BOE Secretary

Date

Shannin Burns, BOE Recording Secretary

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

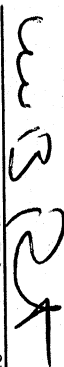
Report # 62650

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 Include Authorization Information: Yes

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
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Approved by:

Date:


 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services
 2/5/2020

30942	18110	02/10/2020	V58674	Administrator, Unemployment Compensation	0.00	695.87
	18111	02/10/2020	V02129	Sonitrol New England	0.00	343.00
	18112	02/10/2020	V60217	Aleks Corporation	0.00	330.00
	18113	02/10/2020	V52670	SYNCEB/AMAZON	0.00	2,489.55
	18114	02/10/2020	V52306	AmeriPride Services, Inc	0.00	358.97
	18115	02/10/2020	V60040	Anthem Life Insurance Company	0.00	2,335.57
	18116	02/10/2020	V60313	Apperson	0.00	1,347.03
	18117	02/10/2020	V02141	Apple Inc.	0.00	48,857.00
	18118	02/10/2020	V61182	Automated Building Systems, Inc	0.00	1,880.25
	18119	02/10/2020	V52478	Bart Truck Equipment LLC.	0.00	262.12
	18120	02/10/2020	V61521	Battelle for Kids	0.00	4,000.00
	18121	02/10/2020	V61601	Brown Small Engine Repair	0.00	175.00
	18122	02/10/2020	V00121	CABE	0.00	1,300.00
	18123	02/10/2020	V61550	CareerStaff Unlimited	0.00	1,724.00
	18124	02/10/2020	V61551	Cleaning Stuff	0.00	214.70
	18125	02/10/2020	V61602	Clemson Sheet Metal, LLC	0.00	1,825.00
	18126	02/10/2020	V61455	ConnectiCare, Inc	0.00	175,684.60
	18127	02/10/2020	V61473	COX Business	0.00	887.18
	18128	02/10/2020	V00204	CREC	0.00	21,811.98
	18129	02/10/2020	V60709	DBS Financial Services LLC	0.00	1,078.54

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 62650

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	18130	02/10/2020	V60089	Dime Oil Company LLC	0.00	9,769.49
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	18133	02/10/2020	V00264	EastConn	0.00	465.00
	18134	02/10/2020	V60032	Eastfield Glass Co., Inc.	0.00	215.00
	18135	02/10/2020	V00605	Electrical Wholesalers	0.00	338.40
	18136	02/10/2020	V52317	Ellington Board of Education	0.00	15,738.72
	18137	02/10/2020	V00159	Eversource Energy	0.00	2,497.64
	18138	02/10/2020	V61603	Ferguson Oil LLC	0.00	483.17
	18139	02/10/2020	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	4,713.00
	18140	02/10/2020	V60968	Fletcher Sewer & Drain, Inc	0.00	200.00
	18141	02/10/2020	V02186	Flinn Scientific, Inc.	0.00	835.51
	18142	02/10/2020	V53493	The Floor Connection	0.00	2,547.52
	18143	02/10/2020	V61236	Gateway Enterprise Corporation	0.00	124.00
	18144	02/10/2020	V00511	Granger	0.00	269.19
	18145	02/10/2020	V01790	Heinemann	0.00	41.50
	18146	02/10/2020	V53228	Herrf Jones Inc.	0.00	772.54
	18147	02/10/2020	V61599	Hi Tech Transmissions, Inc	0.00	1,513.38
	18148	02/10/2020	V21177	Home Depot CRC	0.00	173.48
	18149	02/10/2020	V61110	Laminex Inc	0.00	320.00
	18150	02/10/2020	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	10,400.00
	18151	02/10/2020	V00665	Kelly-Fradet Lumber	0.00	156.91
	18152	02/10/2020	V51340	Life Safety Service & Supply LLC	0.00	700.00
	18153	02/10/2020	V02898	MagnaKleen Services	0.00	96.67
	18154	02/10/2020	V61483	Maplebrook School Inc.	0.00	12,087.00
	18155	02/10/2020	E00862	Meyers, Jen	0.00	9.99
	18156	02/10/2020	V01013	NASCO Fort Atkinson	0.00	192.40
	18157	02/10/2020	V60983	OMNI Group, The	0.00	22.00
	18158	02/10/2020	V60560	Oriental Trading Company, Inc.	0.00	294.11
	18159	02/10/2020	V61237	Powerschool Group LLC	0.00	1,800.00
	18160	02/10/2020	V60068	Pro-Ed, Inc.	0.00	108.90
	18161	02/10/2020	V61261	Ray Seraphin Ford Inc	0.00	113.02
	18162	02/10/2020	V02610	Reliable Welding & Speed, LLC.	0.00	233.50
	18163	02/10/2020	V53811	RJ Mase, LLC	0.00	112.00
	18164	02/10/2020	V60285	Rotary Club of Somers	0.00	175.00
	18165	02/10/2020	V61382	Rugby Holdings, LLC	0.00	1,071.70
	18166	02/10/2020	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	284.32

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	18167	02/10/2020	V51324	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	0.00	18.23
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	18169	02/10/2020	V61600	Soapstone Valley Equipment	0.00	56.00
	18170	02/10/2020	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	6,660.65
	18171	02/10/2020	V61582	SpeakEasy Communication Therapy, LLC	0.00	480.00
	18172	02/10/2020	V61162	Speech Corner LLC	0.00	143.39
	18173	02/10/2020	E00679	Stoltz, Tenley	0.00	100.26
	18174	02/10/2020	V60218	TouchMath LLC	0.00	302.40
	18175	02/10/2020	V60356	TPC Associates, Inc	0.00	480.25
	18176	02/10/2020	M53099	Tull Brothers, Inc.	0.00	877.00
	18177	02/10/2020	V60819	Turf Products	0.00	4,591.87
	18178	02/10/2020	V53987	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance, Inc	0.00	2,438.10
	18179	02/10/2020	V02758	University of Saint Joseph	0.00	10,620.00
	18180	02/10/2020	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	421.99
	18181	02/10/2020	V53413	W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	1,004.45
	18182	02/10/2020	V61410	Cardmember Service	0.00	1,281.82
	18183	02/10/2020	V00882	West Music Company	0.00	93.45
Totals:					0.00	\$366,398.76

74 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 62648
Batch: 30922
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch # 30922	Control Total \$366,398.76	Status Posted	Created By Ibergamini	Created On 02/03/2020	Last Updated By Ibergamini	Last Updated On 02/05/2020
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General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
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Generated Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			370,546.30	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	370,546.30
	Total Generated Distributions			\$370,546.30	\$370,546.30
User-Entered Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			80.79	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	366,479.55
10-100-2-2-14-241-611-01-5-00155	K-5 - GENERAL SUPPLIES			1,288.77	0.00
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10-100-2-2-20-242-611-01-5-00169	K-5 - MUSIC SUPPLIES			93.45	0.00
10-100-2-3-28-242-611-01-5-00204	MA - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			82.05	0.00
10-100-2-4-08-242-611-01-5-00175	HS - FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUPPLIES			58.02	0.00
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10-100-8-3-66-910-730-01-5-00818	MA - CAPITAL OUTLAY		Yes	905.00	0.00
10-100-8-5-66-910-730-04-5-00843	SW - CAPITAL OUTLAY TECHNOLOGY			46,888.00	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00230	SES - ALP I SUPPLIES			411.30	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01674	SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES		Yes	480.00	0.00
10-210-2-2-32-242-611-01-5-01692	K-5 - PBIS SUPPLIES			294.11	0.00
10-213-3-4-48-421-323-02-5-01146	SW HEALTH SUPPLIES			1,009.79	0.00
10-213-3-5-48-412-112-02-5-00319	SW - NURSE SUBSTITUTE			1,724.00	0.00
10-215-9-9-94-242-611-02-5-00219	SPEECH/HEARING SUPPLIES			143.39	0.00
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267	HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			37.95	0.00
10-221-1-4-52-231-690-05-5-00283	HS - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			79.00	0.00
10-221-1-5-50-251-322-05-5-00297	CO - ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP			4,000.00	0.00
10-221-2-5-50-214-111-05-5-00659	SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT/CEU			75.00	0.00
10-221-2-5-50-251-322-01-5-01689	SW - TECH PROF DEV			1,800.00	0.00
10-221-2-5-92-214-111-02-5-00650	SW - MENTORS			465.00	0.00
10-222-2-4-52-233-611-03-5-00147	HS - A.V. MATERIALS			21.26	0.00

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30922	\$366,398.76	Posted	Ibergamini	02/03/2020	Ibergamini	02/05/2020
10-222-2-5-14-233-611-03-5-00150		SW - COMPUTER SOFTWARE			330.00	0.00
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10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045		B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES			1,589.50	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-590-10-5-00648		B.O.E. - COMMUNITY RELATIONS			338.80	0.00
10-232-6-5-66-830-440-04-5-00525		CO - COPIER RENTAL			609.53	0.00
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10-240-7-4-54-880-690-07-5-00274		HS - GRADUATION			108.23	0.00
10-259-1-5-72-123-590-04-5-00019		CO - FORMS & PRINTING			1,004.25	0.00
10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141		K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS			285.00	0.00
10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363		K-5 - TELEPHONE			290.65	0.00
10-260-5-3-64-642-530-04-5-00365		MA - TELEPHONE			470.97	0.00
10-260-5-4-38-722-430-01-5-00393		HS - QUANTITY FOODS MAINT.			312.41	0.00
10-260-5-4-64-642-530-04-5-00366		HS - TELEPHONE			421.11	0.00
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10-260-5-6-62-650-613-05-5-00377		SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES			1,142.26	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-01-5-01077		SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE			4,734.70	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			0.00	80.79
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			49.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00435		SW - THERMOSTAT/CONTROLS			287.75	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00439		HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			2,567.72	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440		SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR			84.78	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00445		SW - TOOL SUPPLY			184.41	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00445		SW - GENERAL REPAIR			4,591.87	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00447		SW - MOWER MAINTENANCE			18.23	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00451		SW - GENERAL PAINT			823.25	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467		SW - FIRE ALARMS & BELLS			338.40	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00471		SW - ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES			7,505.74	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00885		K-5 - FUEL #2			2,746.92	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00354		HS - FUEL #2			3,576.18	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00356		K-5 - ELECTRICITY			2,580.25	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00358		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			6,503.73	0.00
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DRAFT - 2020-2021 Somers Public Schools Calendar

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27 Convocation Day
28, 31 PD

15 Presidents' Day
16 No School (PD)

FEBRUARY '21						
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1 PD
2 First Day of School
7 Labor Day
30 Early Release (PD)

4, 5 Early Release SES (PC)

MARCH '21						
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12 Columbus Day
21 Early Release (PD)
30 No School (PD)

02 Good Friday
12-16 April Vacation
28 Early Release (PD)

APRIL '21						
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5 SHS Early Release (PC)
10,12,13 SES Early Release (PC)
17, 19 MBA Early Release (PC)
25 Early Release
26-27 Thanksgiving Break

12 Early Release (PD)
31 Memorial's Day No School

MAY '21						
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9 Early Release (PD)
23 Early Release
24-31 Winter Recess

10 Last Day for Students**
11 Last Day for Teachers**

** Tentative

JUNE '21						
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1 New Year's Day
18 M.L. King Day
27 Early Release (PD)

Yellow Highlights = No School
 Green Highlights = Early Release

PD = Professional Development
 PC = Parent Conferences

NOTE: Early release days may be cancelled if school is on a delayed opening due to inclement weather. Schools would have a normal dismissal.

BOE Approved:

4/1/19

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

(All Overnight trips are subject to Superintendent and Board of Education Approval)

School: Somers High School Date: 1-15-2020

Requested by: M. Curran Department: ART

Destination: New York City Date of trip: 4-24-2020 - 4-25-2020

Departure time: Friday, 7 AM Approx. time of return: Saturday 8 PM

Number of students involved: 12 Number of chaperones: 2

Teachers attending:

M. Curran

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

S. Burda

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Please enter into Frontline Absence Management AFTER your request has been approved.

Type of transportation: Public Bus Company (NOT school bus)

Expense to students: \$137.19 Expense to school system: 2 subs.

Specific Content/Unit(s) the field trip supports: AP+HONORS ART CURRICULUM: Historical/contemporary contexts in art making

Describe how student learning will be assessed: STUDENTS will focus on one show/collection/piece + will pre sent to larger group (assessed w/ presentation rubric)

Standards addressed (list by number and code - ex. CCSS:MP1):

CT.VAS 5: Analysis, Interpretation + Evaluation

CCSS.ELA.Literacy.W.HST: 9-10.2d (precise language + domain specific vocabulary)

Written Objectives/Relationship to curriculum: See attached objectives + itinerary

If approved, both the field trip activity and assessment need to be put into Atlas.

Approved by: [Signature]
Principal's Signature

Approved by: _____
Director of Curriculum

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Approved Disapproved

[Signature]
1/28/20

[Signature]
Superintendent or Designee's Signature

1/28/2020
Date

ADMIN. REG.: 6153
FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Date of Trip: 4-24-2020 - 4-25-2020 Destination: New York City ^{ART} MUSEUMS
Time of Departure: 7:30 AM 4-24 Place of Departure: Springfield bus Station - Spfld. MA.
Time of Return: 8:30 PM 4-25 Place of Return: ↗
The Group will be traveling by: Greyhound bus, walking + subway in NYC
(Bus/Foot/Car)

Lunch will will not be provided.

Activities: See letter w/ itinerary - Museum of modern Art (Friday), Pod Hotel (overnight), Metropolitan museum of Art (Saturday)

Parent Comment/Concerns: _____

Supervising Teacher(s): Ms. Mary Curran + Ms. Sarah Burda

Date of Trip: 4/24/2020 - 4/25/2020 Destination: NYC

Parent/guardian contact information:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Alternate contact and phone number: _____

List any known allergic reactions: _____

Will student be taking any medication on this trip that has been prescribed by a physician: _____

If yes, what is that medication: _____

What was the date of the student's last tetanus shot: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone number: _____

Name any other medical concerns: _____

I give my permission for the Somers Public Schools staff members to seek medical assistance for my child in the case of any injury or illness incurred while participating in this school-sponsored activity. If I cannot be reached to give my consent to medical personnel, this form will serve to give my permission to carry out necessary treatment. I understand that this trip begins and ends at school. I also understand that I must make provisions for the transportation of my child, from the school to our home, at the end of any educational trip that terminates after the regular school day.

Student's Name _____
M. Curran
Teacher

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Somers High School - gr. 12
School/Grade

NYC Field Trip
Honors/AP Art

Mary Curran, Art Teacher
Somers High School

Summary and Objectives

The students in the full year Honors and AP Art class are creating art at a sophisticated, advanced level. Students are encouraged to explore art and artists, both historic and contemporary, at all times. Much of this exploration is done online, which is wonderful, but viewing art in person is essential.

For instance, a painting that students have only seen in a power point presentation, will take on special significance when the actual scale and true colors are seen for the first time. To discover that an iconic painting is actually quite small, or that a sculpture that a student has only seen in a 2-dimensional photograph actually has a fascinating alternative side, are things that can only happen in real time, looking at and responding to original works of art.

New York City has some of the finest art museums in the world and on this trip students will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. If time and weather permitting, we will walk the Highline, viewing many contemporary art installations that dot this trail. Through this, students will be able to experience art firsthand, in person.

Artists in Honors Art and AP Art will be planning their itinerary ahead of time for their museum visits. They will research what exhibits (permanent or featured) they wish to spend time with at the museums. In keeping with their development of independence as artists, they will design their assignment and implement a method to communicate what they learned to the larger group. The assignments might take the form of drawn studies, written responses or inquiries into the artist's intention and historical context, or a biography of an artist. Students will be encouraged to create the kind of response and presentation they feel most suits the work itself and their own learning and artistic style.

Honors/AP Art
NYC Field Trip
April 24, 25, 2020

Student Itinerary

Friday, 4-24:

Parents will drive students to the Union Station in Springfield, MA to meet no later than 7:45 for an 8:15 AM bus departure. Early arrival will ensure partner seating on the bus. Students may NOT drive themselves to the bus station, as per district policy.

We will arrive at Port Authority Bus Station in NYC at 11:30 AM. We will walk through Times Square to the POD 51 Hotel, 230 East 51st St. NYC. We will drop off bags in temporary storage at the hotel (rooms will not be ready yet) and walk/take a subway ride to the Museum of Modern Art, beginning our visit at 2:00 PM. Although we will travel in a group, students will ALWAYS be with a partner (at a minimum) at the museums, NO EXCEPTIONS.

After our visit to the MOMA, we will head back to the hotel for check in and some rest. IF the weather is cooperative, we will take a short subway ride and start walking the Highline into Chelsea. Our plan is to take our time with that, watch the sunset, see the art installations, maybe walk through Chelsea market and eat pizza for dinner. Then we'll take a subway/walk back to the hotel.

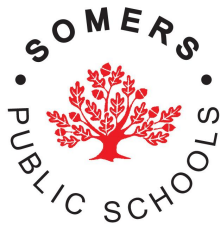
IF the weather is bad, there are several restaurant choices nearby the hotel or we can head over to Grand Central Station and use that very cool food court area.

Saturday: 4-25:

There is a little breakfast café at the hotel, so we can eat something there. We will then check out of the hotel, then walk/take subway to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to be there at 10:30 AM. We will take ALL our luggage with us, to be stored in the group locker while we are at the Met.

We will have "check ins" every 2 hours with chaperones in the same location at the Met. It is a huge museum, and will take a great deal of time to see. Students and partner(s) will decide on a plan based on the map of the museum, and the previous research they have done about the collections and shows currently there.

We will leave the museum promptly at 3:15 PM, taking ALL of our luggage and by walking and subway, head to Penn Station for a 4:30 bus departure. We will arrive in Springfield at 8:25 PM.



Board of Education Administrative Report

Title of Report: Revised Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Board Meeting Date: February 10, 2020

Action
 Report
 Information
 Discussion

Submitted by: Brian P. Czapla

Executive Summary

Proposed revision based on the following:

- Updated Security Cameras cost information
- Move MBA Window Replacement into the Bond Projects
- Auto Scrubber removed, purchased in January 2020 due to breakdown

Project	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
SES Kindergarten Bathroom	\$85,000				
Maintenance Kubota-RTV	\$38,000				
SHS Baseball Dugouts	\$18,000				
Security System Upgrade (SHS, SES, MBA)	\$41,000	\$49,000	\$40,000		
SW Security Cameras	\$43,000				
Maintenance Pickup Truck		\$36,000			
Maintenance Boom Lift		\$42,000			
SES Playground/Court Resurfacing		\$91,000			
Maintenance Pressure Washer w/ Trailer		\$11,000			
Maintenance Dump Truck			\$45,000		
Maintenance Pickup Truck			\$36,000		
SES Playground Equipment			\$98,000		
MBA Rooftop Unit				\$344,000	
MBA Roof Replacement				\$660,000	
SES Parking Lot (re-pavement + expansion)					\$292,000
MBA Parking Lot (re-pavement)					\$279,000
SHS Parking Lot (re-pavement)					\$279,000
Totals	\$225,000	\$229,000	\$219,000	\$1,004,000	\$850,000

Note: Costs projections are based on the Tecton Report, vendor quotes, and known industry standards. They do not consider cost inflation.



PSAT/SAT/AP 2019

State, National and DRG Comparison

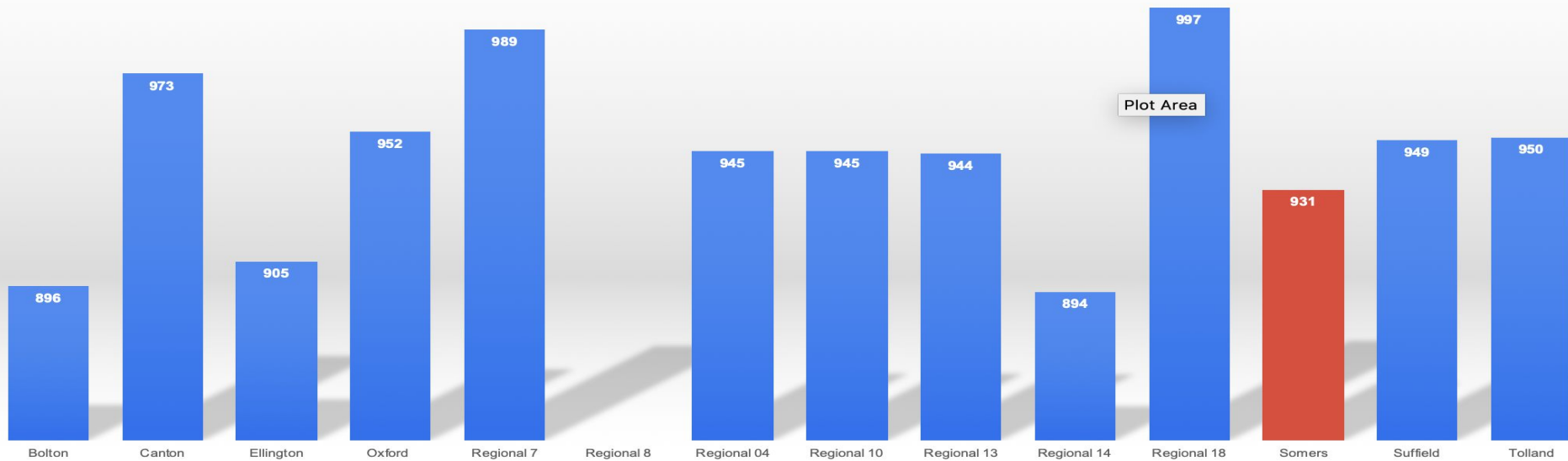


PSAT 9th Grade State and National Comparison

PSAT 9th Grade DRG C

Comparison: English/Math

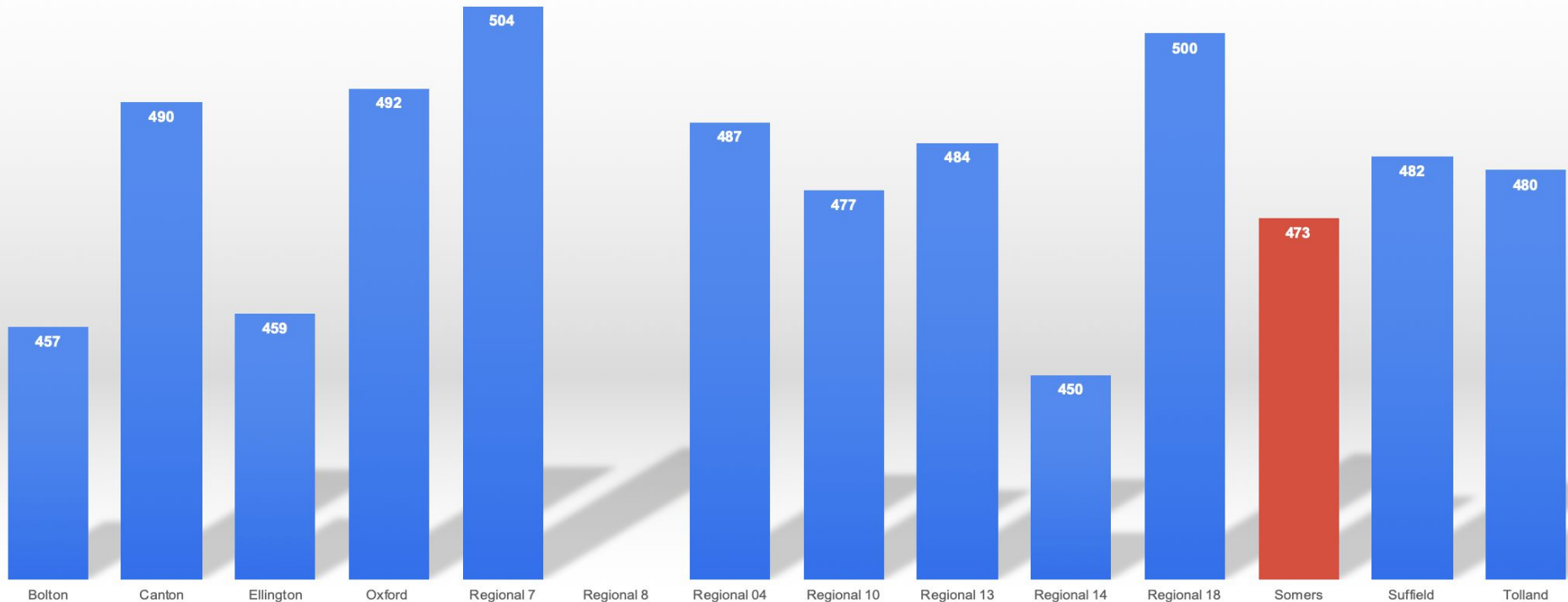
PSAT 8/9
9th Grade Total Mean



PSAT 9th Grade DRG C

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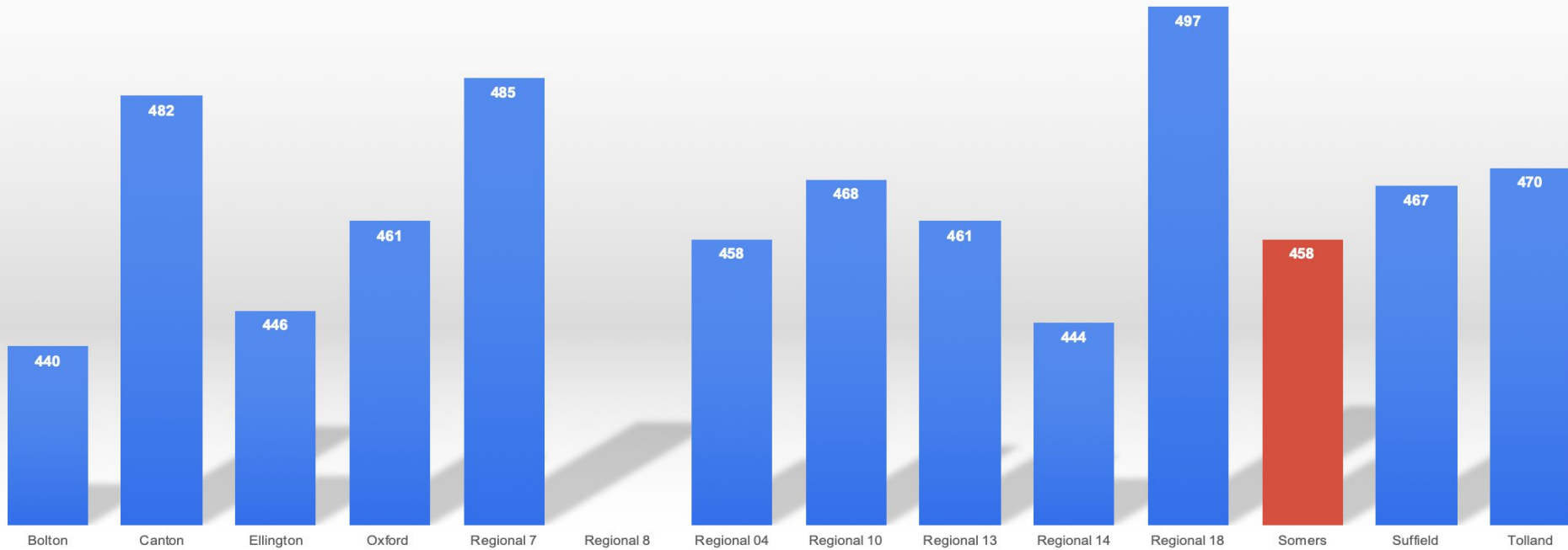
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PSAT 9th Grade DRG C

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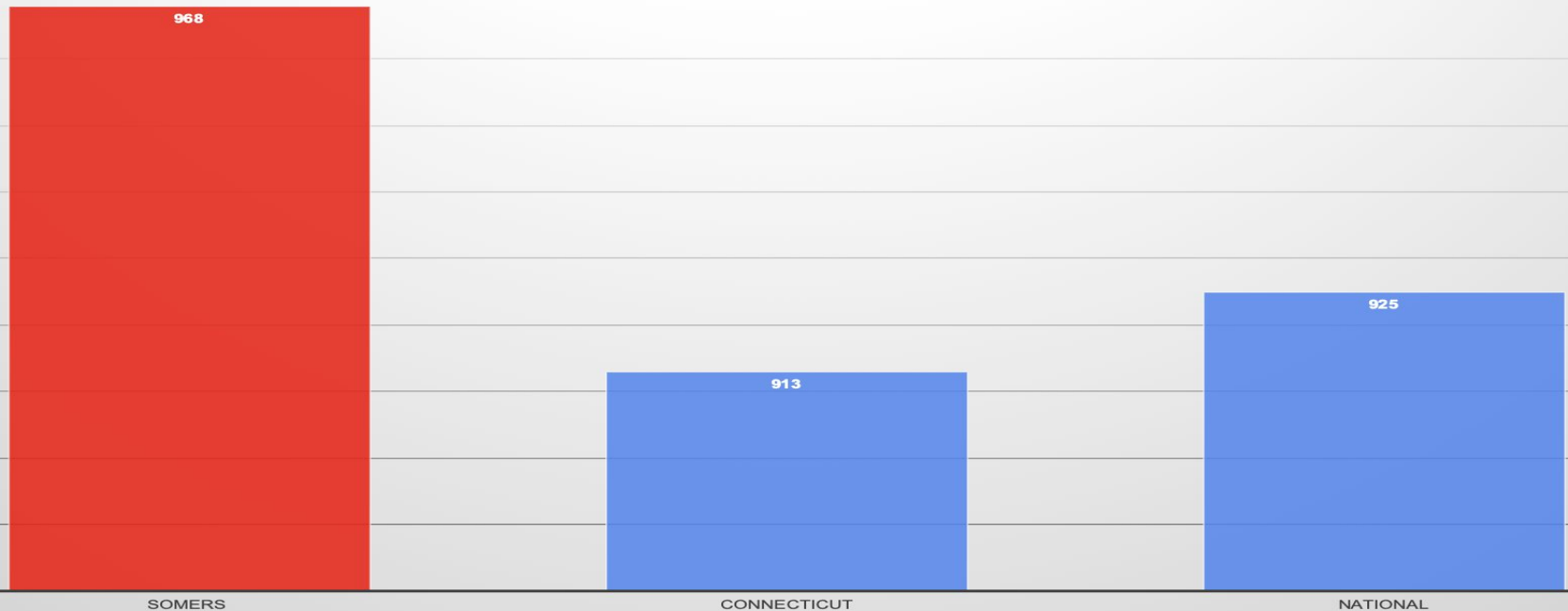
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PSAT 10th Grade State and National Comparison

PSAT 2019 - Grade 10

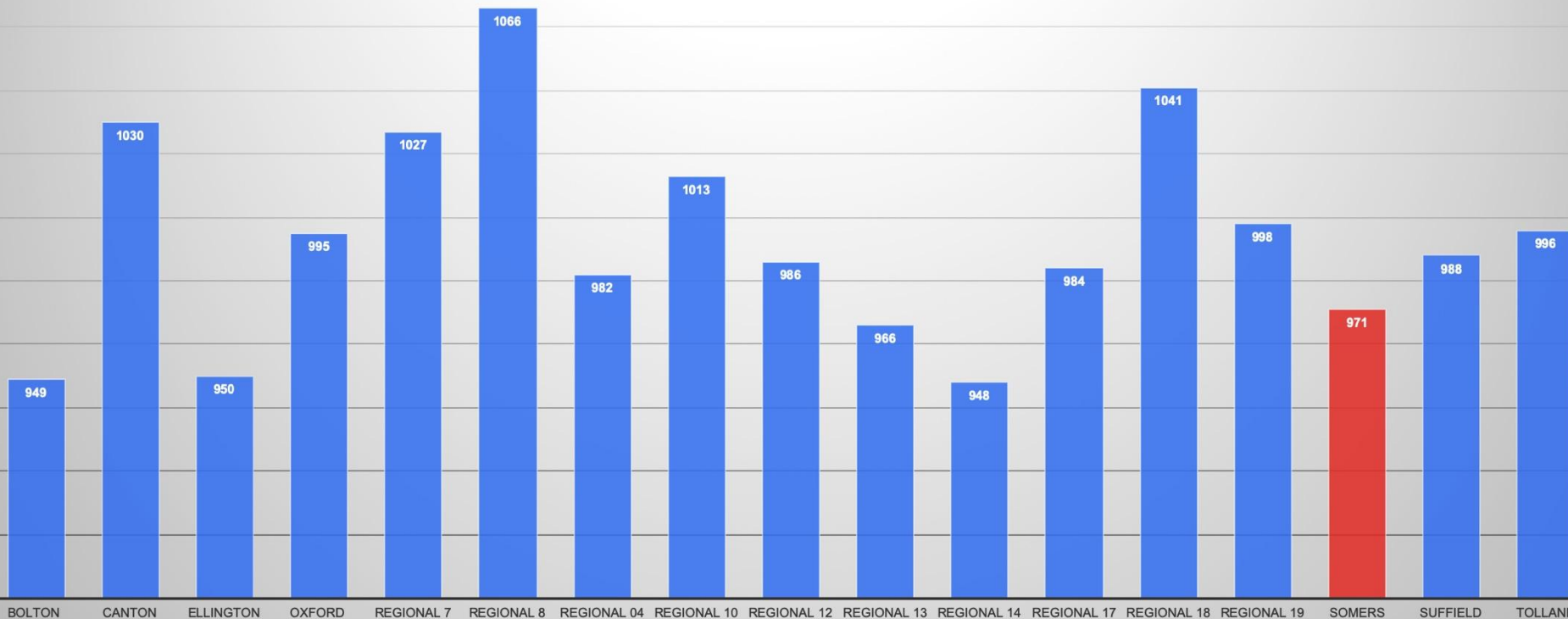
Local, State, and National Comparison



PSAT 10th Grade DRG C

Comparison: English/Math

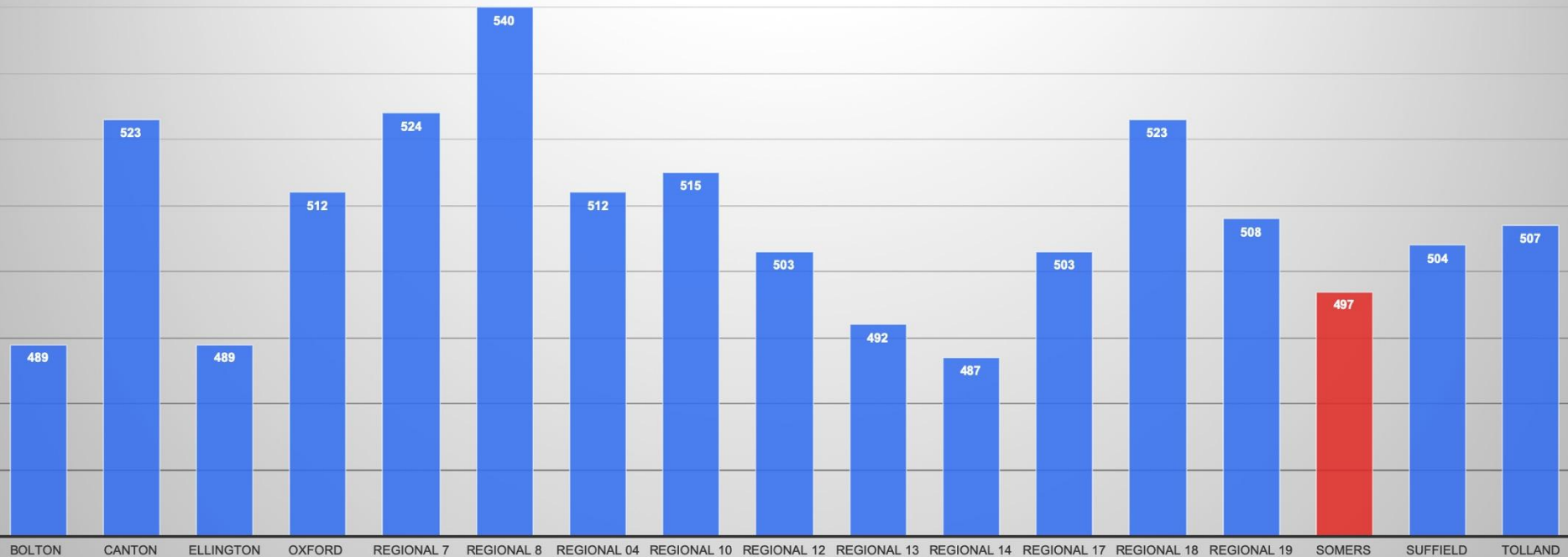
PSAT NMSQT 2018- 2019
10th Grade Total Mean Score



PSAT 10th Grade DRG C

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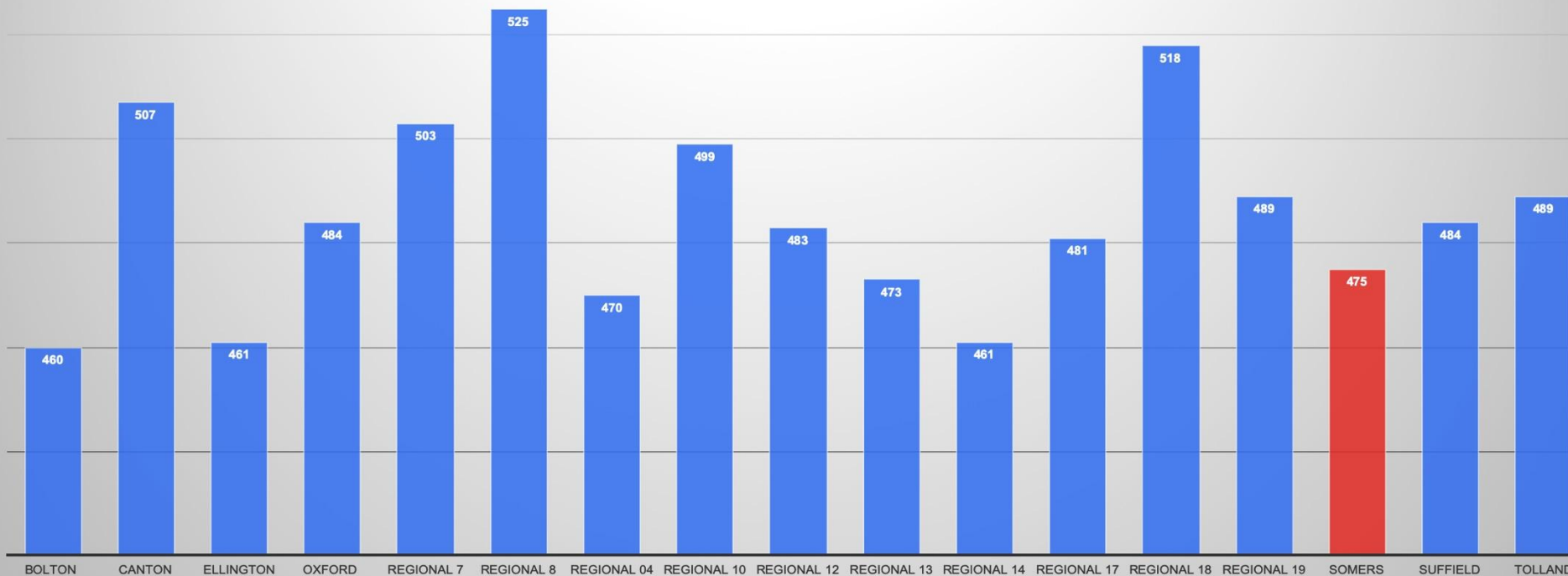
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PSAT 10th Grade DRG C

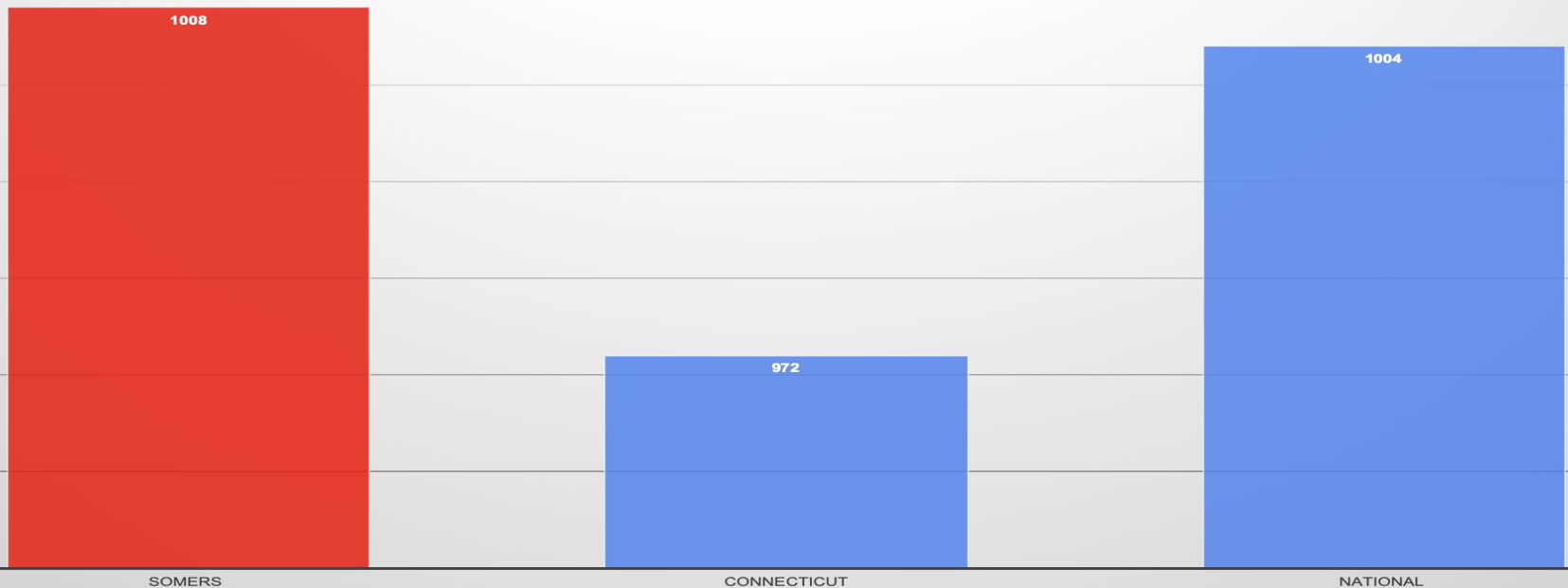
Comparison: Math

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PSAT 11th Grade State and National Comparison

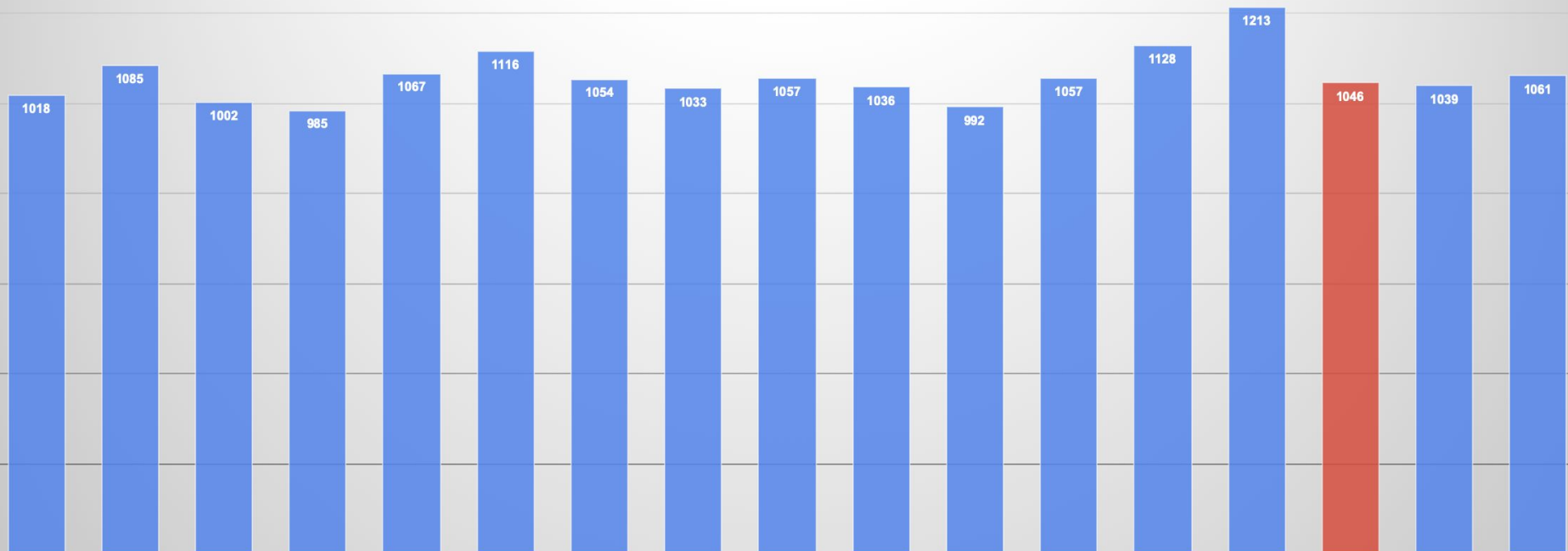
PSAT 2019 - Grade 11
Local, State, and National Comparison



PSAT 11th Grade DRG C

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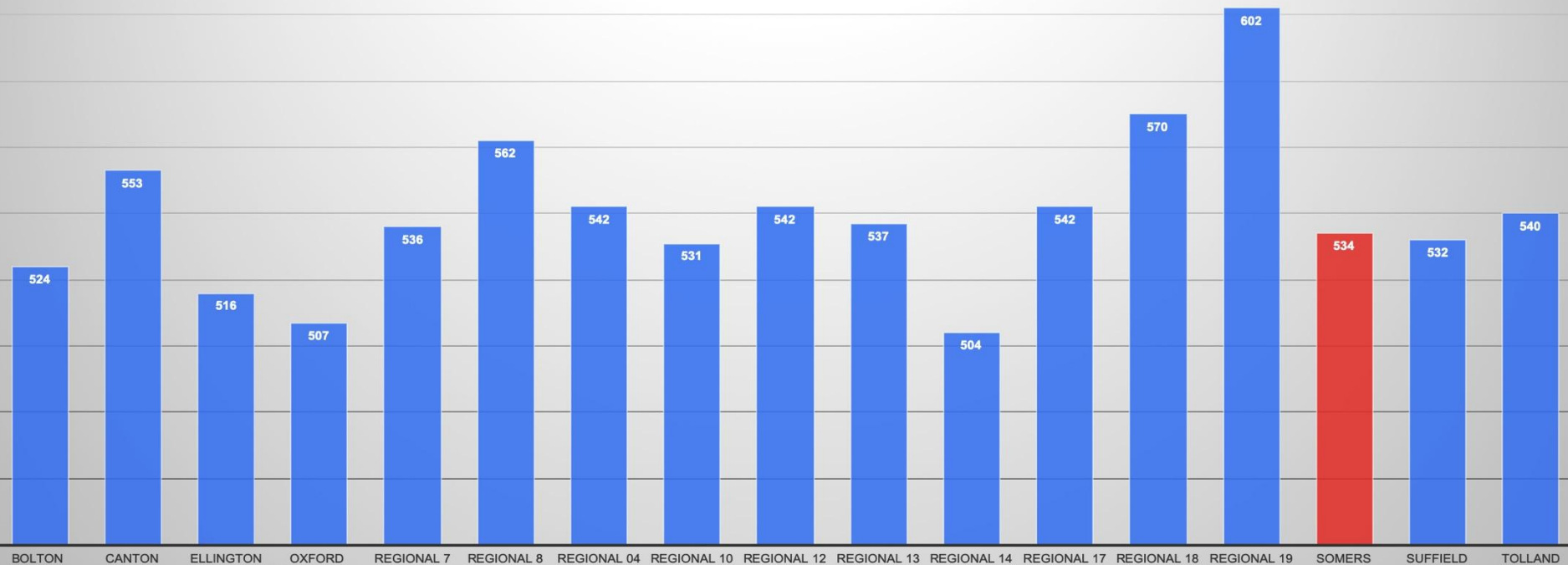
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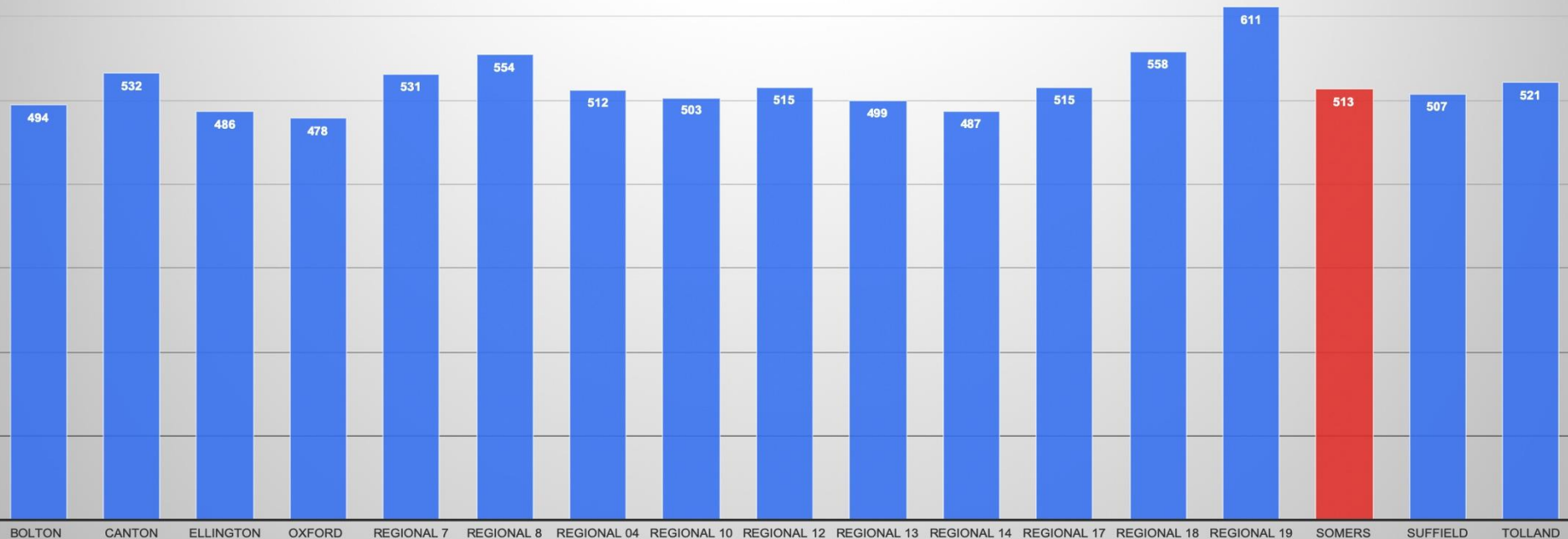
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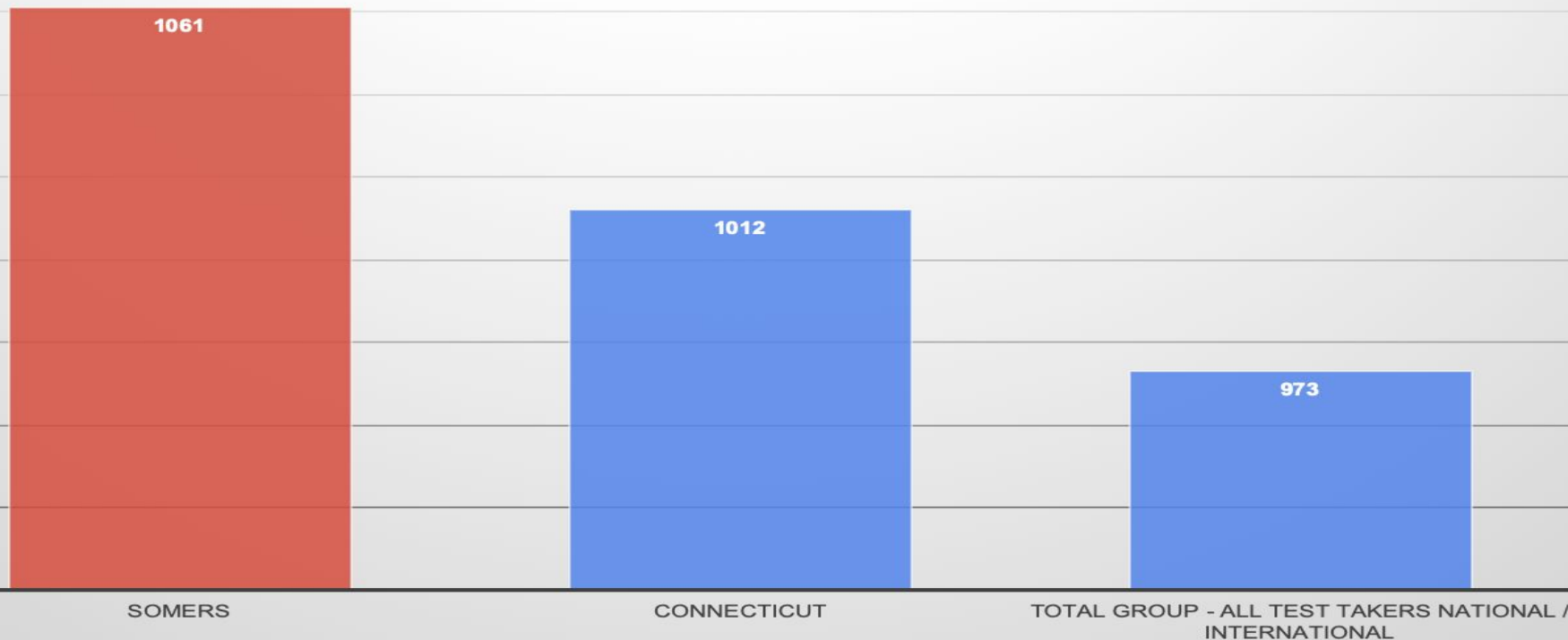
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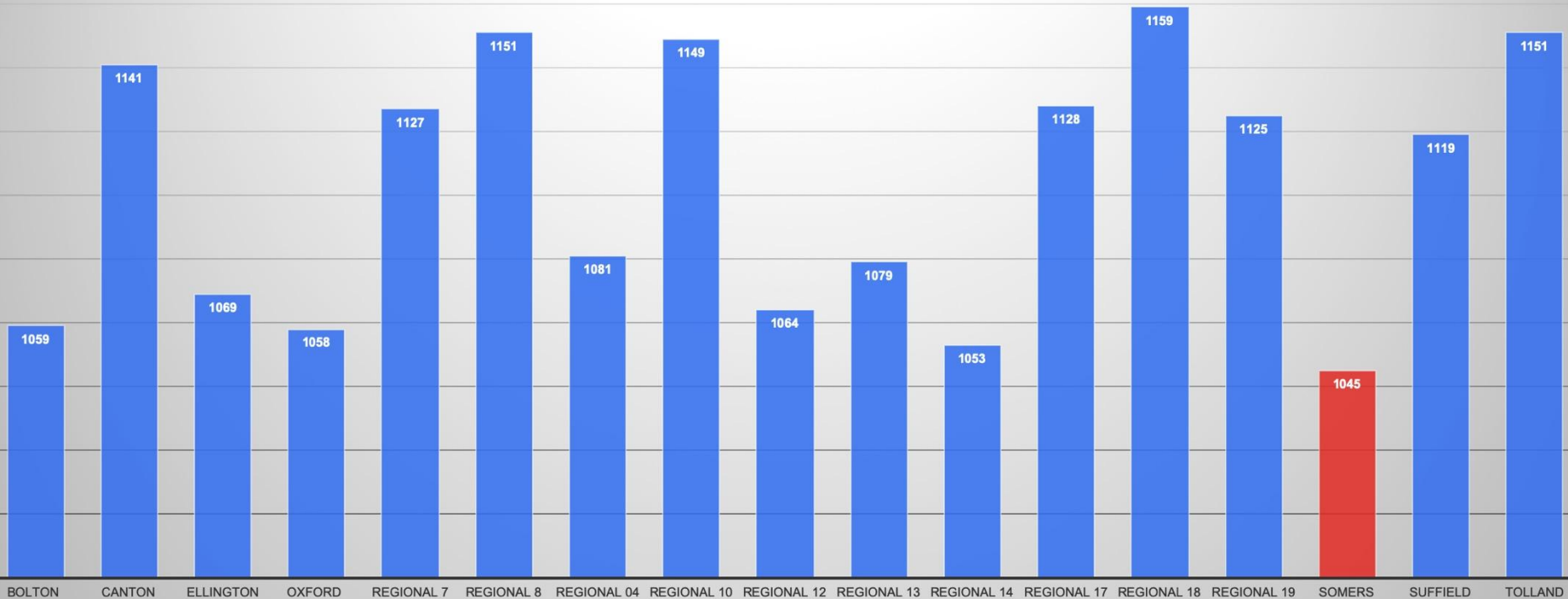
SAT 2019 Connecticut School Day Local, State, and National Comparison



SAT 11th Grade DRG C

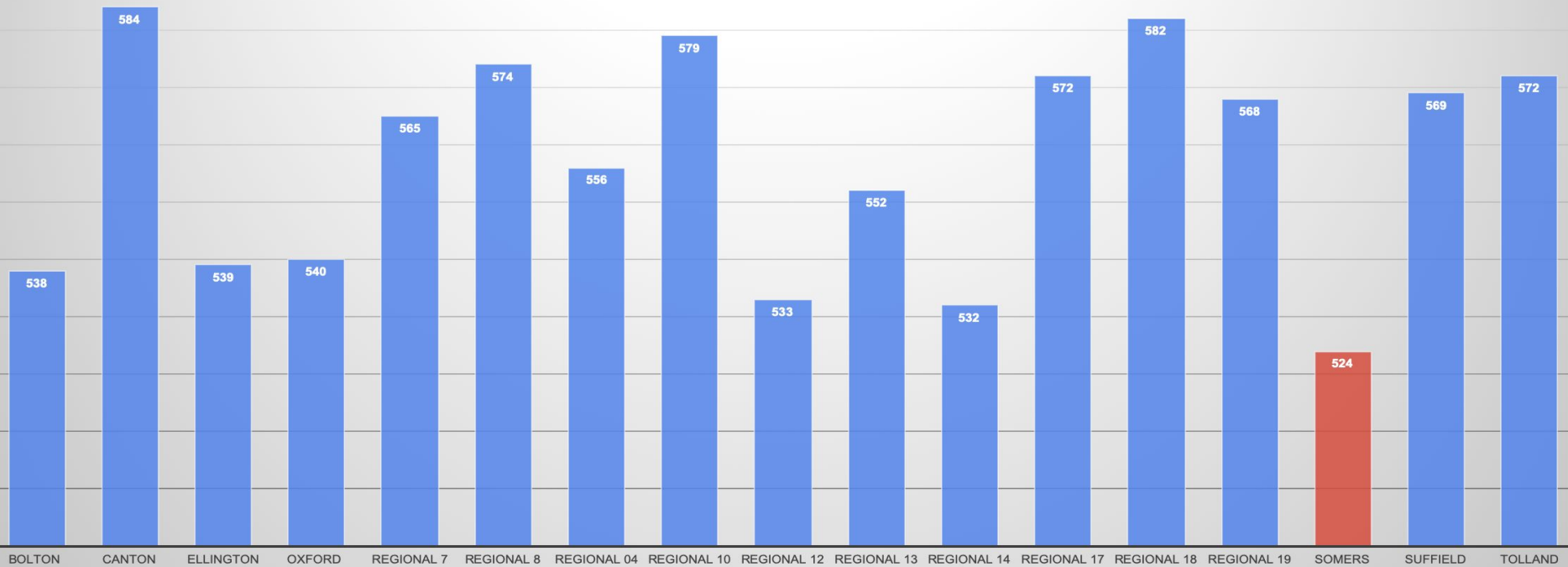
Comparison: English/Math

SAT 2019 Total Score Mean



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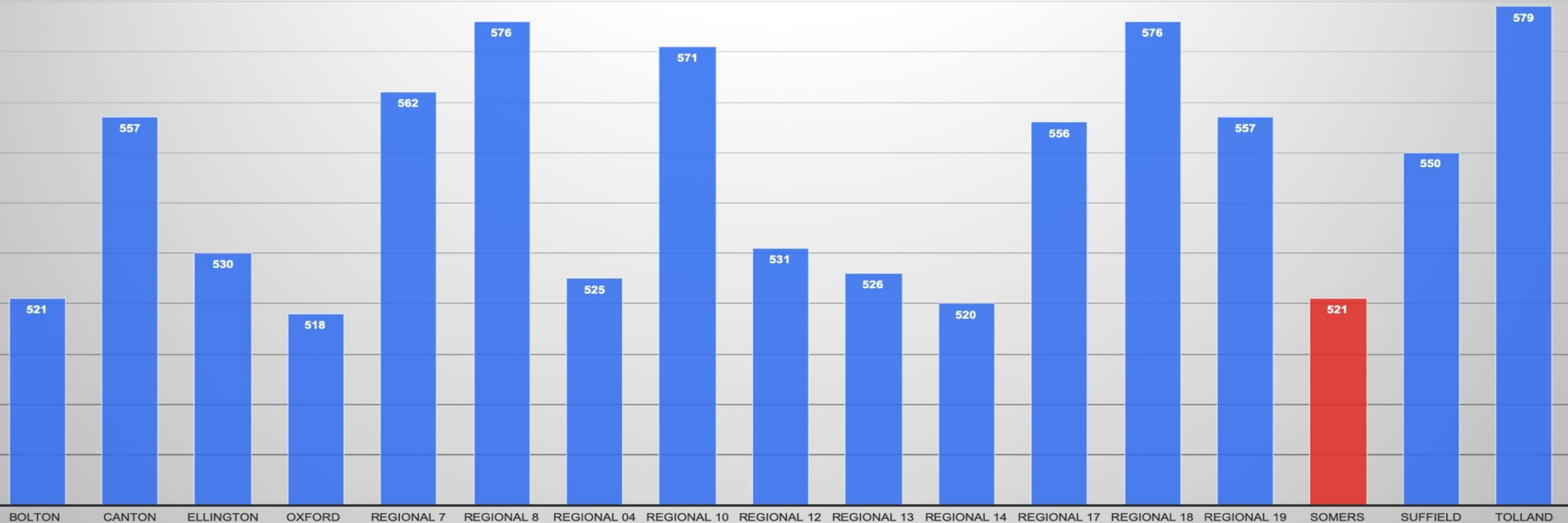
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Evidence Based Reading and Writing



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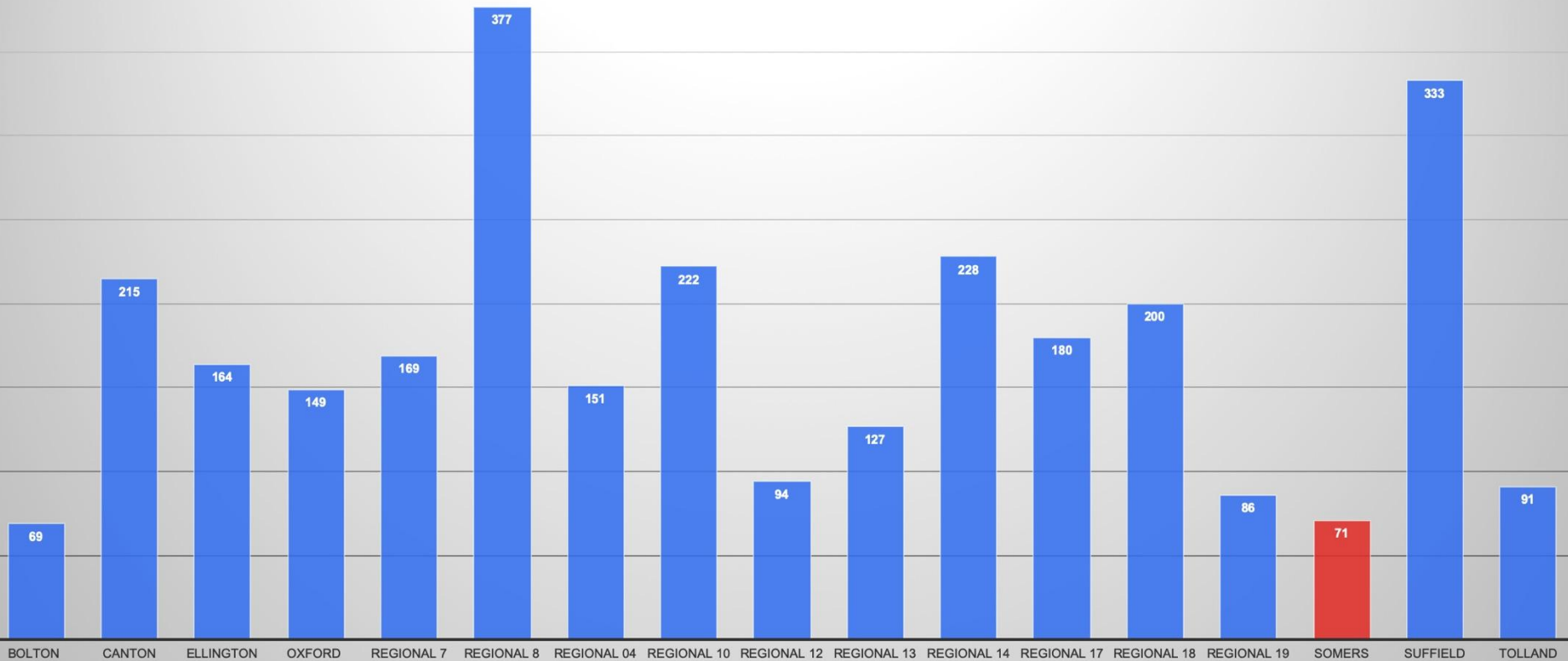
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SAT 2019
Mathematics



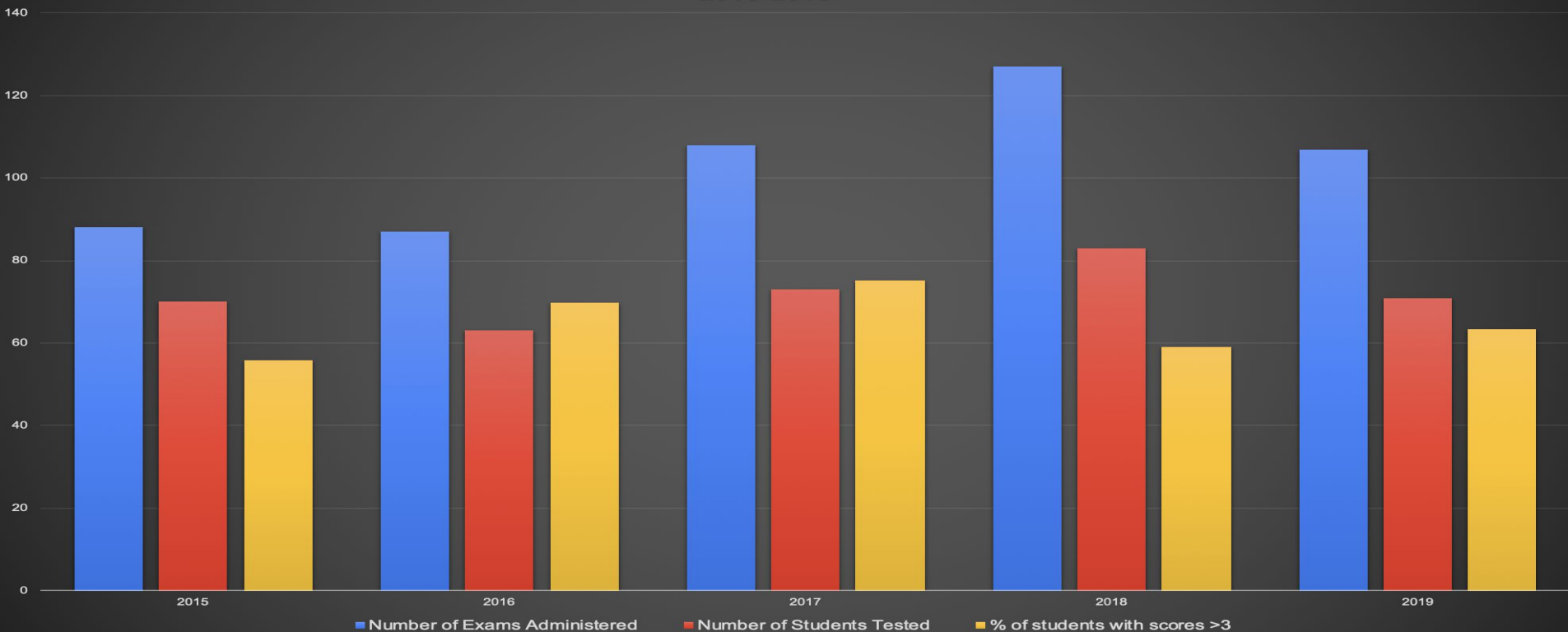
AP Testing

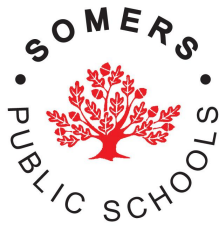
AP 2019 Exams with Scores of 3, 4, or 5



AP 5-Year Trendlines

AP Exam Participation and Performance at Somers High School
2015-2019





**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Title of Report: SAT/PSAT/AP

Board Meeting Date: January 13, 2020

Action Report Information Discussion

Submitted by: Gary Cotzin

Executive Summary

This report examines the trends in PSAT, SAT, and AP scores from 2018-2019. The data was analyzed through the College Board website. Included in the report are the findings from this analysis and next steps needed to improve overall performance.

Report

History:

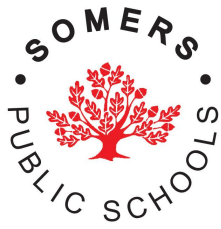
The PSAT, SAT, and AP exams are standardized test which assesses the student mastery of content aligned to the Common Core Standards. We currently administer the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th graders. We also administer the PSAT to all 10th and 11th graders. The test is usually given in October with results being released in early December. The district covers the cost of testing for 9th and 10th grade. The state pays for 11th graders.

All AP exams are given during the month of May. All students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. Students pay a fee to take the AP exam. AP results are usually made available during the summer months.

Findings:

9th and 10th graders showed nice improvement when you compare the PSAT results from 2018 to the PSAT results in 2019. According to the CollegeBoard, students show an average improvement of 30 points year over year. We are in-line with these averages. We continue to do well when compared to the state and national averages. Within our DRG (District Reference Group C) we remain in the middle to lower third of the 17 DRG C schools.

11th graders also showed improvement in comparing the October 2018 PSAT to the SAT results in March 2019. However, the increase was not at the level we strive for. Although we still do well compared to the state and nation, within our DRG, our PSAT results were in the lower third of the group with SAT results at the bottom.



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AP results do not have comparative data since different students take the test from year to year. In 2019 we did have 70 students take at least 1 AP exam. We administered 106 total exams and 67% of the total exams taken had a score of 3, 4, or 5.

Next Steps:

We will continue to improve student performance in all these aforementioned assessments. Math and English teacher goals are directly aligned with the PSAT/SAT. Other departments have also developed goals that are math or language based. Our intervention teachers will be assisting the lower performing students and the majority of our AP teachers also have goals directly linked to program improvement.