

To: Brooklin School Committee
From: Todd West
Re: Principal's Report
Date: December 9, 2025

There have not been that many school days since our last board meeting. However, in those few days we have done some wonderful things at the Brooklin School including our annual Stone Soup tradition. Each student brought a vegetable from home and then spent the morning chopping veggies [even the little kiddos!], kneading bread, and churning butter. We all had a nice sit down meal with place settings in the gym and took the opportunity to share what we were grateful for. It was another strand in the culture of connection that is woven at the Brooklin School.

ENROLLMENT [as of 11/11/25]

PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
5	5	4	3	7	3	3	8	5	5	48

PROGRAMMING:

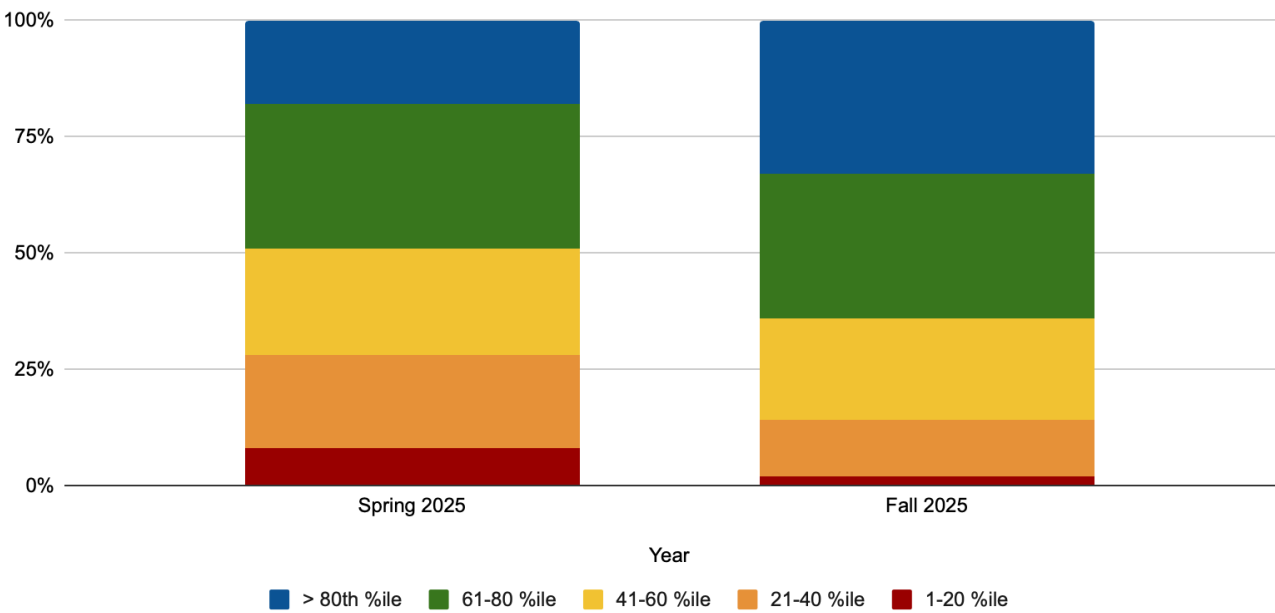
1. Fall NWEA Results. In October, almost all Brooklin students took the online NWEA assessment. For 3rd-8th grade students, this counted as the “Maine Through Year Assessment”, the most recent iteration of the federally mandated testing regime for students. The two charts on the following page show our scores from the spring of last school year in the left column and the fall of this school year in the right column in both reading and math. NWEA breaks the scores out by quintile compared to national norms... basically, we would like to see all of our students at or above grade level, which is represented by the yellow, green, and blue bands.

The fall scores are very strong. We have high percentages of students well above grade level and 86% of students in math and 90% of students in reading in the 40th percentile or higher. While we don’t want any of our students below grade level, the numbers are relatively small and all of the students are receiving some sort of additional assistance in the area they are below grade level in.

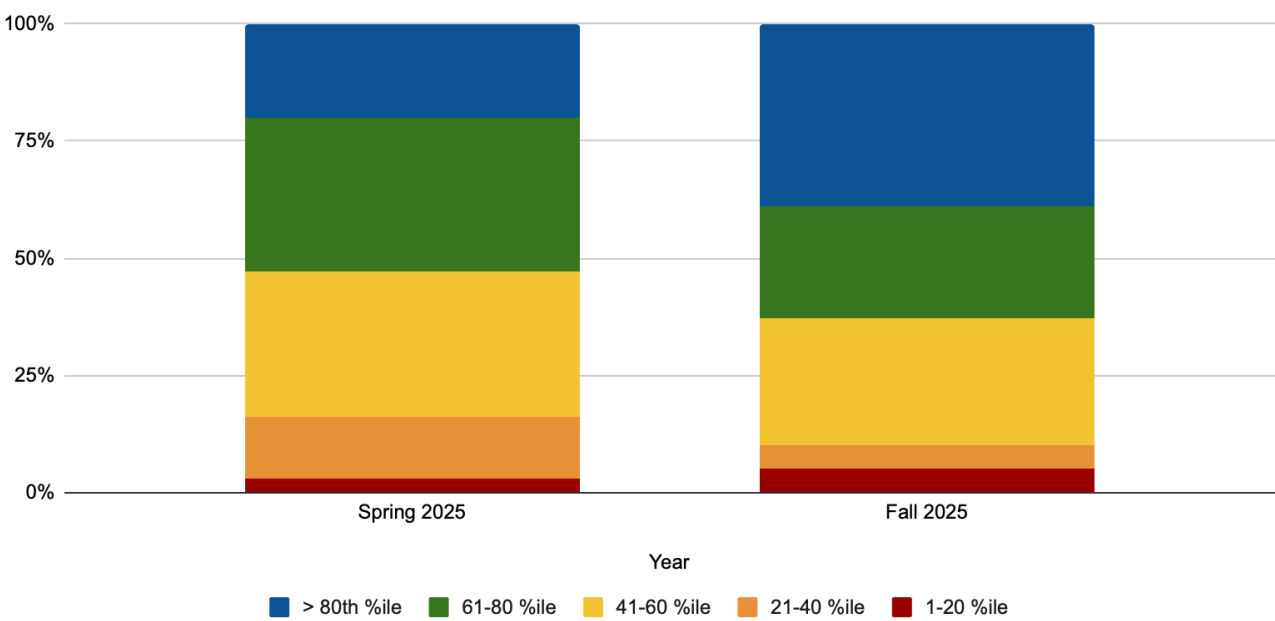
One important note from the fall testing is that we did have several families of students in grades 3-8 opt their children out of testing, which they are allowed to do. At the same time, federal and state guidelines require us to test 95% of our students, a benchmark that we did not meet this fall due to the opt outs [all other students did take the test]. If the same participation rates carry over into the spring, we will not be in compliance.

I would also like to create a data dashboard for the school that offers a real-time snapshot of several indicators of school-wide performance. This dashboard would include NWEA test results as well as some other data points, like attendance and behavior. I’d be interested if there are any other data points that you might be interested in seeing in a data dashboard?

NWEA Math Scores



NWEA Reading Scores



2. Curriculum Mapping. During the November early release day, I shared a proposal for a curriculum mapping initiative this spring with the teaching staff. Please see the “2025-26 Curriculum Mapping Plan” for the rationale, details, and timeline for the effort, which will start in January. Connected to our conversation last month, it is worth noting that this plan would not preclude curriculum conversations with other Union 76 schools should those come to fruition. Rather, both processes would complement each other.

FINANCE:

1. Grants. The PTF has been awarded \$1,000 from the Essex Community Foundation for the weekend food backpack program. Because they use our EIN number, the funds come to the school and we then pass them along to the PTF. Because the funds come to the school, we need board approval in order to deposit the funds and then write a check to the PTF.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Saturday	12/6	Craft Fair [10:00-3:00]; get some holiday shopping done!
Tuesday	12/9	Eco-Committee meeting [11:00]
Wednesday	12/10	1st trimester report cards go home
Tuesday	12/16	Winter Concert [5:00]; snow date 12/17
Mon-Fri	12/22-1/2	Winter Vacation
Friday	1/9	Bingo Night music fundraiser

Respectfully submitted, Todd West