

# **THE TIGER WAY!**

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## **2022-2023 98C Learning Loss Grant**

The use of 98C funds will be utilized to mitigate the learning loss associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Gobles Elementary is dedicating the funds to lower class sizes for our second grade classrooms. These students were some of the hardest hit by learning loss, as kindergarteners during the first full school year of the Pandemic. The additional teacher will help these young learners through reduction in class size, which equates to more individualized, targeted instruction, personalized curriculum, small group and one-on-one remediation, and additional time for social-emotional needs that are concurrent to academics. The addition of a qualified long-term substitute will also work to increase ability to learn in the second-grade setting and allow students to be better prepared for third grade and the strict guidelines for student proficiency set by the Third Grade Reading Law. Gobles Public Schools will be monitoring student growth and achievement through regular assessment using STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, and STAR Math. The use of an additional teacher at second grade will impact not only the 59 current second grade students, of whom 55% qualify for free/reduced lunches, but also the other 300 students at Gobles Elementary who will be able to have additional paraprofessional support that would have been dedicated to second grade without an additional teacher being hired. With this hire, we are able to provide the small classes, paraprofessional support, and personalized interventions to bridge the gap of learning loss created by the pandemic and increase proficiency in all areas

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