

Presentation Brief: The Anacortes Efficiency Advantage

1. The Fiscal Context: Strategic Stewardship

The Board's commitment to fiscal responsibility is reflected in our current spending. We operate on a budget that is nearly identical to the state average, yet we produce elite-tier results.

- **Anacortes Per-Pupil Investment: \$19,419**
- **WA State Average: \$19,341**
- **The "Anacortes Premium":** Only **0.4%** (\$78 per student) above the state baseline.

2. Academic Return on Investment (ROI): Delivering "Exponential Dividends"

While a 1% increase in funding typically targets a 3% gain in proficiency, Anacortes is shattering that benchmark. We are converting a fraction of a percent in additional funding into double-digit proficiency gains.

Subject Area	Anacortes "College Ready"	vs. State Baseline	Efficiency Ratio
Science	62.6%	+19.3%	48 : 1
Mathematics	56.1%	+15.4%	38 : 1
English Language Arts	60.8%	+10.0%	25 : 1

3. The "Efficiency Gap": Expected vs. Actual Performance

If Anacortes performed at a "standard" high-achievement level (the 3:1 ROI rule), our 0.4% investment would only predict a **1.2% gain** over the state. Our **actual** performance in Science is **16x higher** than that expectation.

Metric	Predicted Gain (3:1 Standard)	Actual Anacortes Gain
College Pursuit	1.2%	15.0% (37.5 : 1 ROI)
8-Year Degree Completion	1.2%	10.0% (25.0 : 1 ROI)

4. National Elite Status

Our efficiency hasn't just improved local scores; it has placed us among the top-tier institutions in the country.

- **National Ranking:** Top 6% of high schools nationwide (94th Percentile).
- **Academic Rigor:** 83% of our students earn a 3+ on AP exams.
- **SAT Performance:** Scores average **15% higher** than the state mean.

Executive Summary

The Takeaway: The Anacortes School District does not just provide a linear return on taxpayer dollars. By utilizing a marginal **0.4% fiscal premium**, we have built an **"Achievement Pipeline"** that produces up to **48 times the expected return** in core academic areas. We are delivering private-academy results at a public-school price point.