

# 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.

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## 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           |

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## 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)  |

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#### 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.
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#### 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.