

# SUTTON Elementary

Enrollment: 525 • Certified Staff: 37 • Principal: Becky Plaxco

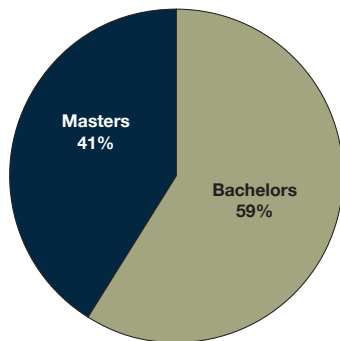
A Great Expectations School

**Partners in Education:** Arkansas Air National Guard, Arkansas State Police, Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce, Golden Corral, Marvin Altman Fitness Center, Merrill Lynch, OK Foods, Inc., RSVP, Simmons First National Bank–Rogers Avenue, Wal-Mart SuperCenter (Kelley Hwy.)

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## Certified Staff

by Education Level



October 10, 2008

## FSPS Teacher Facts

- In 2008-09, .73% and in 2007-08 fewer than .4% of the District's certified staff worked under an Additional Licensure Plan (ALP). ALP indicates that a teacher does not have complete certification required by standard for every assignment. For example, an English teacher may be asked to teach a journalism class. While that teacher may be fully certified in English, he or she may not have completed the appropriate endorsements for eligibility to teach a journalism course.

- 1,100 educators (certified staff) are employed by the Fort Smith Public Schools. In 2008-09, 19 held doctoral degrees above initial undergraduate degrees and 458 held masters degrees above initial undergraduates degrees.

## Average Teacher Salary

- Fort Smith teachers, excluding building or central staff administrators, earned an average of approximately \$52,178 in 2008-2009.

## Per Student Expenditure

- \$8,474 in 2008-2009

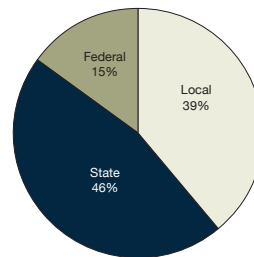
## Local Taxpayer Investment

- 36.5 mills, constant since 1987

## Fort Smith Public Schools

### Actual Revenues

2008-2009

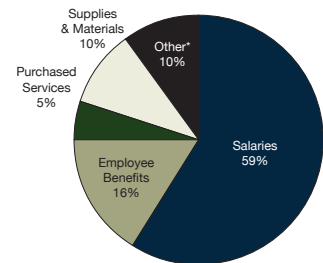


Approximately 2/3 of local revenues are controlled by state in accordance with Amendment 74 and Act 917 of 1995

## Actual Expenditures

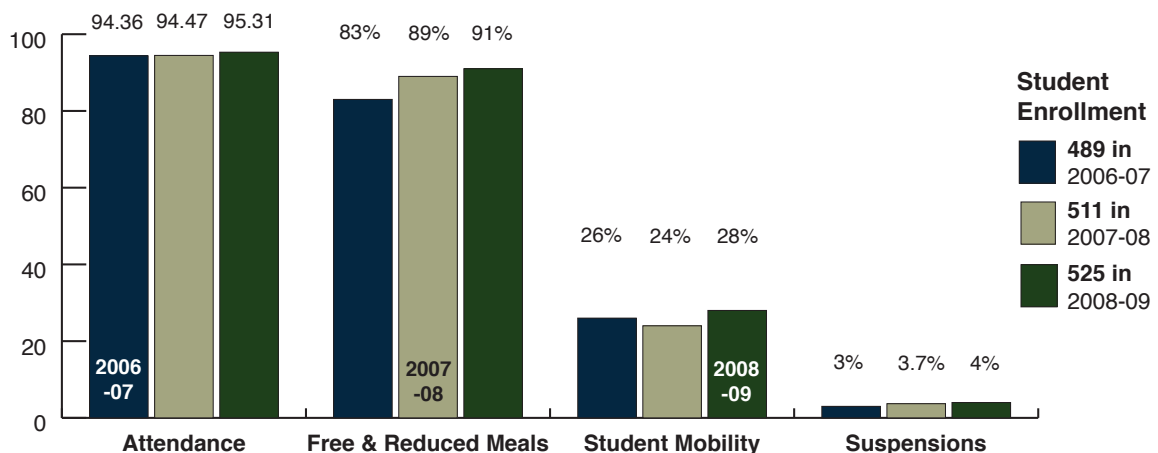
### by Object

2008-2009



\* 6% Capital Outlay, 4% Debt Service

## Non-instructional factors influencing educational success at Sutton



Figures represent percentages of students using October 1 enrollment data.

### Student Enrollment

- 489 in 2006-07
- 511 in 2007-08
- 525 in 2008-09

## Sutton Benchmark Results

Student Group (Students tested per grade.)	% of Students Scoring Below Basic(BB), Basic(B), Proficient(P) & Advanced(A)															
	Grade 3 (61)				Grade 4 (66)				Grade 5 (79)				Grade 6 (67)			
	BB	B	P	A	BB	B	P	A	BB	B	P	A	BB	B	P	A
Total Population	25	26	28	21	09	32	32	27	13	32	39	16	18	34	30	18
Male	23	29	35	13	14	35	35	16	15	33	37	15	25	43	30	03
Female	27	23	20	30	03	28	28	41	09	30	42	18	07	22	30	41
Migrant	00	00	00	00	00	50	50	00	20	20	20	40	50	00	50	00
African American	11	33	33	22	08	58	25	08	00	33	53	13	17	33	39	11
Hispanic	29	33	21	17	10	30	33	27	14	33	42	11	19	38	31	13
Caucasian	25	00	50	25	18	45	27	09	31	31	15	23	50	17	17	17
Students with Disabilities	33	33	33	00	17	83	00	00	40	40	20	00	56	39	06	00
Limited English Proficient	27	30	21	21	10	31	41	17	15	38	36	10	19	48	26	06
Economically Disadvantaged	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

## Literacy

## Arkansas Benchmark

The Benchmark Exam was developed to provide a means by which educators could measure the knowledge and skill of Arkansas students.

## School Safety

In all Fort Smith Public Schools prevention, intervention and appropriate follow-up actions are imperative to school safety.

### • Prevention

The nationally acclaimed, Second Step Conflict Resolution curriculum is taught in Grades K-9 to help students develop anger management, empathy, and impulse-control skills. Programs such as Project PRIMETIME, Kids Leadership Days, and student-led drug and alcohol abuse prevention groups help educators promote healthy life choices. The long-standing school safety patrol program continues to be a critical element in school accident prevention as does the District Safety Committee.

### • Intervention & Follow-up

School and District crisis plans are important resources for every FSPS staff member. When intervention during a crisis becomes necessary, District educators and community members who serve on crisis teams have the advantage of established and practiced response plans. District and building plans are designed to work consecutively to provide for the care and safety of students and staff. All school and District staff members participate in periodic crisis drills, crisis plan reviews and continuing safety and first-aid instruction. Crisis plans also outline appropriate follow-up which is dependent on the nature of the crisis.

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	BB	B	P	A	BB	B	P	A	BB	B	P	A	BB	B	P	A
Total Population	07	34	20	39	17	14	30	39	23	22	24	32	27	13	33	27
Male	06	39	16	39	22	08	43	27	24	22	30	24	30	18	38	15
Female	07	30	23	40	10	21	14	55	21	21	15	42	22	07	26	44
Migrant	00	00	00	00	00	25	50	25	20	20	20	40	50	00	50	00
African American	00	44	33	22	33	25	25	17	13	27	20	40	28	11	33	28
Hispanic	08	42	17	33	13	10	33	43	19	28	22	31	28	16	34	22
Caucasian	13	00	13	75	27	18	27	27	46	23	08	23	50	17	17	17
Students with Disabilities	33	33	33	00	50	17	33	00	70	20	10	00	72	06	22	00
Limited English Proficient	09	36	15	39	14	14	41	31	26	23	26	26	32	16	35	16
Economically Disadvantaged	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

## Math

### 2009 FSPS/Arkansas Benchmarks Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
<b>• Total Population</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	56/66	60/71	62/68	67/67
— Mathematics	71/80	68/77	62/70	77/78
<b>• Male</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	48/59	55/65	58/62	61/60
— Mathematics	67/79	66/76	61/68	75/76
<b>• Female</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	65/74	65/76	66/74	74/74
— Mathematics	76/83	68/79	62/72	80/82
<b>• Migrant</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	40/51	41/58	37/49	40/52
— Mathematics	50/75	63/69	37/57	60/70
<b>• African American</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	42/48	49/52	50/46	53/44
— Mathematics	55/64	47/61	47/50	62/61
<b>• Hispanic</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	41/56	47/59	48/58	50/57
— Mathematics	58/76	62/73	52/65	69/74
<b>• Caucasian</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	68/75	70/78	70/76	79/75
— Mathematics	82/87	76/84	69/78	85/85
<b>• Students w/Disabilities</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	23/27	10/25	19/20	16/15
— Mathematics	47/51	16/41	26/30	31/33
<b>• Limited-English Proficient</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	39/49	40/49	45/47	40/42
— Mathematics	58/72	58/69	50/58	64/67
<b>• Economically Disadvantaged</b>				
— Reading/Language Arts	51/58	38/62	45/58	45/56
— Mathematics	57/74	62/71	27/62	67/71

\* Numbers represent the % of students scoring Proficient & Advanced. FSPS scores are noted on the left. Arkansas scores are on the right.

## Student Mobility

Student mobility is defined as the percentage of students who attended more than one school, including this one, during a given school year. This number is compared to the number of students enrolled at this school. Frequent movement from school-to-school has been shown to place students at a learning disadvantage.

### No Child Left Behind Transfers (NCLB)

2009-10 — Eligible, 521; NCLB, 3  
 2008-09 — Eligible, 525; NCLB, 3  
 2007-08 — Eligible, 511; NCLB, 0

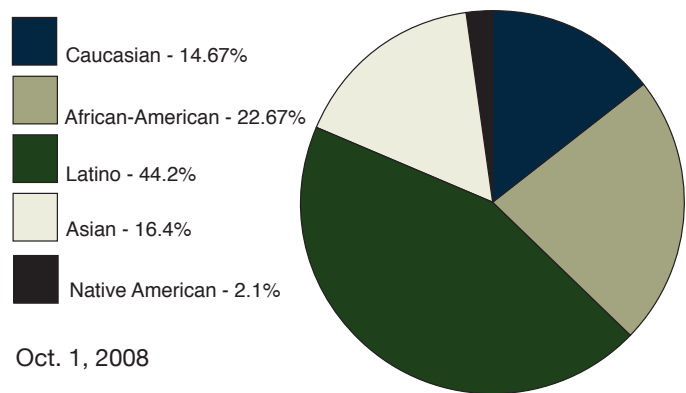
Sutton received \$345.53 as a result of the District beverage contract. This money was distributed supporting specific activities and other school purposes.

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **Arkansas Department of Education (ADE)** is the government body which oversees law & state policy compliance of the 245 Arkansas school districts. Members of the State Board of Education, who are appointed by the Governor, set Arkansas education policy and monitor the activities of the ADE.
- **Arkansas School of Excellence:** This recognition program uses the same criteria as the National Blue Ribbon Program. Through it, schools describe their successes in student focus and support; school organization and culture; challenging standards and curriculum; active teaching and learning; professional community; leadership and educational vitality; school, family, and community partnerships; and, indicators of success. State and national winners are selected based on these criteria.
- **Arkansas Standards for Accreditation** are set by the State Board of Education. They are the minimum requirements that must be met by all schools in Arkansas. State accreditation standards encompass administration, curriculum and instruction, personnel, and support services.
- **Enrollment:** The enrollment numbers shown represent data collected on October 1, 2008.
- **Free and reduced price meal data** determine the amount of federal and state aid a school receives for compensatory education uses. This is commonly referred to as Title 1 programming. These figures often demonstrate a direct relationship between a student's socio-economic status and a student's need for additional classroom assistance.
- **Local Taxpayer Investment & Millage Rate:** Fort Smith taxpayers have supported 36.5 mills for public education since 1987. This millage annually produces approximately 33 percent FY 2009 of the District's total revenue via property taxes.
- **North Central Association:** The North Central Association is a voluntary accrediting agency covering a nineteen state region (plus Department of Defense and Navajo Nation schools). NCA standards are designed to provide a uniform structure for continuous school improvement. North Central Association accreditation criteria are separate from, and in some cases, more rigorous than state requirements.
- **Percentile Rank:** Percentile rank indicates the relative standing of a student with other students in the same grade. Percentile rank ranges from a low of 1 to a high of 99. Percentile rank does not give the percentage of items answered correctly on a test, but indicates the percentage of other students obtaining scores equal to or less than that score. For example, a student who performed as well or better than 75% of the students in the reference group would earn a percentile rank of 75.
- **Per Student Expenditure:** The per-student expenditure theoretically represents the amount of money spent on behalf of individual students with regard to an instructional year.
- **School Performance Report:** This document is prepared for the patrons of the Fort Smith Public School District. The information included represents school progress through several school years. Individual school reports will be given to parents and caregivers of children who attend the school and made available to others upon request. Information presented here refers to the school unless otherwise noted.
- **Standardized Tests** are exams administered under controlled conditions using a specified format. "Standardized" procedures and testing conditions allow scores to be compared among students throughout the state and nation.
- **Norm-Referenced Test:** Norm-referenced scores describe the performance of an individual in relation to the performance of other individuals. Norm-referenced scores must always be interpreted with reference to the grade and time of year of test administration. Norm-referenced scores are often expressed as percentile rankings.
- **Criterion-Referenced Test:** Criterion-referenced scores describe the performance of an individual in relation to a set standard. Criterion-referenced scores must always be interpreted with reference to the standard that must be achieved to pass the test. Criterion-referenced scores are usually expressed in some sort of "pass/fail" terminology. For example, the Arkansas Benchmark and End of Course Exams use the terms "Advanced" and "Proficient" to indicate that the tests' standards have been met, and use the terms, "Basic" and "Below Basic" to indicate that the tests' standards have not been met.
- **Suspensions** represent the actual percentage of students who committed the offenses reported for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09.

## Sutton Elementary School

### School Demography



The mission of the Fort Smith Public Schools is to ensure academic and personal success for each student—today and in the future