



And Let It Begin With Me...

Accountability in one Elementary School

First Street Elementary School
Canonsburg, PA

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First Street Facts

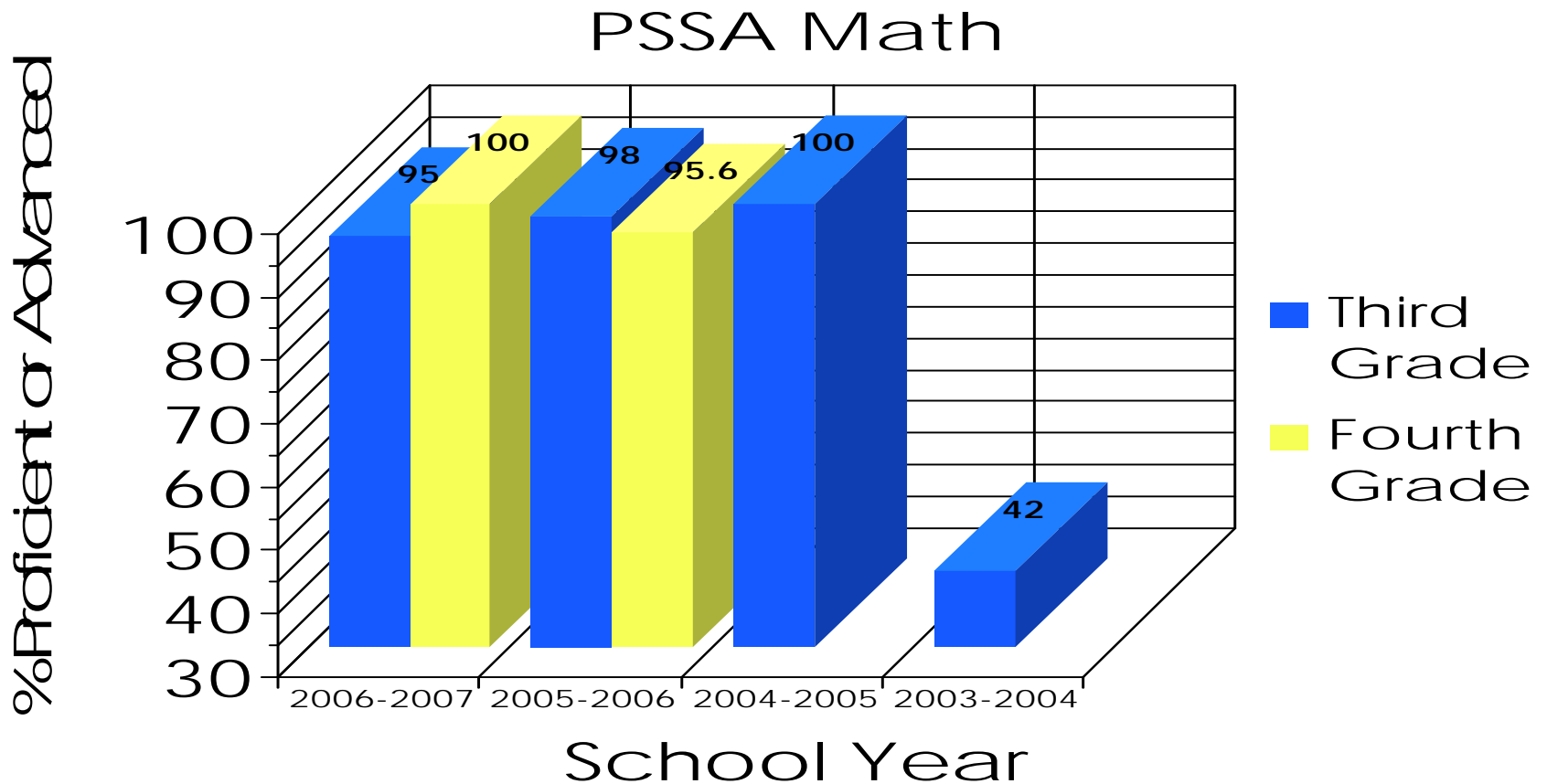
- Elementary School

- 240 students K - 4
 - 84% Caucasian
 - 14% African American
 - <1% Hispanic
 - <1% Asian
 - 45% economically disadvantaged
 - 13% special needs
 - Title 1 School

- Neighborhood School

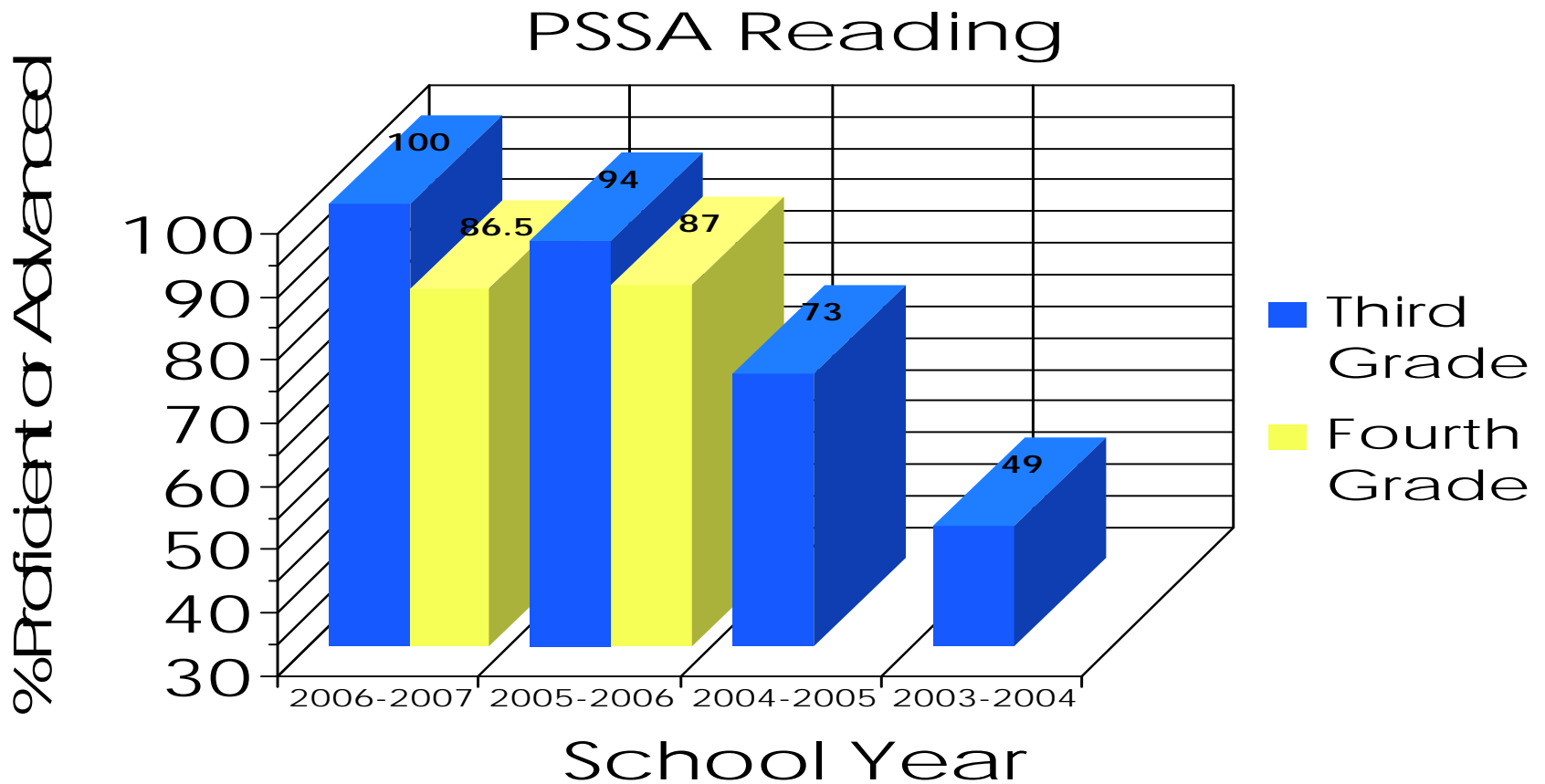
- Small town located 25 miles south of Pittsburgh
- 33 Faculty Members
- Assessments
 - PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment)
 - Terra Nova
 - In View
 - District Benchmarks
 - STAR
 - K-SEALS

PSSA Results



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How did we achieve these results?



"It's not ~~my~~ job!"

School Wide Theme

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Parent Accountability

- September PFA meeting
- Pledge Sheets
- Parenting Professional Development
- Volunteer Program



Student Accountability

- Pledge Sheet

Faculty Accountability



- September kick off for differentiated rotation groups grades 1-4
- Peer Professional Development
- After school tutoring/Orton Gillingham sessions - four nights a week grades 1-4
- Part of determining school practices
- Team planning
 - Monthly administrator meeting
 - Weekly inclusion meeting



Differentiated Groups

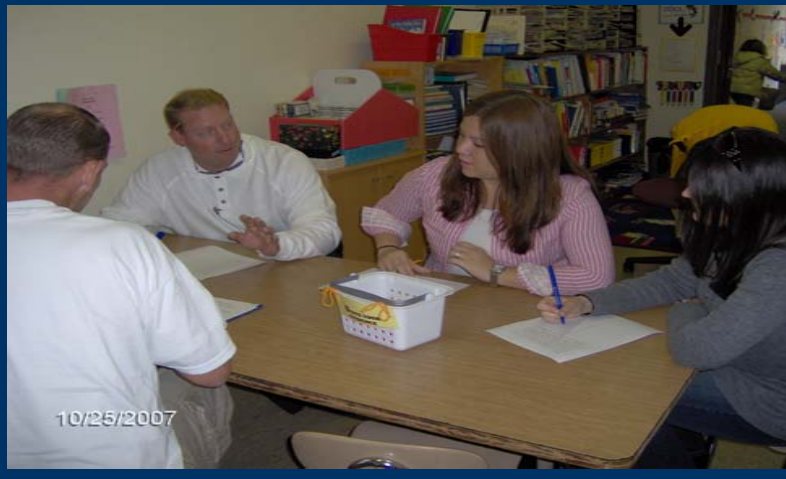


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Peer Professional Development



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Student Accountability



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Summary Points

Accountability is...

- Not just testing
- Taking responsibility
- Meeting student needs



- Challenges Still Ahead
 - Changing Student/Parent Population