



Knappa School District No. 4

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5:45pm: ORS 192.660(2)(i) Executive Session *the governing body of a public body may hold an executive session: (i) to review and evaluate the employment related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employed or staff member who does not request an open hearing.*

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:30 p.m. or immediately following after executive session.

1. **Call to Order – Flag Salute**
2. **Consent Agenda – Motion for Approval Needed**
 - 2.1 Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2026 Meeting
 - 2.2 Surplus of Bus 8
3. **Information**
4. **Communications and Hearing of Interested Parties**

SUBMIT **PUBLIC COMMENT HERE:** <https://knappa.schoolinsites.com/comment>
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5. **Superintendent Report**
6. **New Business**
 - 6.1 Clatsop County Youth Prevention Needs Assessment
 - 6.2 Adult Meal Prices – *Motion for approval needed*
 - 6.3 Superintendent Evaluation Summary – *Motion for approval needed*
 - 6.4 Delayed Adoption for Social Studies – *Motion for approval needed*
7. **Student Rep Reports**
 - 7.1 KHS – Mylie Lempea (12th Grade)
8. **District Reports**
 - 8.1 Financial Report – Jennifer Morgan – *Motion for approval needed*
 - 8.2 Hilda Lahti Elementary/Knappa Middle School – Andi Rynberg
 - 8.3 Knappa High School – Paul Isom
9. **Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items**

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm, Knappa High School Library.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 Budget Meeting 6:30pm, Knappa High School Library.



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Board of Directors' Work Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Present

Brian Montgomery – Chair
Cullen Bangs – Vice Chair
Will Isom – Director
Michelle Finn – Director
Hannah Bryan – Director - Virtual
William Fritz – Superintendent – Virtual
Hannah Mather – Board Secretary
Jennifer Morgan- Chief Financial Officer

Absent

Andi Rynberg – HLE/KMS Interim Principal
Paul Isom-KHS Principal
Brittany Norton – SPED Director

5:45 p.m. *Executive Session ORS 192.660 the governing body of a public body may hold an executive session; (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.*

6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order – Flag Salute**
Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Consent Agenda – Motion for Approval Needed**
 - 2.1 Approval of Minutes from the January 28, 2026 Meeting
 - 2.2 Approval of the Budget Committee Member Appointment
Chair Montgomery calls for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Finn makes a motion, Bangs seconds, all in favor, motion passed. No further discussion.
3. **Communications and Hearing of Interested Parties**

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None.

No Public Comment at this time.
4. **New Business**
 - 5.1 26-26 Certified Contract Renewals – *Motion for approval needed*
Dr. Fritz presents the recommended certified contract renewals listed as given. Chair Montgomery opens for discussion. Chair Montgomery clarifies regarding the two contracts to approve later. Director Isom requests to be abstained from voting on a contract and requests

to move Paul Isom's contract to a new item due to conflict of interest. Item moved. Bangs makes motion to approve the 26-27 Certified Contracts as listed excluding Paul Isom's contract, Finn seconds, all in favor. Motion passed. No further discussion.

Approval of Paul Isom's Certified Contract

Bangs makes a motion to approve Paul Isom's Contract as moved from the item, Finn seconds, four out of five in favor, motion passed. Director Isom obtains due to conflict of interest.

5.2 Cell Phone Policy – JFCEB – *First Reading & Motion*

Dr. Fritz summarizes the updates to the policy adopted before and present requirement by ODE. Chair Montgomery states due to the small updates to go ahead and vote on this evening, Isom makes a motion to approve the cell phone policy JFCEB as presented, Bangs seconds, all in favor, motion passed. No further discussion

5.3 Wellness Policy – EFA – *First Reading & Motion for approval needed*

Chair Montgomery calls for calls or a vote, Chair makes a motion to approve, Bangs seconds, all in favor, motion passed. No further discussion.

5.4 Classified Appreciation Resolution

Dr. Fritz reports regarding the resolution. Chair Montgomery reads the resolution. Chair calls for a motion, Bangs makes a motion to adopt and approve the resolution, Finn seconds, all in favor, motion and resolution passed. No further discussion.

9. Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

Finn – Nothing to report at this time.

Bryan – Nothing to report at this time.

Montgomery – Nothing to report at this time.

Isom – Nothing to report at this time.

Bangs - Nothing to report at this time.

Meeting adjourned 6.43pm.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm, Knappa High School Library following with an executive session. Wednesday, April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm, Knappa High School Library.

Knappa School District # 4

**Information Update
March 18, 2026**

The Superintendent approves the following:

Hiring of:

1. Moses Peitsch as the MS Track Coach.

Superintendent Report
March 18, 2026



Chamber After Hours Event. Last Thursday night, about 40 Chamber of Commerce members came to Knappa School District for their monthly *after hours* event. We were able to share the great things happening in our schools with this group.

Students shared their experiences in Knappa with the audience. Lucy VanHook shared her love for art classes in Knappa, Tannar Cagwin discussed his CTE coursework, Mylie Lempea shared her experiences with college level and AP coursework, and Audrey Bangs shared the great work the middle school student council is doing. The Chamber visitors were able to tour the building, and expressed their appreciation for the work being done in Knappa Schools.



OSE Presidential Scholarship. Yes, the Board knows Mylie Lempea as the KHS Board Representative, and has seen her shooting 3's on the basketball court, but you probably also know she is hard working and bright. Last week, she was recognized with OSU's most prestigious award, the Presidential Scholarship! This is a \$40,000 scholarship for freshmen heading to the Corvallis or Bend OSU campuses. We are proud of Mylie for this accomplishment.

Performances. Last night, the KHS bands all performed at the Liberty Theater in Astoria. The groups keep getting better and better under the direction of Mr. Jackson Hughston.

On Monday, we saw the talents of our middle school students at their talent show, organized by the student council (I got to be one of the judges).



Last week, Missoula Children’s Theater worked with our elementary and middle school students to prepare their performance of *Hercules*.

Still to come is the drama club’s performance of *Art Attack* which will occur at the Ten-Fifteen Theater in Astoria on May 2 (evening performance) and May 3 (matinee).



New Fiber Line. Last week, the new fiber loop line finally reached Knappa School District. This new line, installed by Northwest Regional Education Service District will allow faster internet service with increased reliability on our campus.

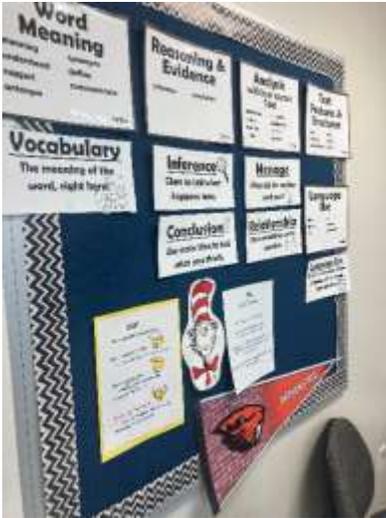
Dental Care Provided to Knappa Students. Last week, Arrow Dental was at Hilda Lahti Elementary providing dental screenings, fluoride treatment, and sealants for students. Thank you to Nurse Katie Montgomery for organizing this care for students.



New School Bus. Our new school bus arrived two weeks ago. This bus is our fourth propane fueled bus, and is equipped with passenger seatbelts throughout. Pictured here are our preschool students, about to board the bus on its first day in operation. Our new buses are



funded by money that is earmarked by ODE for bus purchases based on a depreciation schedule for our existing buses. These funds must only be used for school buses and cannot be used for any other staffing or operational expenses.



Visit to Stanfield Elementary School. On our way to Pendleton for the State Basketball Tournament, Mr. Isom, Dr. Rynberg, and I visited Stanfield School District to learn about their successful literacy initiatives.

The classroom we visited had highly engaging instruction, with appropriate grade-level content and high cognitive demand. The students were having fun with their learning. Pictured to the left is their “word wall” with reading vocabulary that all students clearly demonstrated they understood during our visit.

We will share what we learned with our teaching team at our April 12th professional development session.

We appreciate their warm welcome and note that they apparently have OSU fans too!

Math Teacher Training. On March 2, three of our math teachers traveled down to the Seattle area to attend a training on “Thinking Classrooms” which involve students working in teams to solve problems together. This work is consistent with our Making Thinking Visible work we have been doing with our whole staff, but it is specific to mathematics. Peter Liljedahl (pictured with our teachers and author of the book *Building Thinking Classrooms*), was the presenter. The teachers began implementing the things they learned the day they got back and indicate their students are more engaged in and thinking deeper in math classes. We will continue to support this learning through a collaborative with NWRES.



**Knappa School District #4
Board Meeting Background Information**

Policy
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Vision & Goals
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 Other

Item Title: Surplus Declaration for School Buses and Other Items

Presenter: Bill Fritz, Ph.D., Superintendent

Background Information Related to this Issue:

The District received delivery a new school bus in February 2026.

One of our older buses (bus 8) is beyond its useful life. We recommend that the Board declare the bus surplus, allowing district staff dispose of the bus either via sealed bid or scrap, whichever is most beneficial to the school district.

Background (con't)

Financial Impact:

The method of disposal will provide the maximum benefit to the school district, either as scrap value or auction value.

Recommended Action:

It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board declare the following bus as surplus:

2011 Blue bird bus VIN Number 1BAKBCPA8BF275435

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Item Title: Adult Meal Prices

Presenter: *Jennifer Morgan-CFO/Nutrition Director*

Background Information Related to this Issue:

Our adult meal prices need to meet or exceed the current federal meal reimbursement per meal for breakfast and lunch. Currently our adult meal prices are below that and we will need to make a transfer of \$13.60 from the general fund to cover this year's difference.

Our current prices for breakfast are-\$2.50
Lunch-\$5.00

The 2526 meal reimbursement rates for breakfast are \$2.94, lunch \$5.16

Per our recent administrative review with ODE, they recommend to round up to cover the following years increase as well.

All students eat for free under CEP

Background (con't)

Financial Impact:

Recommended Action:

It is the recommendation of the CFO/Nutrition Director to increase adult meal prices from \$2.50 to \$3.25 for breakfast and lunch from \$5.00 to \$5.25 for the remainder of the 2526 school year and the 2627 school year.



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Board Meeting Background Information

Agenda Topic: Delay of Social Studies Adoption Date of Presentation: March 18, 2026

Presenter: Dr. Fritz Presenter Position: Superintendent

Action needed: Yes

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| <u> </u> Policy | <u> </u> Vision & Goals | <u> </u> Other: <u> </u> Curriculum |
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School in Effect:

- Knappa Pre-K
- Hilda Lahti
- Knappa Middle
- Knappa High
- X** Districtwide

Background Information Related to this Issue:

During our dialogue with our teachers this year, we have learned that there is a need to purchase secondary English language arts (ELA) materials in preparation for the 2026-27 school year. Our ELA teachers have been hired/assigned subsequent to the last ELA adoption. At the time of the adoption, the teachers didn't feel they needed official curricula because they were primary using teacher provided and/or novel study approaches to teaching.

In light of our district literacy planning, our current teachers have indicated that they DO need materials. Social studies is the subject for selection this year and adoption next year in accordance with the state adoption schedule. However, financially, we cannot purchase both at the same time, and ELA is a high priority.

Accordingly, we are recommending delaying the social studies adoption until 2027, which is permissible under ODE rules with Board approval. In lieu of this delay, we will be bringing forward ELA materials for Board approval later this spring.

Next year is a world language and PE adoption year, and we believe we can properly budget to adopt these and social studies at the same time, since PE and world language are not as expensive as ELA and/or social studies.

Financial Impact/Budget:

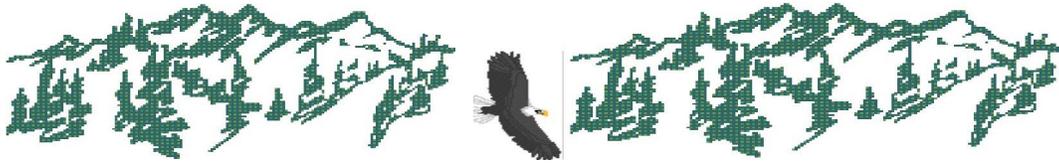
Funds in the budget for social studies curriculum adoption will be repurposed to purchase middle school and high school ELA materials with no need to change any budgets. Funding for the delayed social studies adoption will be included in the upcoming budget at the time of the needed purchase in 2027.

Recommended Action:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Directors approve

The social studies curriculum postponement as presented.

Any attachments to follow.



Knappa School District No. 4

William Fritz Ph.D.-Superintendent

March 18, 2026

Board Meeting

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Jennifer Morgan CFO

TOPIC: FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion

Attached is the February 2026 monthly financial report.

Highlighted in the report is a larger than expected timber revenue payment, we will need to set aside the difference from budgeted to actuals for the May 2027 takeback of state revenue.

We received our first SSF Estimate for the 2627 school year. This is the second year of the biennium so we will see a slight increase in revenue for the 2627 school year from the 2526 school year. I have started to work on the budget for the 2627 school year, and the interim audit is scheduled for the week of April 20th.

If you have any questions, please reach out!

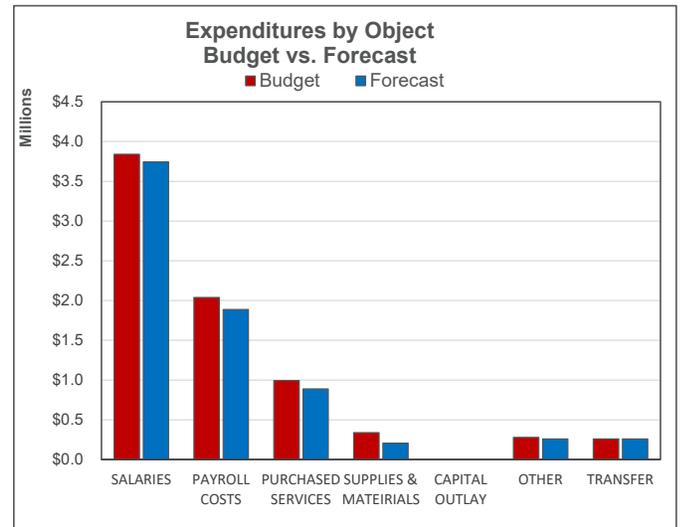
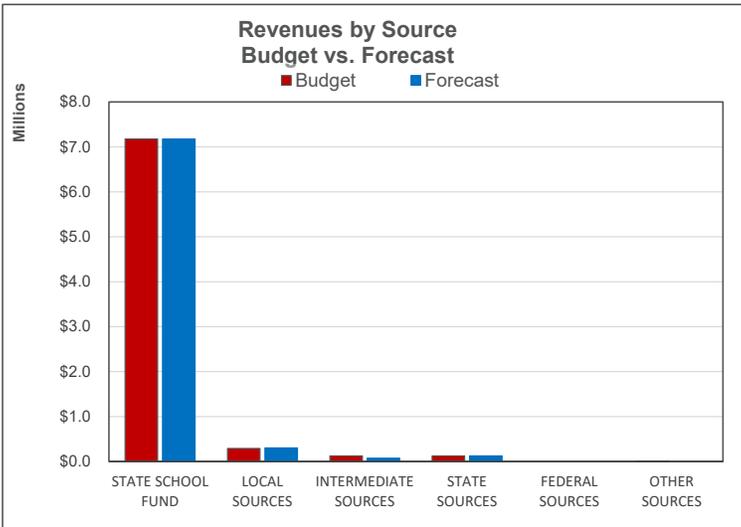
Respectfully,

Jennifer Morgan

General Fund | 2025 - 2026 Financial Summary by Object

For the Period Ending February 28, 2026

	2024 - 2025 YTD Actual	Prior Year % of Actual	Adopted Budget	2025 - 2026 YTD Actuals	% of Budget	Annual Forecast	Variance Fav / (Unfav)
RESOURCES							
Operating Revenues							
State School Fund	\$ 3,415,758	78.51%	\$ 4,805,292	\$ 3,497,925	72.79%	\$ 4,647,925	\$ (157,367)
Local Sources	1,713,623	86.19%	2,369,000	1,920,674	81.08%	2,528,379	159,379
State School Fund Formula	5,129,381	80.92%	7,174,292	5,418,599	75.53%	7,176,304	2,012
Local Sources	79,623	59.00%	290,100	87,998	30.33%	304,772	14,672
Intermediate Sources	-	0.00%	125,000	-	0.00%	73,051	(51,949)
State Sources	-	0.00%	125,000	222,139	177.71%	125,000	-
Federal Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Sources	95	100.00%	3,000	-	0.00%	-	(3,000)
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 5,209,099	77.55%	\$ 7,717,392	\$ 5,728,736	74.23%	\$ 7,679,128	\$ (38,264)
REQUIREMENTS							
Operating Expenditures							
Salaries	\$ 2,201,018	61.41%	\$ 3,840,551	\$ 2,273,922	59.21%	\$ 3,743,481	\$ 97,071
Associated Payroll Costs	1,036,758	59.58%	2,039,259	1,162,203	56.99%	1,887,958	151,301
Purchased Services	309,039	52.18%	993,589	451,580	45.45%	888,542	105,047
Supplies and Materials	166,625	70.01%	338,100	165,527	48.96%	207,723	130,377
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Objects	220,207	98.20%	277,650	255,087	91.87%	260,308	17,342
Transfers	257,000	100.00%	260,000	260,000	100.00%	260,000	-
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 4,190,647	63.15%	\$ 7,749,150	\$ 4,568,319	58.95%	\$ 7,248,012	\$ 501,138



Attn: Knappa School Board Members & Superintendent Dr. Bill Fritz

Subject: School Board Report – March 18, 2026

From: Dr. Andi Rynberg

Last month our students were encouraged to be a part of the American Heart Association's heart challenge. 18 of our students actively participated in the challenge. It was a huge success. 403 dollars was raised to help people with special hearts. A big thank you was provided to us on behalf of the American Heart Association. Many thanks to all those involved, and especially to our middle school student council who helped and assisted with this event.

This past month, a few of us had the opportunity to visit Stanfield ES. The school has been performing academically well on state standardized test. Their scores are above the state averages. So, we took the time to learn a few things they were doing in their school. We came away with some positive attributes for things to consider. Our Knappa Professional Learning Leadership team recently held a professional learning session to continue our journey with school improvement. There were 18 agenda items. Our visit to Stanfield was one of our agenda items.

Our PreK program staff have been working with Ms. Annette Backlar. Annette is a former PreK teacher. She is experienced and I would identify her as one of the top teachers in my 30-year career. She has been working with our PreK team these past couple months. Our PreK team was excited to have her be a part of their team work.



One of our school improvement goals for all staff this year has been to make thinking visible for our students. Recently, three of our staff attending a highly respected Building Thinking Math Classrooms training. All three came back pumped and ready to go. Ms. Jones shared the groups learning experiences with our Knappa Professional Learning Leadership team. She has introduced these teaching techniques with her Science and Math classes. The responses of our students have been positive.

This past Monday, our middle school student council sponsored a grade 3-8 talent show. A few of us were asked to be the judges. Although the talent show hasn't happened as of this writing, I look forward to let you know the results on Wednesday.

Our students are also participating today, Friday, in the Missoula Children's Theatre School Show. The excitement and participation of all those involved is exciting. The students are energized and ready to perform for their peers. This is an awesome opportunity for our students to be a part of the performing arts. Cheers to all!

Dr. Fritz, via his vision and connection with the community, recently hosted a Chamber of Commerce Knappa schools' awareness opportunity for our district. All administrators were present. We heard from him, as well as several of our students, describe their personal experiences with Knappa schools. It was so nice to hear all of the positive reflections of our students. A special shout out goes to our middle school student council President Audrey Bangs. She did an awesome job showcasing our PreK-8 program.

Lastly, we had our monthly student of the month celebration. This is always a great time to support positive student behavioral choices for our kids. Students are always provided with an opportunity to clap and cheer them on for their individual accolades. The cheerleading team was not present. We encouraged Mr. Markus to do a cartwheel, but he declined. I tried, but it looked more like a role on the floor. lol

March 2025
KSD Board Report

Enrollment 2025-26

Grade	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
K		35	36	34	33	33	35	35			
1		26	26	25	24	24	24	24			
2		31	31	30	30	29	30	29			
3		22	22	22	22	20	20	20			

4		36	35	35	35	35	35	35			
5		35	35	35	35	34	34	35			
6		26	25	23	23	23	23	23			
7		44	44	44	44	43	43	43			
8		32	33	33	33	32	32	33			
Total		287	287	281	279	273	276	277			

Respectfully,

Andi Rynberg
Hilda Lahti - PreK-8 Principal



Knappa High School

All learners prepared to rise to the opportunities and challenges of the world

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Stephanie Baldwin

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We started the month with one of our students receiving a prestigious scholarship from Oregon State University. Mylie Lempea was awarded the Presidential Scholarship, which is Oregon State's most prestigious award. While Mylie has committed to Pacific University this was a great honor nonetheless.

Last month we wrapped up a successful winter sports season. Girls basketball made it back to Pendleton for the third consecutive season! We also had two wrestlers who qualified for state. Thank you to all of the coaches, volunteers, and parents who made it a great winter season. Also thank you to our Athletic Director, Jenny Smith, for all of her excellent work.

Clatsop works came in to talk to the students on Friday, March 13th about their internship program. This was well received and several students sound like they will apply. Thank you to Misty Bateman for coming out to talk to our students!

There was a Chamber of Commerce after hours event last week. Thank you to Mylie Lempea, Tannar Cagwin and Luicee Van Hook for speaking at the event. They highlighted the high schools college credit offerings, our CTE program, and our Art Program!

Respectfully,

Paul Isom, Principal, KHS



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9		36	37	36	36	35	34	34			
10		33	33	32	32	31	31	30			
11		27	28	27	27	26	26	26			
12		31	31	31	31	29	29	29			
Total		127	129	126	126	121	120	119			

2024-25

Grade	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
9		34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
10		30	30	29	30	29	29	29	28	28	28
11		37	37	37	36	35	34	34	33	33	33
12		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Total		131	131	130	130	128	127	127	125	125	125

2023-24

Grade	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
9	34	35	35	33	33	34	32	32	32	32	31
10	36	34	33	33	33	31	31	31	31	30	30
11	34	34	34	33	33	32	32	31	31	31	30
12	35	36	36	35	35	36	36	36	36	36	35
Total	139	139	138	134	134	133	131	130	130	129	126