Forsyth County Schools

Student Assessment Update: Georgia Milestones

Teaching & Learning

9/8/2026

Alignment to District Goals

Governance Goal #2

The Learner Experience:Increase student growth and achievement

Governance Goal #3

Staff Recruitment and Development

Georgia Milestones

Comprehensive Summative Assessment Program

End of Grade (EOG)	End of Course (EOC)
Grades 3-8 • English Language Arts (Late Fall) • Mathematics **Grades 5 and 8** • Science **Grade 8** • Social Studies • HS Physical Science	• Algebra: Concepts & Connections • Literature & Composition II (Late Fall) • Biology • United States History

Georgia Milestones Achievement Levels

- **Distinguished Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level or course and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

- **Proficient Learners demonstrate proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level or course and are on track for college and career readiness.

- **Developing Learners demonstrate partial proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.

- **Beginning Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency** in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.

2026 Milestones System Summary

- FCS ranked first among large districts in math and social studies End of Grade (EOG) assessments for all elementary and middle school tested grade levels, and second in the state for 5th grade science. At the high school level, students earned the highest End of Course (EOC) scores in Algebra and Biology for large systems.

- Multiple schools placed within the top 20 in Georgia for both EOG and EOC assessments.

- Results for all English Language Arts (ELA) EOG and EOC assessments will be released later this fall, following the rollout of new course standards statewide.

Note: System and school comparisons on this slide utilize mean scale scores, and large systems are those that tested over 1,000 students per test.

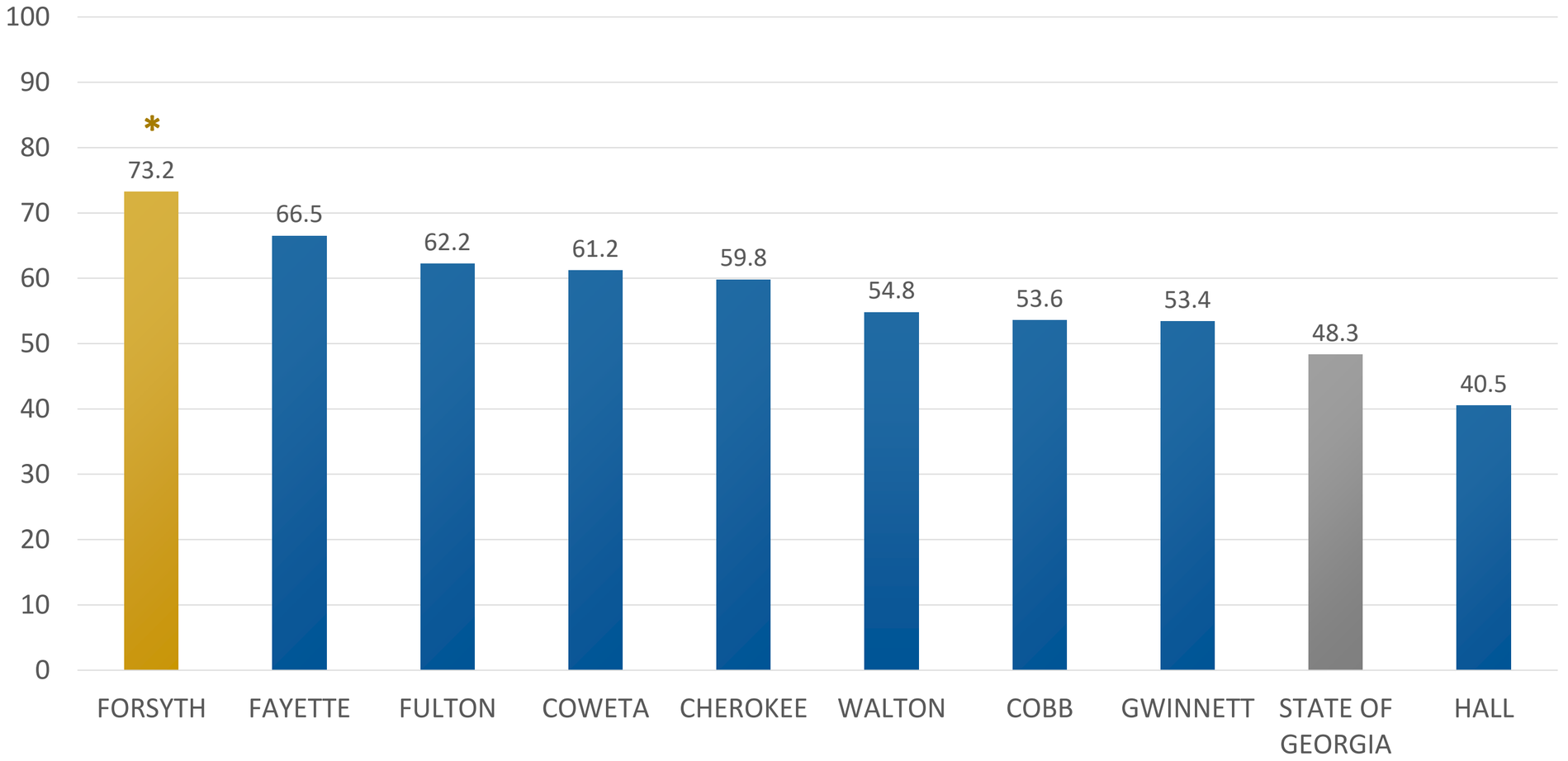
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Math

3rd Grade Math

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

73.2%

Highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+24.9

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

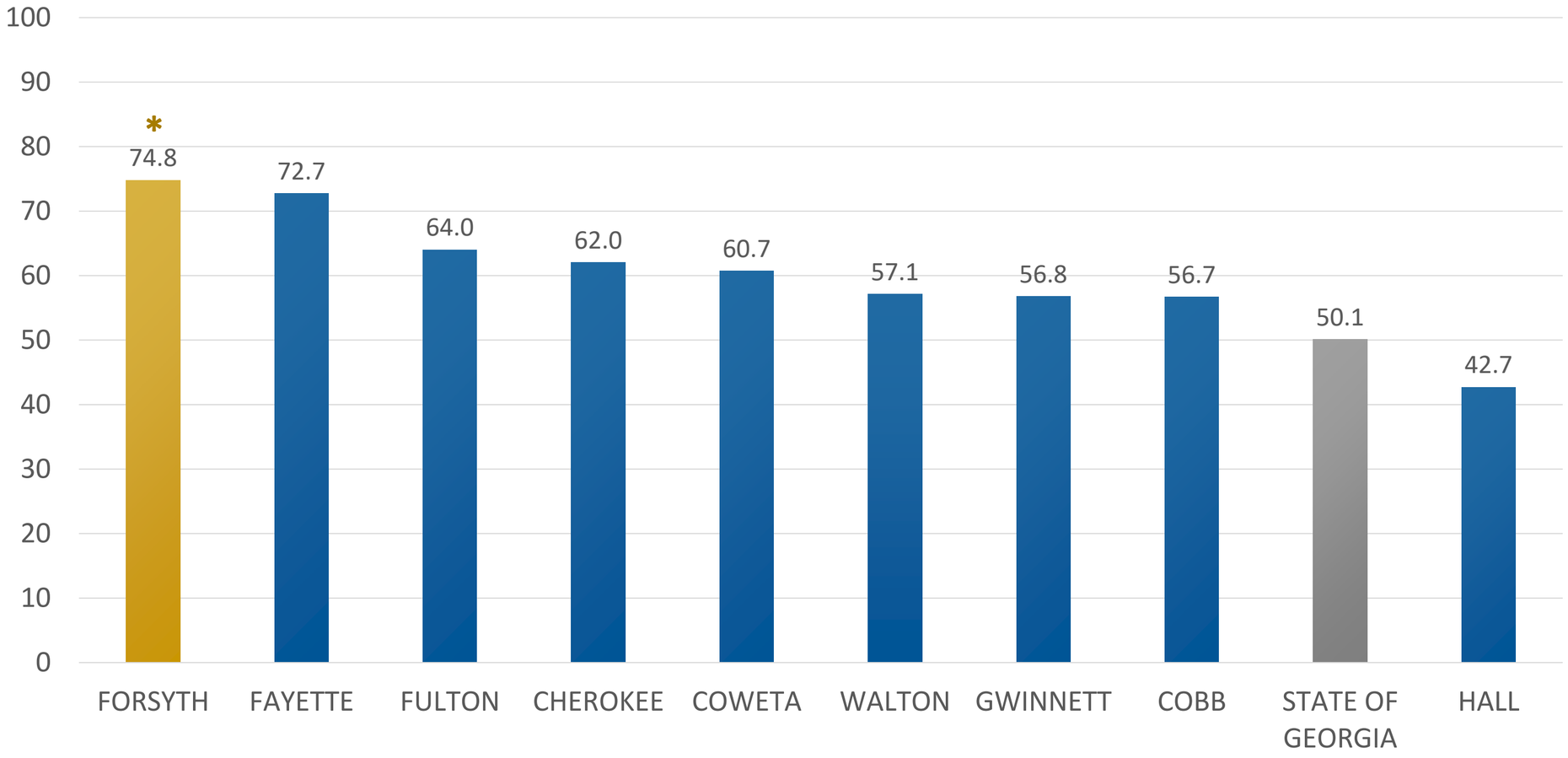
Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

4th Grade Math

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

74.8%

Highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+24.7

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

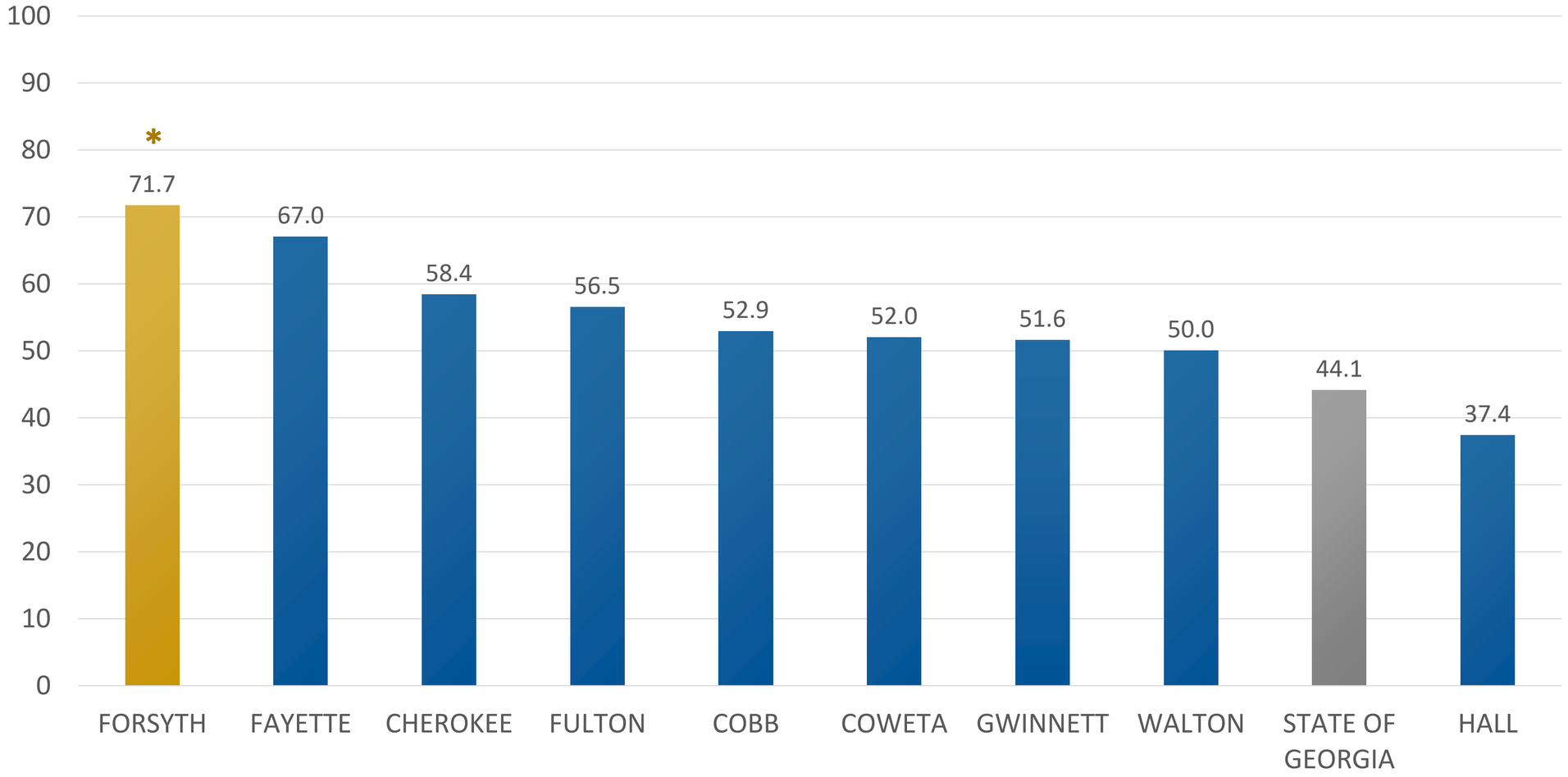
Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

5th Grade Math

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

71.7%

Highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+26.7

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

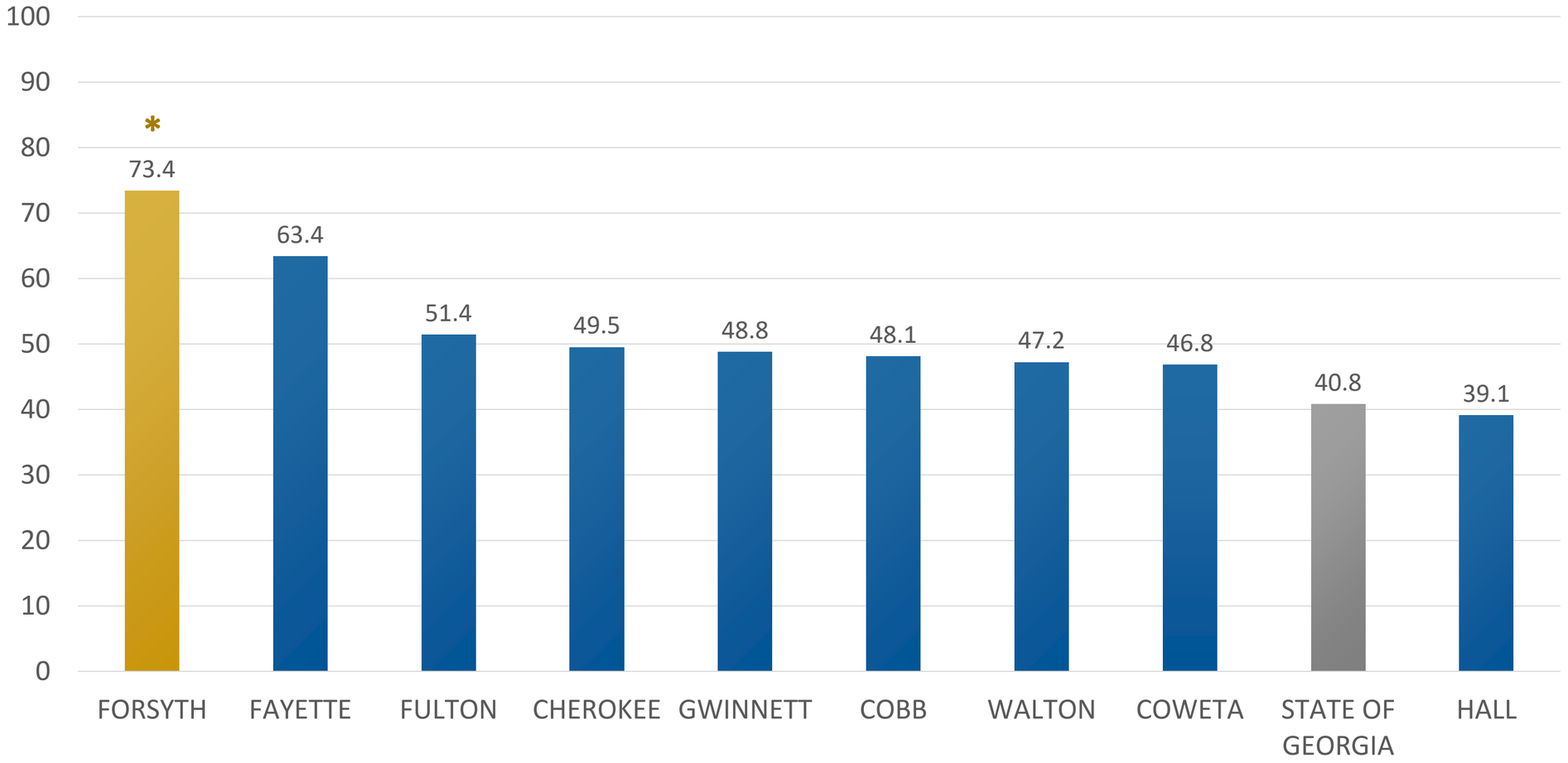
Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

6th Grade Math

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

73.4%

Highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+32.6

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

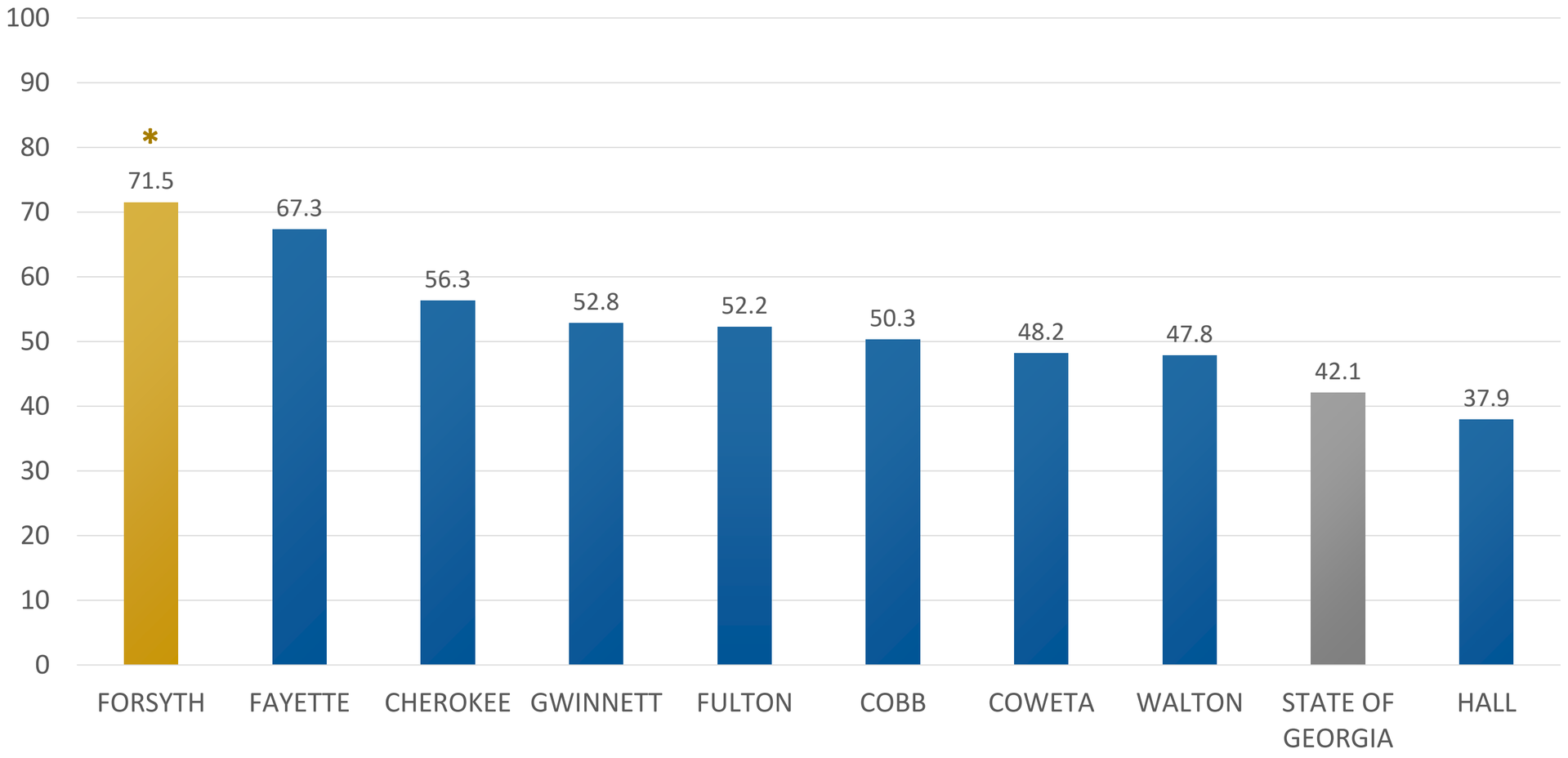
Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

7th Grade Math

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

71.5%

Highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+29.4

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

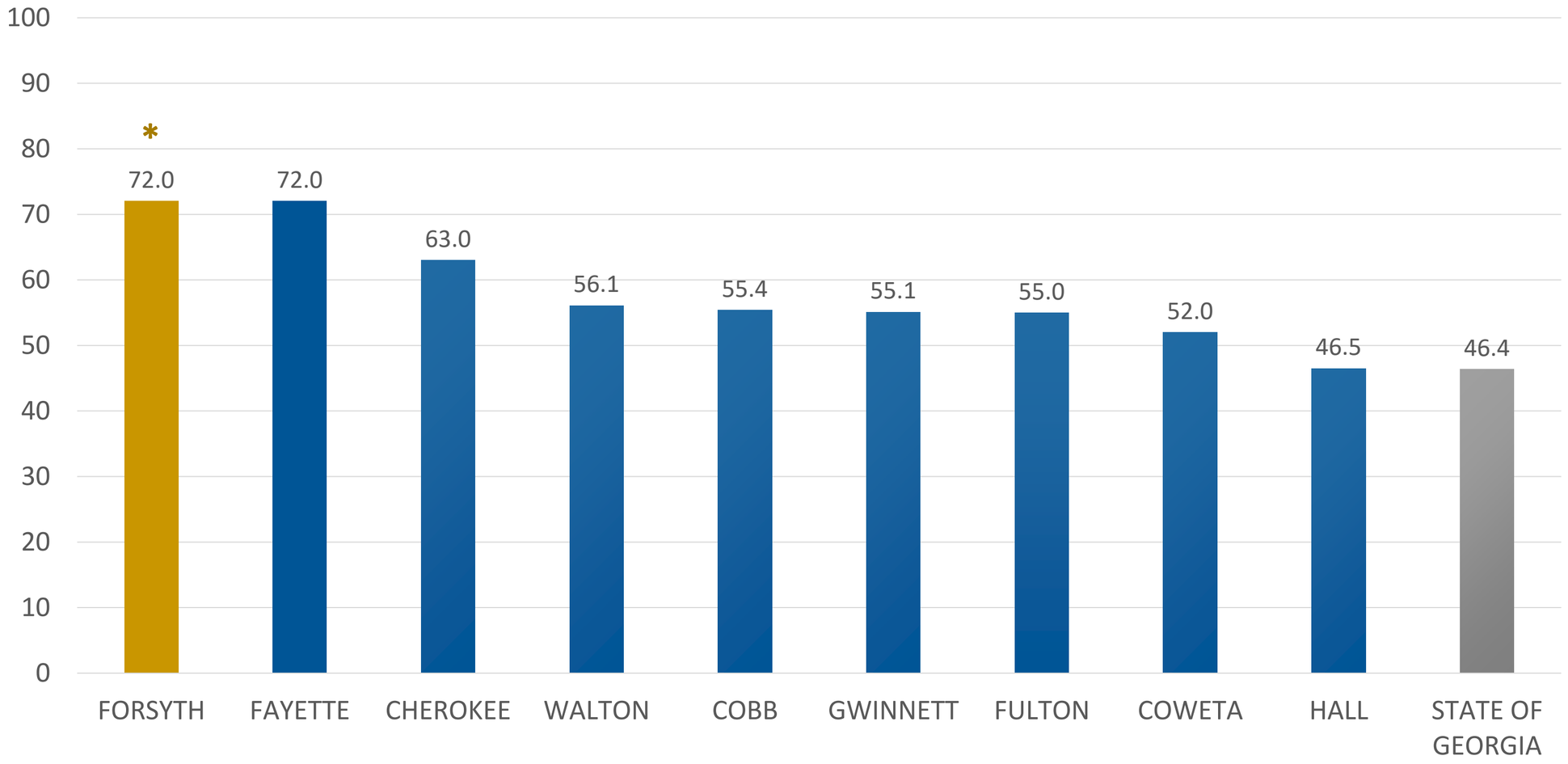
Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

8th Grade Math

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

72%

Second highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+25.6

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

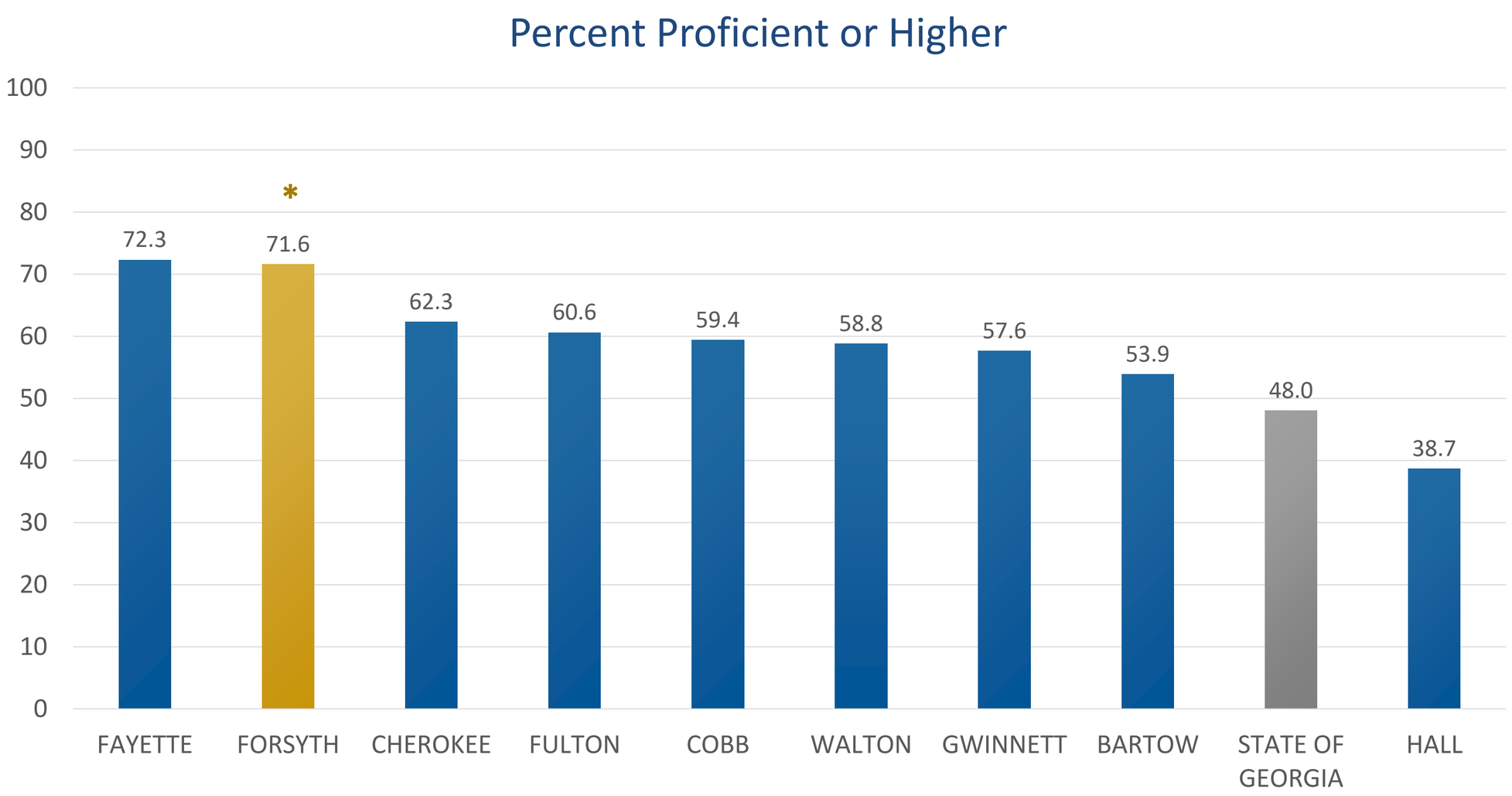
PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

Algebra: Concepts and Connections

State and Large Systems Comparison



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

71.6%

Second highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+23.6

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

2nd Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)
1st Overall when comparing mean scale score

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

Algebra: Concepts and Connections

State and Large Systems Comparison

Clear all slicers

Subject

- (●) Algebra CC/Algebra I
- ( ) American Lit.
- ( ) Biology
- ( ) HS Physical Science
- ( ) Math
- ( ) Science
- ( ) Social Studies
- ( ) US History

Grade

All

Level

All

RESA

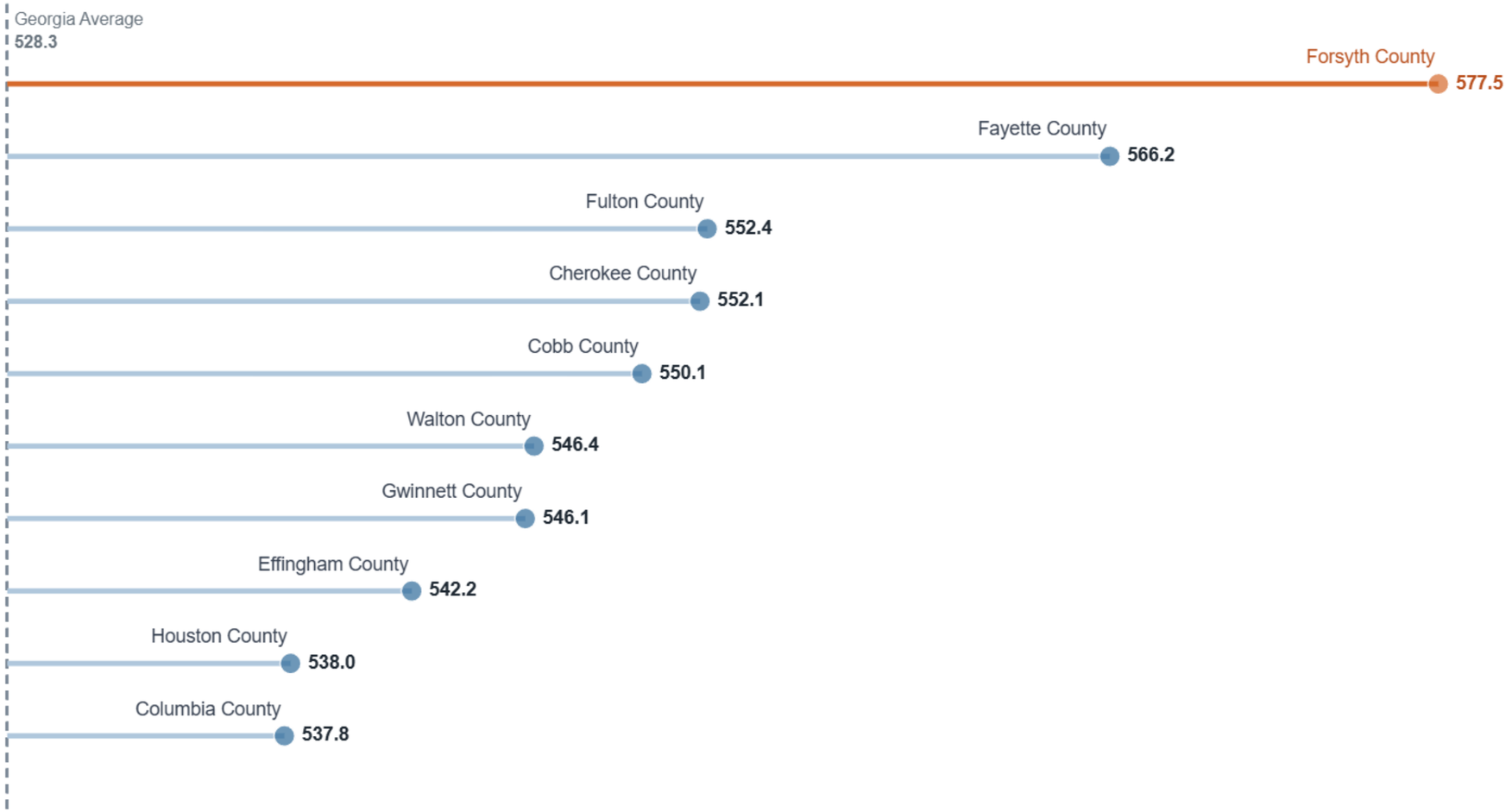
All

Large Systems (>14,000 Enrollment)

■ Yes

Top 10 Mean Scale Scores + Forsyth County

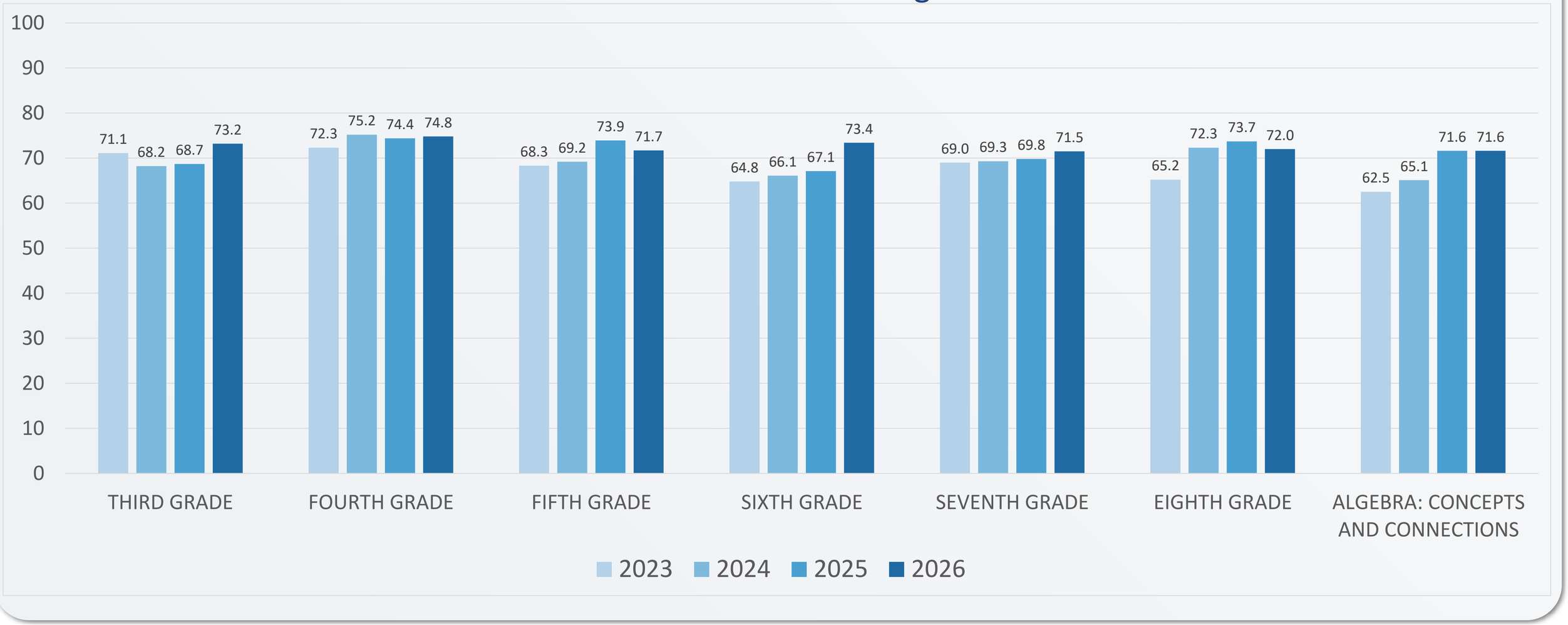
Top 10 within the selected group; Forsyth is retained as a comparison



Math

District Performance Over Time (2023-2026)

Percent Proficient or Higher



Math: Action Steps

Data-Informed Curriculum & Instructional Refinement:

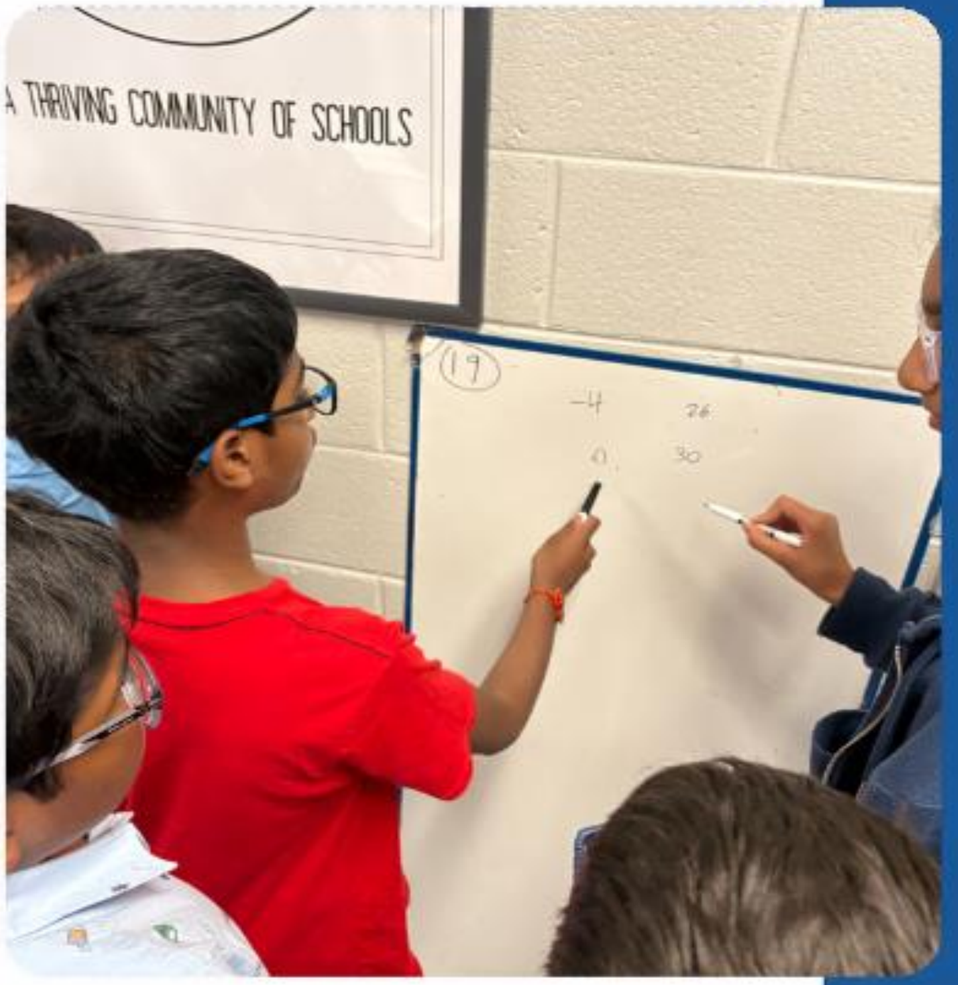
- We are conducting deeper analysis of student performance on district common midterm and final exams to identify standards and skills where students demonstrate persistent challenges. We are using those findings to provide greater **clarity** around learning expectations and to refine curriculum, assessment, and instructional supports.

Expand Access to Advanced Mathematics:

- We are significantly expanding advanced mathematics opportunities in grades 3–5 through **Beast Academy Clasroom.**
- Expanding from **1,100** to **2,700** students across **every elementary school.**

+145% INCREASE

- This work puts us **ahead** of Governor Kemp's House Bill 1030 by proactively broadening access to advanced mathematics while providing students with greater depth, complexity, problem solving, and mathematical reasoning.

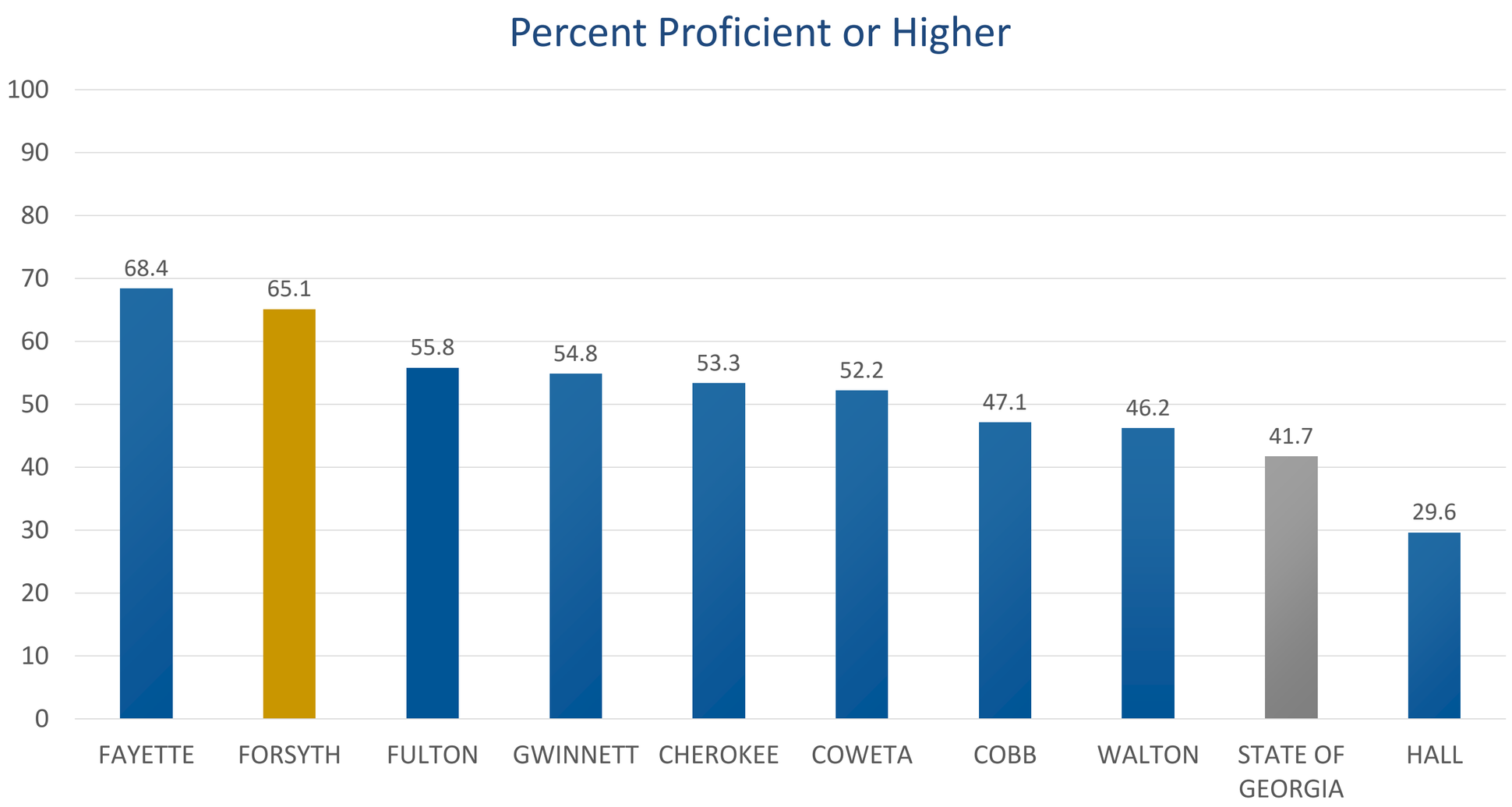


ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Science

5th Grade Science

State and Large Systems Comparison



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

65.1%

Third highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+20.9

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

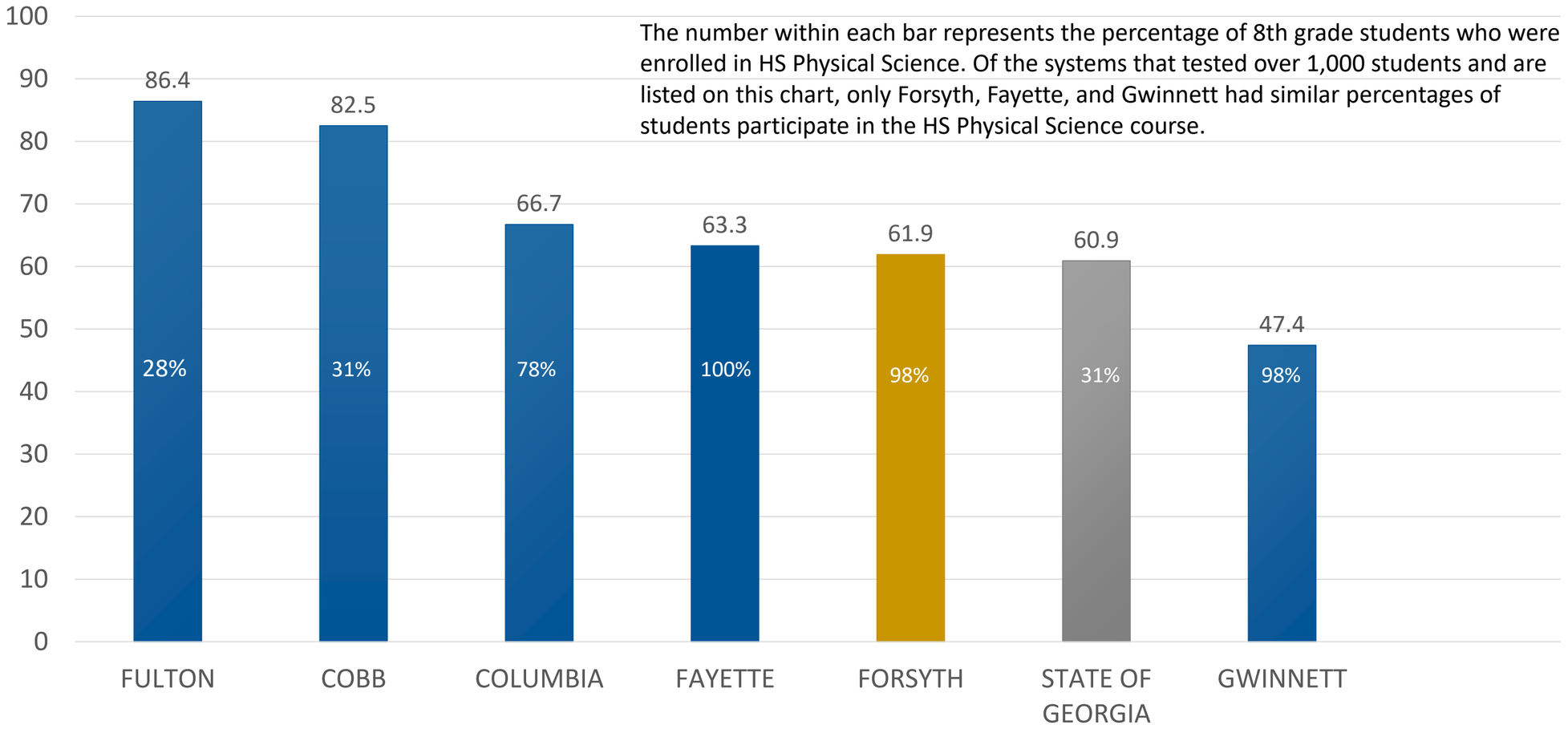
2nd Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

High School Physical Science

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



The number within each bar represents the percentage of 8th grade students who were enrolled in HS Physical Science. Of the systems that tested over 1,000 students and are listed on this chart, only Forsyth, Fayette, and Gwinnett had similar percentages of students participate in the HS Physical Science course.

FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

61.9%

Fourth highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+1

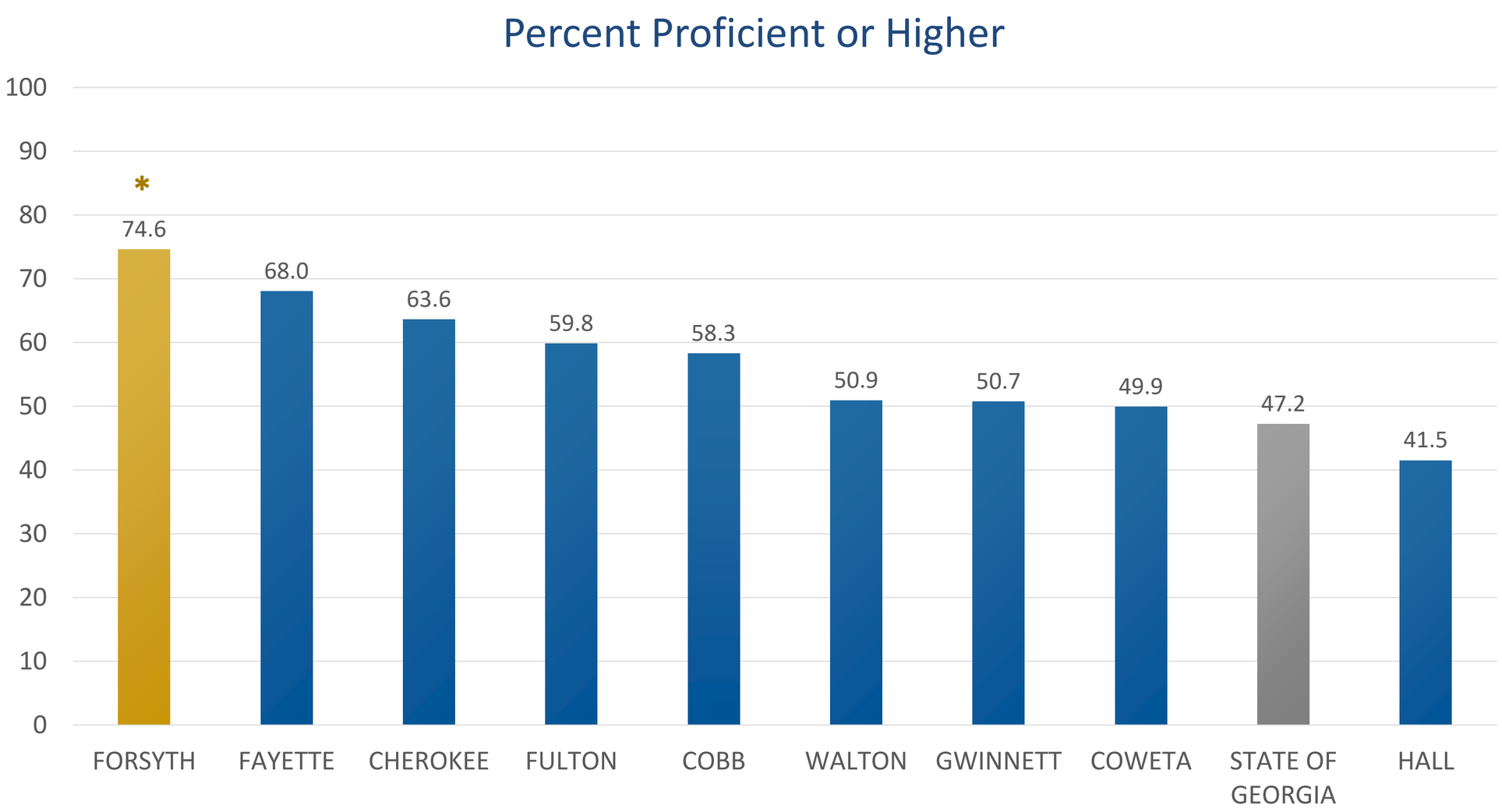
Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

LOCAL CONTEXT

Note: FCS enrolls nearly all 8th-graders in High School Physical Science, unlike most comparable districts that restrict enrollment to their highest-achieving students. As a result, FCS represents 11% of statewide test-takers in this subject compared to just 3% in 8th-grade ELA. Performance comparisons should account for the fact that FCS assesses a broader range of student abilities than districts with more selective enrollment policies.

Biology

State and Large Systems Comparison



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

74.6%

Highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+27.4

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

1st Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

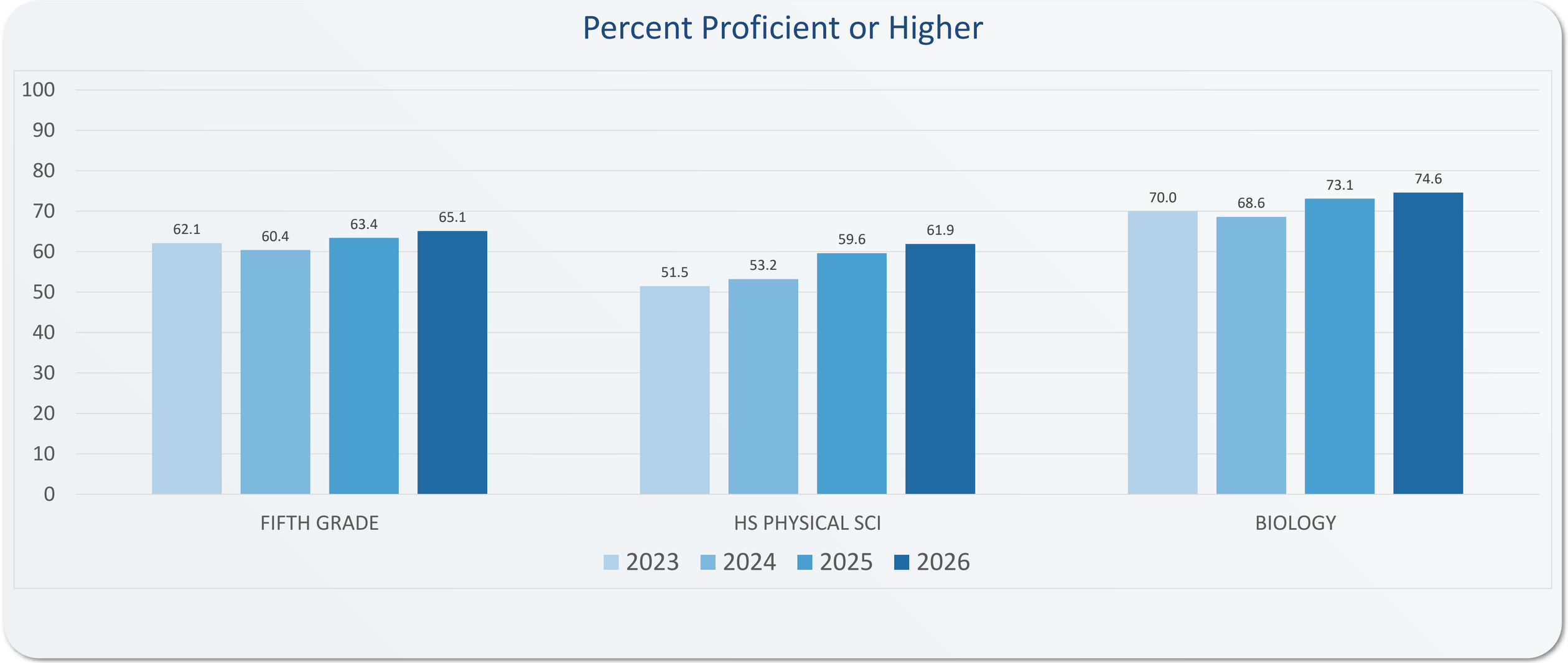
PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

Science

District Performance Over Time (2023-2026)



Science: Action Steps

- Emphasize **DOING** Science
- Inquiry-Driven Learning Experiences
- Student-Led Sensemaking
- Implementation of Core Student Experiences
- Promote Science Literacy through Reading and Writing

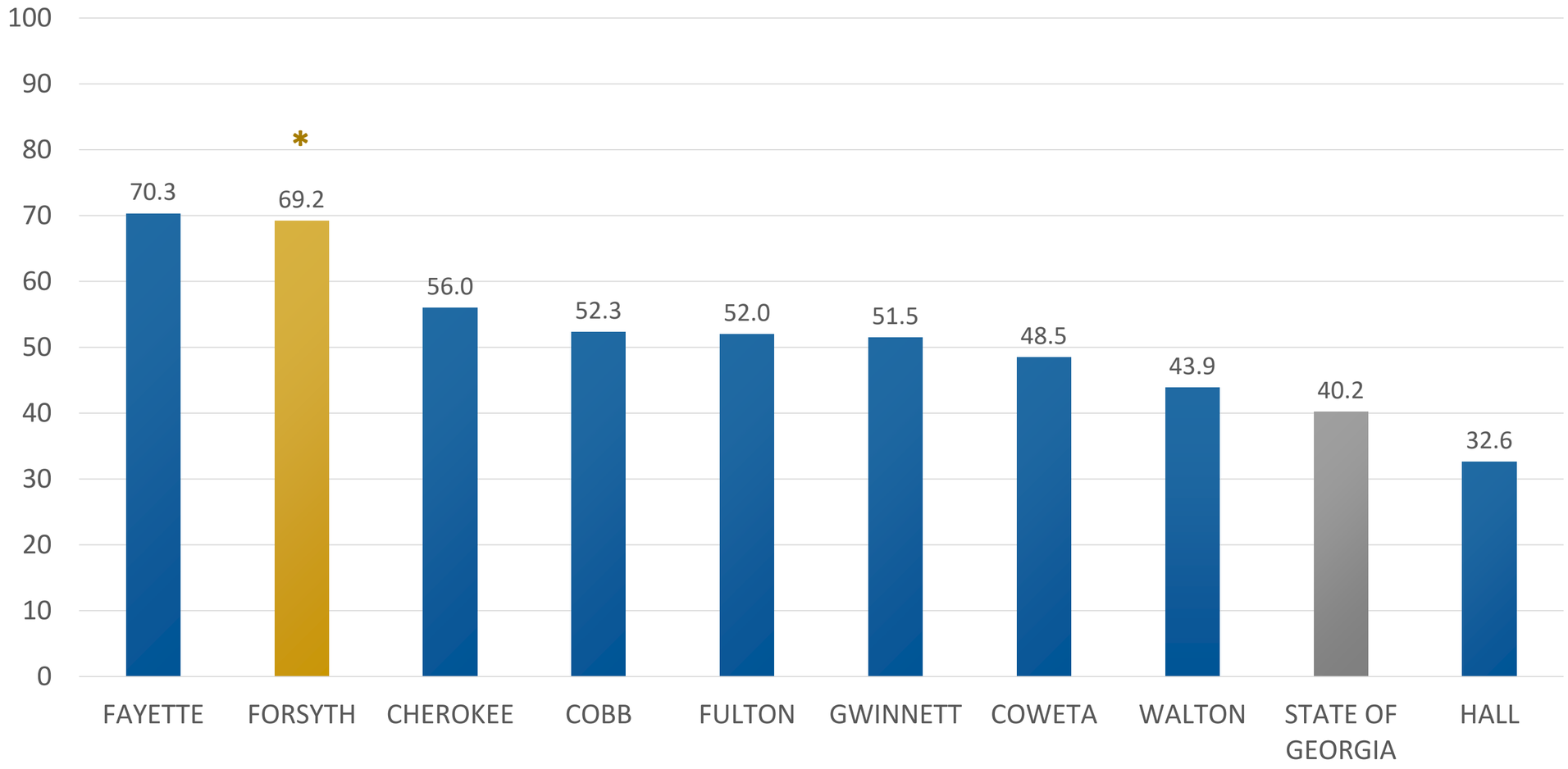
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Social Studies

8th Grade Social Studies

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

69.2%

Second highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+29

Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

2nd Overall

Percent Proficient or Higher
Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

Highest Mean Scale Score *

Among Large Systems (1,000+ Tested)

8th Grade Social Studies

State and Large Systems Comparison

Clear all slicers

Subject

- HS Physical Science
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Grade

8

Level

All

RESA

All

Large Systems (>14,000 Enrollment)

Yes

Top 10 Mean Scale Scores + Forsyth County

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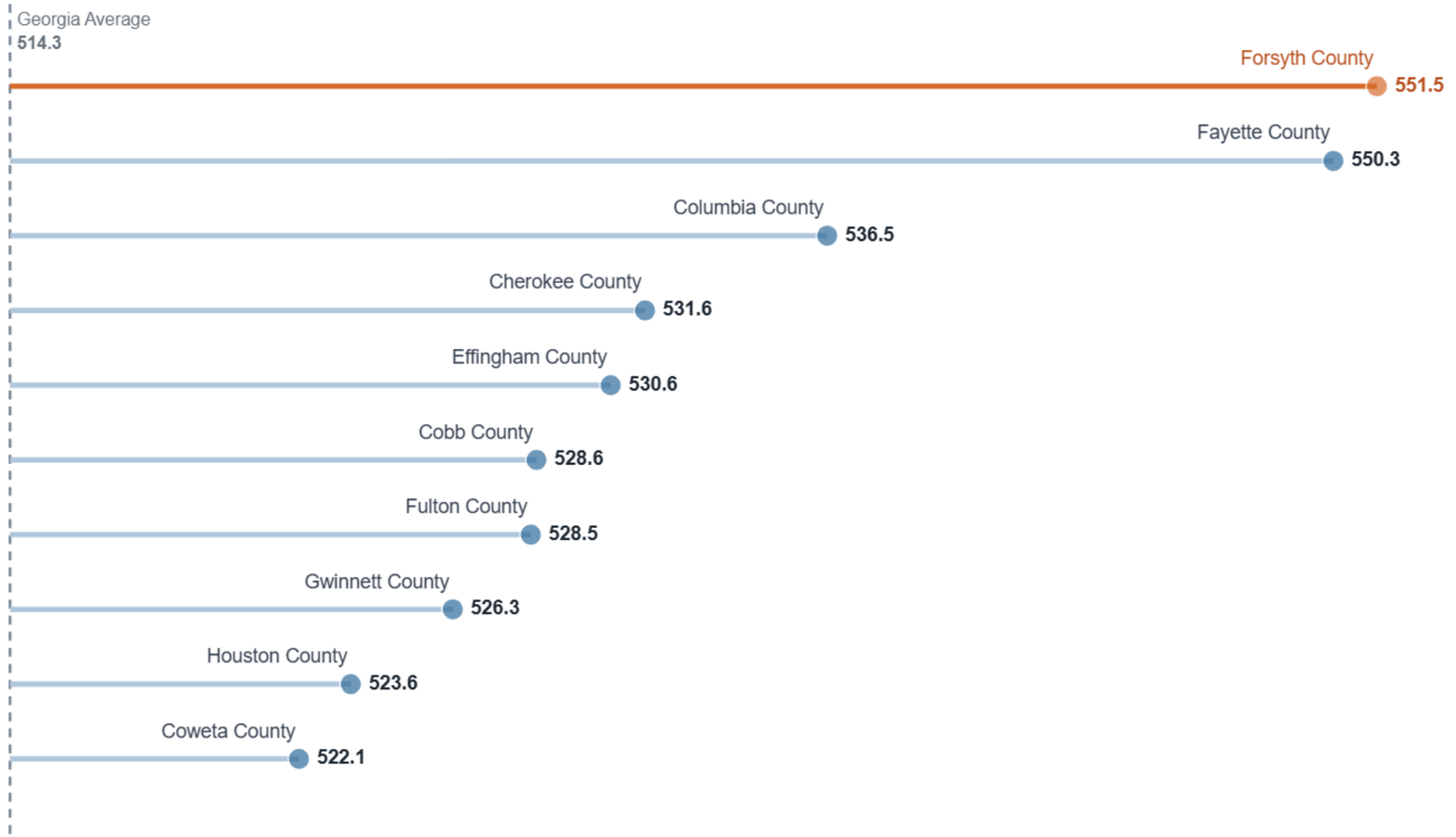
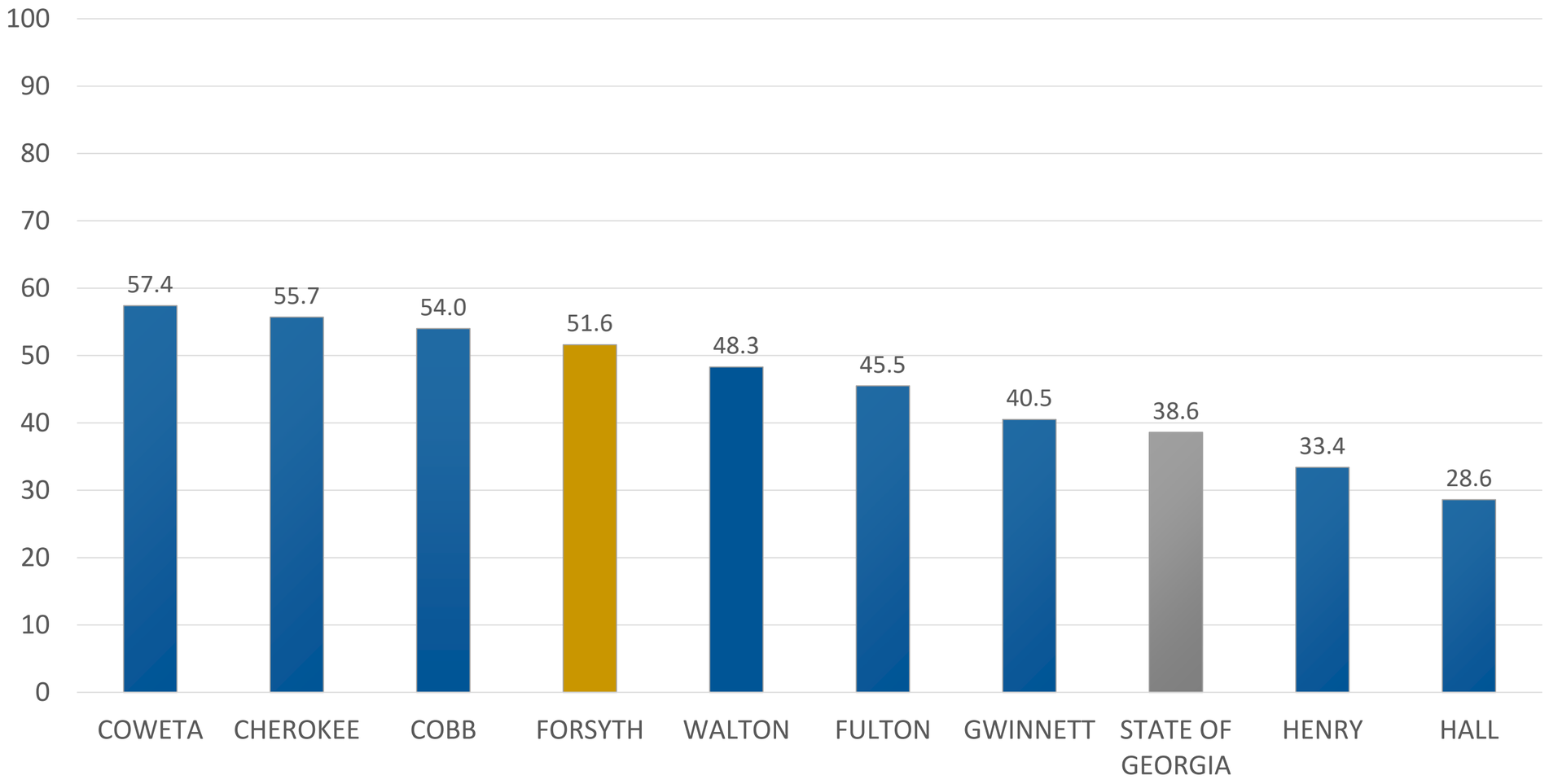


US History

State and Large Systems Comparison

Percent Proficient or Higher



FORSYTH COUNTY PERFORMANCE

51.6%

Fourt highest performance among peer districts

ABOVE STATE AVERAGE

+13

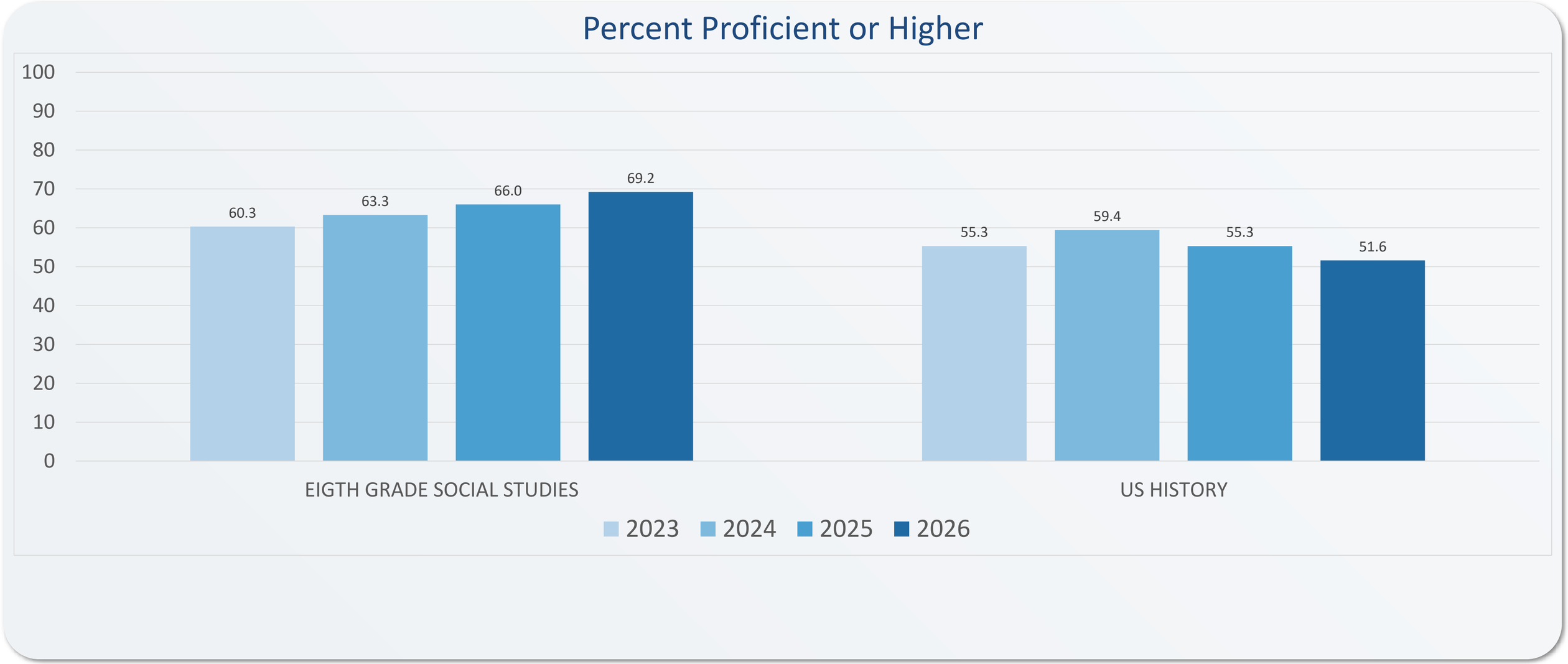
Forsyth significantly exceeds Georgia average

LOCAL CONTEXT

Note: AP/IB/DE US History students are exempt from the EOC. Forsyth's higher enrollment (50%) in these courses limits the comparability of EOC results to other systems.

Social Studies

District Performance Over Time (2023-2026)

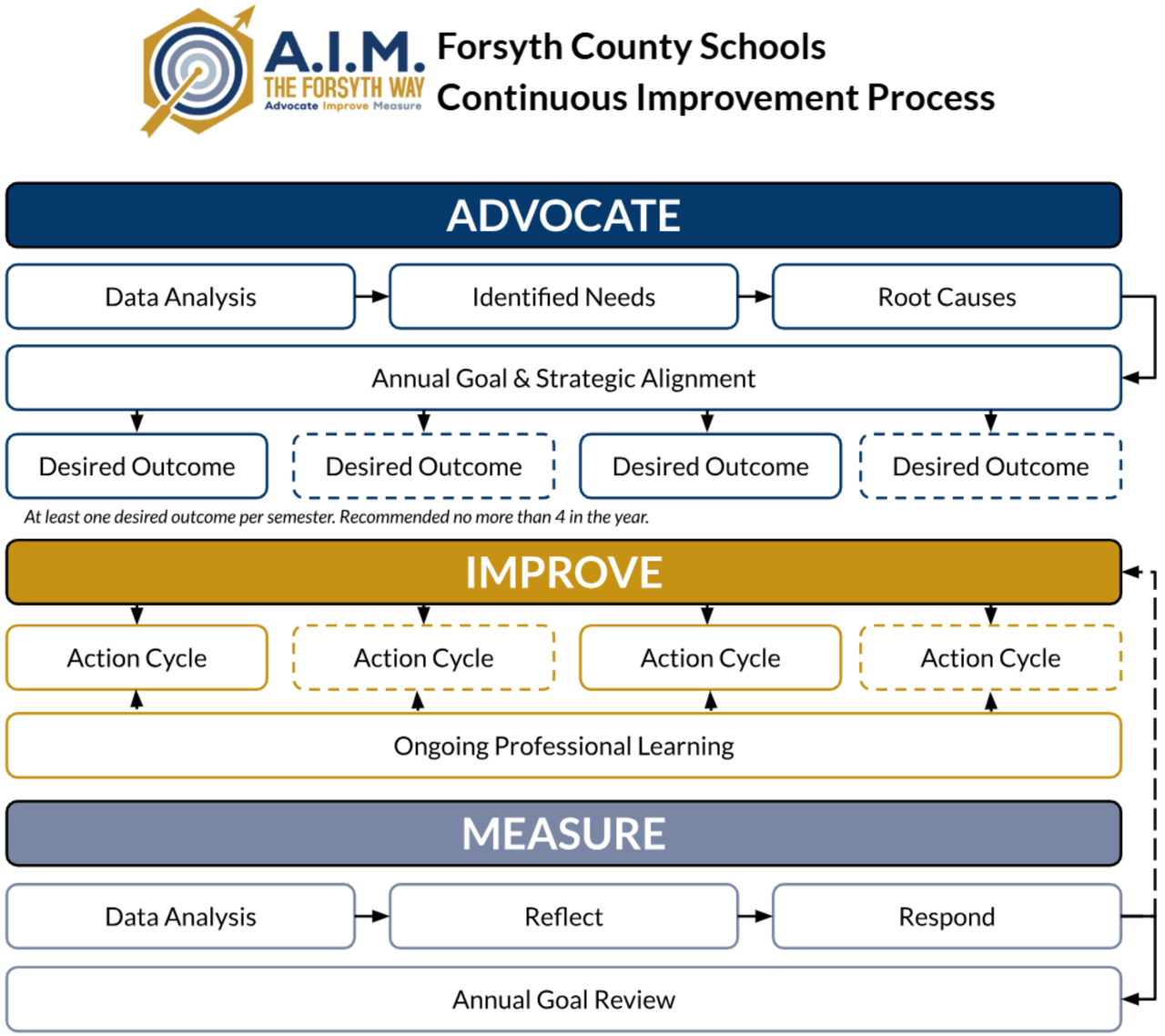


Social Studies: Action Steps

- Provide professional learning focused on inquiry-based and engagement-centered strategies
- Align classroom formative and summative assessments to rigor level of standards
- Align rigorous writing practices and standards-based assessments
- Support teachers in using Document-Based Questions (DBQs) and Free Response Questions (FRQs) to strengthen literacy in social studies through targeted training, resources, and modeling.

School Improvement Plans

- Schools continue to analyze data and adjust action steps to guide their work.
- Principals collaborate with district leaders to plan professional learning and allocate resources.
- Intentionality, coherence, and strategic planning are key!



Upcoming Late Fall Release:

College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)

- **Content Mastery**
  Addresses whether students are achieving at the level necessary to be prepared for the next grade, college, or career.
- **Progress**
  Measures how much growth students demonstrate in English language arts and mathematics and how well English learners are progressing towards English language proficiency.
- **Closing Gaps**
  Sets the expectation that all students and all student subgroups make improvements in achievement rates.
- **Readiness**
  Measures whether students are participating in activities preparing them for and demonstrating readiness for the next level, college, or career.
- **Graduation Rate**
  Measures whether students are graduating from high school with a regular diploma in four or five years.

Questions?

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Thank You!