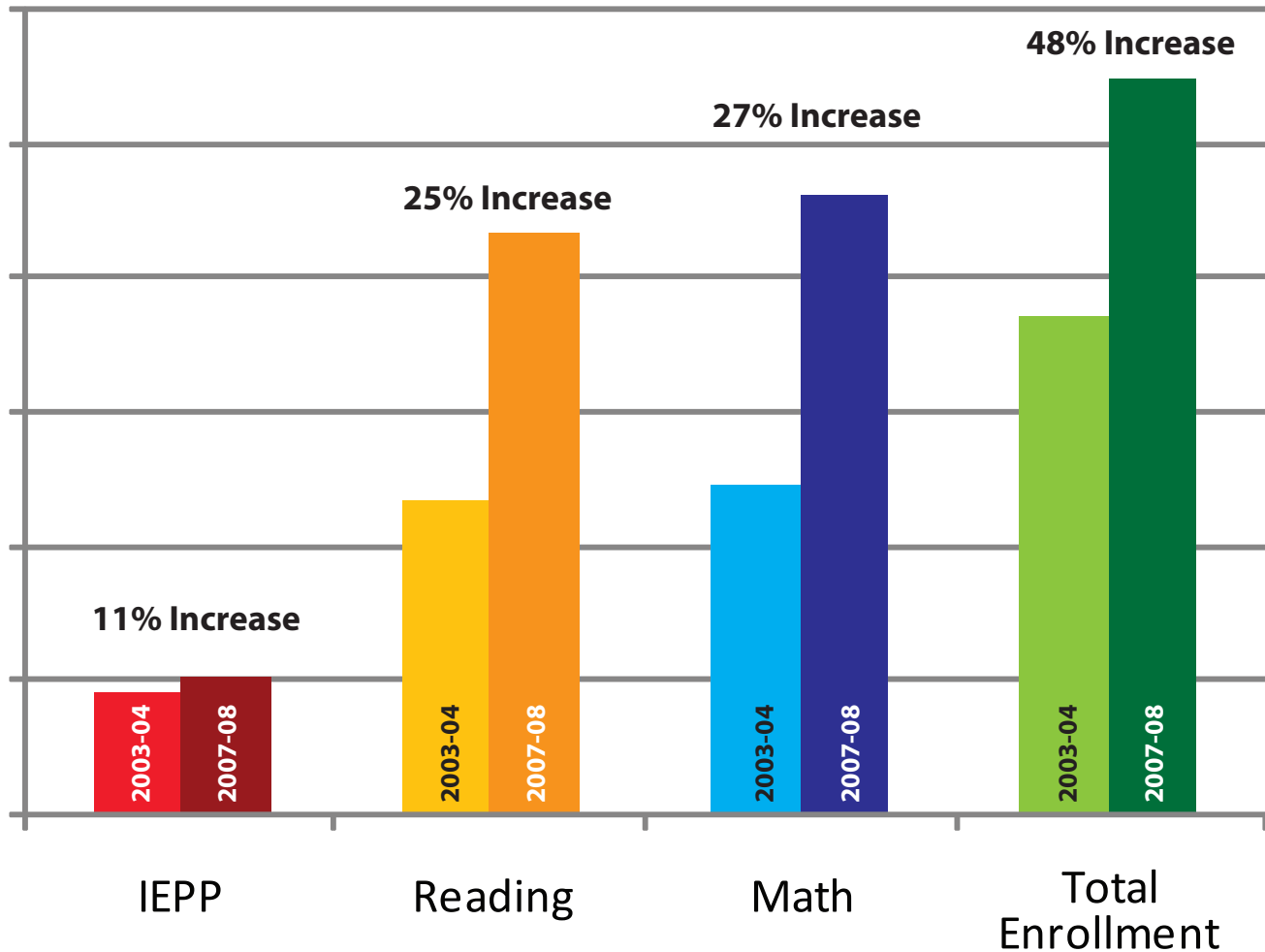


# *The Magnificent Story of District 202: A Great Return on Investment*



District 202 has “invested” wisely in our students, staff, schools and programs.

While we continue to be careful, thoughtful stewards of the community’s resources, our student achievement continues to climb -- despite the added expenses associated with thousands of new students.

This is a great “return on investment” for our students, families and community.

- o Since 2003, our Instructional Expense Per Pupil (IEPP) spending (costs directly related to the classroom, including staffing, but excluding construction) has increased only 11 percent.
- o Since 2003, our enrollment has increased about 49 percent (by nearly 9,000 students)
- o Between 2003-2008 our academic achievement on the state standardized assessments has increased by:
  - 25 percent in reading, and 27 percent in math for ALL students
    - 27 percent in reading and 26 percent in math for WHITE students
    - 62 percent in reading and 64 percent in math for BLACK students.