

July 1, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Under the recently adopted 2015-17 Wisconsin State Budget ([Act 55](#)), public schools are now required to annually communicate to parents and guardians the following:

- the academic standards adopted by the school board for the school year
- the school's accountability report (report card)
- a list of the educational options available
- the existence of the special needs voucher program

#### **Academic Standards**

For information on the annual notification of academic standards, please see this link: [Academic Standards Notification](#)

#### **Accountability Report**

As part of the new state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has produced report cards for every district and school in Wisconsin. These report cards provide data on multiple indicators. "Report Cards" for the 2014/15 school year will not be issued per the SB 67, also known as "the pause bill." More information and the most recent report card may be viewed at: [Report Cards](#). The Fox Point-Bayside School District received a rating of Significantly Exceeds Expectations.

#### **Educational Options**

School districts are required to provide a list of the educational options available to children who reside in the pupil's resident school district, including public schools, private schools participating in a private school choice program, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time open enrollment, youth options, course options, and options for pupils enrolled in a home-based private educational program. Some resident students attend the Milwaukee Jewish Day School, Hillel Academy, and St. Eugene School.

Please use the links below for more information.

[Open Enrollment](#)

[Virtual Schools](#)

[Area Schools](#)

[Course Options](#)

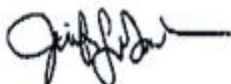
[Homeschooling](#)

#### **Special Education Voucher Program**

Beginning in funding year 2017, allows a child with a disability to attend a participating private school of the child or the child's parent's choice, if that child has previously been rejected from attending school in a nonresident district under the open enrollment program. An eligible child may begin attending an eligible school at any time during the school year. You can find out more information by visiting the [Special Needs Scholarship Program](#).

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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