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Dear Families,

It is with excitement and appreciation that we share with you, our students, staff, and families, that the Fox Point-Bayside School District again achieved the highest rating of **Significantly Exceeds Expectations** on the Wisconsin State Report Cards. As a district, we are committed to *elevating everyone to excellence...*together. This rating is a reflection of our hard-working students, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

In the state, just 40 of the 421 public school districts reached this distinguished status!

You might recall that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) releases School and District Report Cards annually. The report cards are intended to help all schools and districts utilize data on specific measures to target improvement efforts to ensure students are ready for the next educational step - including the next grade level, graduation, college, and careers.

How are these Report Cards calculated?

The current **School Report Card is primarily based on last year's performance, the 2018-19 school year.** At the foundation of the report card are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each of these areas:

- **Student Achievement** shows proficiency in English Language Arts and mathematics on state assessments
- Student Growth is measured by year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- **Closing Gaps** shows performance between specific student groups (comparing English language learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or ethnic group with their peers)
- **On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness** is a measurement using reliable predictors of high school graduation and potential post high school success. Because we do not have a high school as part of our district, attendance and achievement are used to calculate this score.

The priority area scores are then aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed in the top left corner of the School or District Report Cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement. The score is primarily based on our performance last year, the 2018-19 school year, across the four priority areas. Schools and districts are also evaluated on their level of student engagement - chronic absenteeism rates and dropout rates (when applicable). Based on its score, a school or district receives one of these five rating categories:

- Significantly Exceeds Expectations (5 stars)
- Exceeds Expectations (4 stars)
- Meets Expectations (3 stars)
- Meets Few Expectations (2 stars)
- Fails to Meet Expectations (1 star)

Here's some information we'd like to share from our report card:

Indicators	Student Achievement	Student Growth	Closing Gaps	On Track/Readiness
District	94.3	69.8	89.9	93.9
Stormonth Elementary School	95.7	80.3	76.3	94.8
Bayside Middle School	93.6	66.1	83	92.8

Student Indicator (0-100)

Overall Accountability Rating (0-100)



DPI has produced two versions of each Report Card: a quick one-pager labeled "School Report Card" and lengthier, detailed version labeled, "School Report Card Detail." Both versions can be accessed online at http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards along with resources that explain the report cards.

Please let us know your thoughts and questions as they arise. We look forward to working with you to make 2019-2020 a successful school year for your child!

Sincerely,

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