



WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 323

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share that our PARCC District-wide scores increased by 6 points for students meeting and exceeding standards in both English language arts and in mathematics; our average SAT scores also improved by 24 points, compared to our 2017 scores. We also increased by 10 points for students that were proficient on the Illinois Science Assessment, compared to our 2017 scores. These assessments align with the Illinois adopted Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards, which measure students' problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and writing skills. These increases in achievement are a credit to our amazing teachers, administrators, support staff, along with our ongoing parent support.

This school year the Illinois State Board of Education has the following summative designations, based on our 2018 PARCC, SAT and ninth grade on-track and graduation rates:

- **Exemplary:** A school that has no underperforming student demographic groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest 5 percent of all Title 1 schools, a graduation rate of greater than 67 percent, and whose performance is in the top 10 percent of schools statewide. Schools that receive an Exemplary School designation may apply to serve in the IL-EMPOWER network of partners.
- **Commendable:** A school that has no underperforming student demographic groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest 5 percent of all Title 1 schools, a graduation rate greater than 67 percent, and whose performance is not in the top 10 percent of schools statewide. Schools that receive a Commendable School designation may apply to serve in the IL-EMPOWER network of partners.
- **Underperforming:** A school in which one or more student demographic groups is performing at or below the "all students" group of the lowest 5 percent of all Title 1 schools. Schools that receive an Underperforming School designation will receive Targeted Support services through IL-EMPOWER.
- **Lowest Performing:** A school that is in the lowest-performing 5 percent of Title I schools in Illinois and any high schools that have a graduation rate of 67 percent or less. Schools that receive a Lowest Performing School designation will receive Comprehensive Support through IL-EMPOWER.

All of our schools have the summative designation of Commendable. Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Schwuchow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Schwuchow
Winnebago Schools #323 Superintendent