



School District of
West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al.
EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION CENTER

September 13, 2013

Dear Families,

Once again the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has released a School Report Card for every school in Wisconsin as part of a accountability plan required under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The School Report Card provides information on where the students in a school are performing. The data is also used to make adjustments and improvement in the individual student learning process. **We are proud of our students' performance and the achievement growth they have demonstrated again this year!!**

In West Allis-West Milwaukee for 2012-2013

1 School Ranked Significantly Exceeded All Expectations

11 Schools Ranked Exceeded All Expectations

3 Schools Ranked Met All Expectations

1 Met Few of the Expectations (due to absenteeism indicators not reflected in the achievement scores)

District Met All Expectations

The District Report Card is calculated by taking individual student scores from every school and calculating a District-Wide score. In other words, the District Report Card treats the District as if it were "one big school" reflecting the total of all students. With 94% of our schools exceeding or meeting all expectations, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee is ranked as Meeting All Expectations.

The report card ratings are based on an overall accountability score on a 100-point scale. Each school has the opportunity to accumulate accountability points based on their individual student performance in the following four priority areas:

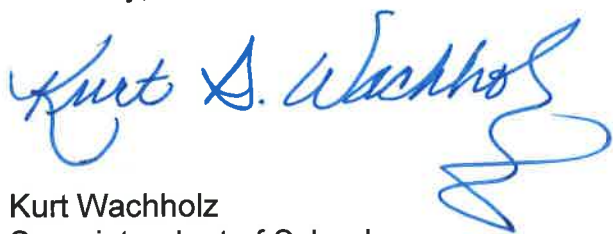
- **Student Achievement** proficiency in reading and mathematics on state assessments
- **Student Growth** measured by year-to-year improvements in achievement
- **Closing Gaps** in performance between specific student groups (comparing English language learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or an 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

Additionally, schools can lose earned achievement accountability points by not reaching expectations in identified areas of student engagement such as attendance, graduation scores, test participation rates, chronic absenteeism rates, and dropout rates when applicable.

The report cards can be accessed after September 17, 2013 on our District websites www.wawm.k12.wi.us and then linking to the individual school or you may contact to request a paper copy of the report card.

We are looking forward to another successful school year. Based upon the above accountability measures our school District theme this year is "EVERY CHILD COUNTS." Please do not hesitate to contact your school principal with further questions.

Sincerely,



Kurt Wachholz
Superintendent of Schools