

November 21, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On an annual basis, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (<u>Wis. Stat. 115.385</u>) to generate a district and school report card for every publicly funded district and school in the state. The report cards provide performance data that allows districts and schools to celebrate successes and improve their efforts as they work to prepare students for the future.

Report cards for the 2021 - 2022 school year have been published. These public report cards can be found online at: <u>http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards</u>. The East Troy Community School District has been identified as meeting expectations with a score of 68.8. While much of the report card data comes from the 2021 - 2022 school year, some of the information is based on data dating back to the 2018 - 2019 and 2020-2021 school years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, district and school report cards were not developed for the 2019 - 2020 school year. As a result, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2021-22 report cards.

The report card was developed with a focus on four key areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- Achievement proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- Growth year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- Target Group Outcomes outcomes for students with the lowest test scores: the Target Group
- **On-Track to Graduation** reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education.

For additional details regarding each of the priority areas and action steps taken in response to data, please review the <u>information provided at November's school board meeting</u> (beginning at the 35:33 mark.) Specifics will also be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for December 12th.

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the district or school report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

Below you will find some information from both our District and School Report Cards.

- East Troy Community School District 68.8, Meets Expectations, Three Stars
- Prairie View Elementary School 76.3, Exceeds Expectations, Four Stars
- East Troy Middle School 50.5, Meets Few Expectations, Two Stars
- East Troy High School 79.9, Exceeds Expectations, Four Stars

(Because state assessments are not administered to our youngest learners, Little Prairie Primary does not receive a School Report Card. However, a measure of alternate accountability is completed. This document will be made available on the Little Prairie Primary website.)

As we remain committed to the growth and success of each learner, we recognize that the report cards identify areas that require our attention. That said, across all levels, the East Troy Community School District will continue to focus on increasing the numbers of students who demonstrate proficiency and will work to improve upon practices and programs that further support our district's mission - "Ensuring and providing a 21st-century



education through engaged student learning, quality teaching, strong leadership, rigorous coursework, and community service opportunities while demonstrating efficiency and effectiveness for the betterment of both students and the community."

As described by DPI, the Report Cards are simply one source of information regarding our district and our schools. To further support this sentiment, the East Troy Community School District is proud to emphasize our focus on the Cs - creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, content, and curiosity; skills that are not all recognized or measured by a set of standardized scores but are an essential component of college and career readiness. Rather than solely focusing on standardized test scores, we will continue to improve upon a system that places the student at the center of the learning process and addresses the development of the whole child. In turn, this will assist with the creation of learning environments that allow our students and staff to feel valued, supported, and empowered, making our district a great place to learn and a great place to work!

School and district report cards as well as resources that further explain the report cards can be accessed online at <u>http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards</u>.

For specific information related to each school within the East Troy Community School District, please feel free to reach out to building principals. We look forward to working with you to find continued success during the remainder of the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Hibner, District Administrator Mrs. Amy Foszpanczyk, Director of Teaching & Continuous Improvement of Student Learning Mrs. Amanda Jones, Director of Pupil Services Mrs. Lindsey Harris, Little Prairie Primary Principal Mr. Mark Weerts, Prairie View Elementary Principal Mr. Adam Trindl, East Troy Middle School Principal Mrs. Stacey Kuehn, East Troy High School Principal