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Dear Nippersink SD 2 Families,

I am writing to you today in conjunction with the State of Illinois' release of all public school report cards. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA/No Child Left Behind), the country's national education law. As part of Illinois' ESSA Plan, all schools receive a summative designation, which is an overall description of a school's performance based on multiple factors.

All schools in Illinois receive one of four summative designations (exemplary, commendable, underperforming, or lowest performing). **In our District, all schools received either the exemplary or commendable ratings!** Below are the indicators used to evaluate our schools and rate them.

Multiple Indicators of Student Success

Designations describe how well an individual school is meeting the needs of all its students. Each school's designation is based on 10 indicators that measure its progress toward our goals. The schools in the greatest need of assistance receive the greatest support.

Preschool through 8th Grade



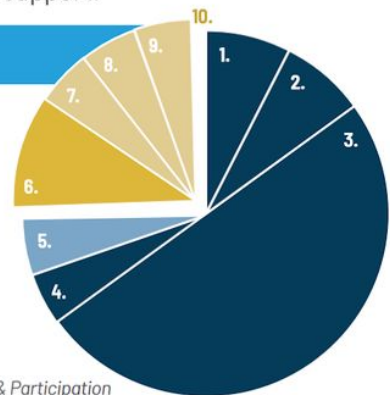
Measures of Academic Performance and Growth

1. English Language Arts Proficiency (10% in 2018-19; 7.5% in 2019-20)
2. Math Proficiency (10% in 2018-19; 7.5% in 2019-20)
3. Academic Growth (50%)
4. English Learner Progress (5%)
5. Science Proficiency (0% in 2018-19; 5% in 2019-20)



Additional Measures of School Quality/Student Success

6. Chronic Absenteeism (20% in 2018-19; less than 10% in 2021-22)
7. Climate Survey (5%; full credit until 2019-20)
8. P-2: Chronic Absenteeism, Dual Language Programs, Third-Grade Literacy Grades, & Participation in Enrichment and Acceleration (0% in 2018-19; then 5% and full credit until 2021-22)
9. 3-8: Fifth-Grade Math Grades, Middle School Success (Grades and Discipline), Participation in Enrichment and Acceleration (0% in 2018-19; then 5% and full credit until 2021-22)
10. Fine Arts (0% in 2018-19; more than 0% in 2021-22)



Finally, in the coming weeks and months, I will continue to update the community on all the positive changes taking place in District 2. From the development of a long-term facility management plan to the implementation of a district STEM curriculum, my goals is to provide you with the information you need in order to be informed and involved in your child's education. Should you have any questions please contact me at (815) 678-4242, and remember good things are happening every day in Nippersink SD 2 schools!

Respectfully,

Thomas Lind

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