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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year, the Department of Public Instruction generates a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The current **school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2020-21 school year**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2020-21 report cards.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority 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.

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 school or district 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.

Here are some of Port Washington High School's strengths according to the report card:

- **Growth** – Our Growth score of 82.2 was the same or higher than 84.8% of 9-12 schools in the state. Student achievement in both English/Language Arts and Math were significantly above the state average.
- **Target Group Outcomes** – The priority area score combines component scores for achievement, growth, chronic absenteeism, and attendance or graduation rate of students with the lowest test scores. Our score of 79.9 confirms that PWHS is successfully focusing on learners that need the most support and showing improved outcomes. Port Washington High School's score of 79.9 was the same or higher than 90.3% of 9-12 schools in the state.

We are proud of our accomplishments in these areas and are celebrating our successes. As we reviewed the report card, we also identified areas we will focus our next steps on.

Here is an area Port Washington High School will focus on for future improvement.

- **Achievement** – Our achievement score of 70.2 down from 73.6 in 2019 was the same or higher than 81.1% of 9-12 schools in the state and will be an area we will focus our attention on in the future. This score is based on student performance on state assessments in English/Language Arts and Math. With an achievement score that is higher than 81.1% of 9-12 schools in the state, our challenge is continuing to move students to even higher levels of achievement each year. Moving forward, our staff is focused on reviewing all student progress with more regularity and planning instruction that is specific to each student's needs.

School and district report cards can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with resources that explain the report cards. I have included a sample report card and the report card for Port Washington High School below as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website and will be listed in our PWHS Newsletter.

Please let me know your thoughts and questions as they arise. I look forward to working with you to make 2021-22 a successful school year for your student!

Sincerely,

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