

AoR-Mitchell Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful Fall at Mitchell! We are excited about building a community that is a safe learning environment for all. As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve Mitchell. One source we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement is the School Report Card.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (<u>Wis. Stat. 115.385</u>) to generate 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 2022-23 school year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings on the 2022-23 report cards. DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings. Multiple years of data impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are used throughout the report card.

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's some information we'd like to share from our Mitchell report card:

- The percentage of students advanced or proficient in Math increased from 3.5 to 5.1.
- The percentage of students advanced or proficient in English Language Arts increased from 5.2 to 6.1.

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help to pinpoint areas of focus in our school/district. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school. Here are some additional results that shows we are moving in the right direction.

Professional learning communities focusing on content and grade level teams that are focusing on instruction and classroom practices.

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 the report card for Mitchell here as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website: https://www.rusd.org/mitchell-ms.

Please let me know your thoughts and questions as they arise. I look forward to working with you to make 2023-24 a successful school year for your student!

Sincerely,

Priscilla Marquez Directing Principal