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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful fall at Schulte! As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve. The school report card is one resource we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute ([Wis. Stat. 115.385](#)) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards 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 2022-23 school year performance**. 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
- **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 and is not aligned with traditional 0-100 grading scales. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, and corresponding one to five stars.

Here's some information we'd like to share from our school/district report card:

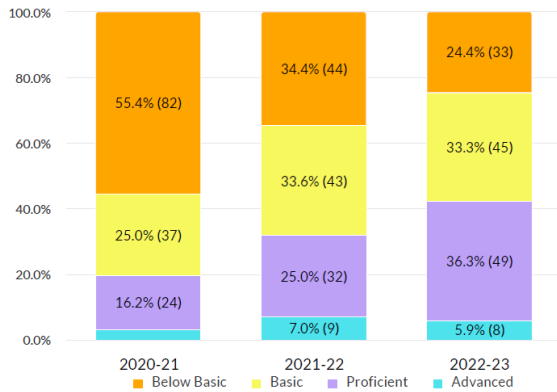
- We had success on our testing and have shown consistent academic growth over the past three years in both Reading and Math.
- We are showing improvement in our attendance last year as well.

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help 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 show we are moving in the right direction.

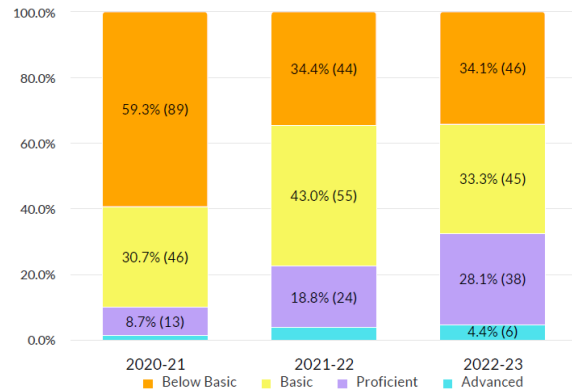
## Performance Levels by Year

These graphs show school-wide percentages and group sizes of students performing at each level.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



### MATHEMATICS



School and district report cards can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> and resources explaining the report cards. I have included the report card for Schulte here as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website in the About Us section at <https://rusd.org/schulte-elementary/about-us>

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 students!

Sincerely,

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