

## 2006 LOCAL REPORT CARD RESULTS

The wait is over for school districts across the state of Ohio. The Ohio Department of Education has released the 2006 Local Report Card data to buildings and districts throughout the state. Though I am not completely satisfied with our results, I am pleased to be able to report to you that we did show increased student performance again this past year.

On the 2006 LRC our school district met 16 out of 23 indicators. The 2006 LRC data shows that we have four buildings rated “Effective” this year, with the remaining two buildings rated as “Continuous Improvement.” Thus, none of our buildings were rated as “Academic Watch” or “Academic Emergency.” These are all positive steps in the right direction. However, on the opposite end of the rating scale, we did not have any buildings that were rated as “Excellent” on our 2006 LRC.

I am very pleased to be able to share with you that our Performance Index (PI) score has also increased. Our PI score has been steadily climbing the past few years, but it has now surpassed the “magical” mark of 90. As a matter of fact, our PI score is listed on the 2006 LRC as 91.6, or six points higher than the 2005 LRC. The state average PI score is 92.9 for the 2006 report card. Nevertheless, more students are learning in the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District.

Our District report card rating for 2006 is “Continuous Improvement.” Given the number of indicators that were met, along with our PI score being in excess of 90, this would

normally be enough to elevate our ranking to “Effective.” However, all buildings were not able to meet AYP for all student subgroups. You may recall that AYP stands for Adequate Yearly Progress, and that our two major subgroup populations are Students With Disabilities (SWD) and Economically Disadvantaged (ED). AYP is counted on all student subgroups in the areas of math and reading at specific grade levels.

Two of our buildings, North Adams Elementary and North Adams High School, did meet AYP for all student subgroups in both reading and math. Our remaining buildings did not attain that level of overall success. In the end, we did not meet AYP as a District in reading, which took us by surprise. It suggests to me something that I have always known. Having a basal series and a wealth of supplemental materials is only part of the solution. Therefore, while some of our buildings may be rated “Effective,” the highest rating that the district can earn is “Continuous Improvement.” I should also share with you that fewer schools and districts in Ohio met AYP this year. Meeting AYP is one of our most targeted and coveted District goals for the 2006-2007 school year.

The data tells us clearly what we need to work on in 2006-2007 to improve the building/district local report cards. We will be using our data to help us in guiding our instructional services to students. In addition, we will be focusing our efforts on full implementation of our newly created Short Cycle Assessments (SCAs) in 2006-2007, along with more work in the area of differentiated instruction and/or grading. Since one of our two large student subgroup populations is economically disadvantaged students, we will be continuing our efforts to meet the educational needs of students from poverty,

as well as the educational needs of our students with disabilities. Remember parents, **attendance at school is very important.**

Let's take a brief look at how districts that border the AC/OVSD fared on their 2006 LRC. This chart will recap our district results, then proceed from districts to the west, north, east, and south in that order.

<u>District</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Indicators</u> <u>Met</u>	<u>PI Score</u>	<u>AYP</u>	<u>Improvement</u> <u>Status</u>
AC/OV	CI	16	91.6	Not Met	Improvement (Yr. 2)
Eastern (Brn)	EFF	22	98.2	Not Met	At Risk
Bright	EFF	15	90.4	Met	Okay
Hillsboro	CI	11	88.4	Not Met	At Risk
Western (Pike)	CI	6	84.9	Met	Okay
Northwest	CI	13	89.9	Not Met	At Risk
Wash-Nile	CI	11	87.7	Not Met	At Risk
Manchester*	CI	10	88.6	Not Met	At Risk

\*Estimated by combining Woolard & MHS, as no LRC for MLSD on ODE website.

Our District and Building Report Cards are listed on the ODE website, along with all building and district report cards for the state. That address is [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us). If you have any questions regarding a particular building's report card, please feel free to contact the building principal. In addition, a copy of my presentation on the 2006 Local Report Card will be added to our district website. You might find this summary of the latest report card results to be helpful. Thank you.

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