



TROTWOOD-MADISON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our Mission Is 100% Student Success!

October 12, 2018

Dear Trotwood-Madison City Schools Families, Staff and Community Members:

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the Ohio School State Report Cards on September 13th, 2018. The state report cards are designed to give each district a picture of the progress in raising achievement and preparing our students for their futures. The state report card data has been shared in two open community forums addressing our most recent ODE Report Card. From the state report card meetings a compiled list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) was developed and is attached. Information provided in the ODE State Report Card outlines areas the ODE views as most critical to successful learning. The State Report Card results will be used to inform our practices and guide our future discussions. Through this work, we will be able to identify areas of achievement, as well as, areas of opportunity.

As you know, we created a Three Year Strategic Plan. As part of that plan, we will identify district metrics to measure our own progress in attaining goals as we do not feel that the State Report Card is a comprehensive view of our district. Instead of focusing on the State Report Card, it is our hope that our stakeholders instead focus on what our district is doing to address the challenges our students face, as well as, celebrate the significant accomplishments we have achieved.

There are successes that we should celebrate throughout the district. For example, at the elementary and middle school levels, our schools are successfully serving and growing students. Student growth will be a primary focus under my leadership and will continue to be a focus for the district. In addition, our elementary and middle schools improved on one or more measures from last year's report card. At the high school level, our graduation rate was 83%. The Class of 2018 consisted of 182 graduates who earned more than \$6,165,627 in scholarships and more than 156 college credits. Our focus continues to be preparing students for life after graduation, whether that is college, military, or career readiness.

Transformation does not happen overnight. It will take a continued sense of urgency, energy and intentional efforts to eliminate any achievement gaps and create the conditions necessary for continued student success. We consider the education and the development of the whole child as a priority in our work. We will continue to be thoughtful and focused on the work ahead of us. We view each student individually, ensuring that they enter the work world well-rounded and experienced. We refuse to have our students reduced to being defined by a test score. We fully appreciate your support and cooperation in making our District the tremendous place that it is and, as always, we remain Ram Nation strong. Our Quality Profile can be found on the District website, where we highlight achievements from our District and our students, including but not limited to the State Report Card.

Sincerely,

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