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To: Board of Education
From: Dr. G. Kennedy Greene
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Re: School Performance Reports - District Highlights

1. Student Growth

- a. ELA = 53 (state standard = 40-60)
- b. Math = 36 (state standard = 40-60)
- c. All ELA subgroups achieved state targets (ELL's exceeded target).

2. Student Achievement

- a. ELA met the state target and our scores have increased each of the past three years. Subgroups met the state targets except for ED and SWD).
- b. Math did not meet the state target, but has also increased each of the past three years. Grades 5-8 were significantly below state targets and resulted in us being designated for "targeted support" in those grades. We established and are implementing plans to address these deficiencies.
- c. Science scores were reported in 5th and 8th grade but there are no state targets or averages against which to compare.

3. College & Career Readiness

- a. SAT Participation = 74.6% (state average = 72.1%)
- b. SAT Reading & Writing = 543 (81% passing) vs. state average of 539 (70% passing rate). 480 is the college ready standard.
- c. SAT Mathematics = 541 (51% passing rate) vs. state average of 541 (53% passing rate). 530 is the college ready standard.
- d. Career & Technical Education Participation = 13.2% (state average = 7.7%)
- e. Visual & Performing Arts Participation in 6th-8th grades = 100.0% (state average = 91%)
- f. Visual & Performing Arts Participation in 9th-12th grades = 49% (state average = 51%)

4. Graduation/Postsecondary Data

- a. Graduation Rate, 4 year = 91.8%
- b. Graduation Rate, 5 year = 95.1%
- c. Dropout Rate = 1.0% (state average = 1.2%)
- d. Postsecondary Enrollment Rate (16 months) = 82.1% (state average = 77.8%)
- e. Chronic Absenteeism = 16.9% (state average = 10.6%)