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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, educational reform in the State of Wisconsin will be changing the way schools and educators are evaluated and students are assessed, all to promote greater student achievement.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has issued a **School Report Card** for our school and for every public school in Wisconsin as part of the new statewide accountability system. The School Report Card, using multiple measures of student learning, provides valuable guidance on how Ronald Reagan Elementary School is performing and where we can improve.

With the School Report Cards, each public school earns a “score,” called an accountability index score, from 0 to 100. The score is based on our performance in four priority areas:

- **Student achievement** in reading and mathematics on state assessments
- **Student growth**, measured by year-to-year improvements in reading and math achievement
- **Closing gaps** in performance between specific student sub-groups (comparing English language learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of racial or ethnic group with their peers)
- **On-track to graduation/postsecondary readiness**, using reliable predictors of high school graduation and postsecondary success

It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability index score is not a “percent correct” measurement. Instead, in combination with other school data, the score will help us determine our greatest strengths and where we need improvement.

A school’s score determines where it falls on a spectrum of categories ranging from “Significantly Exceeding Expectations” down to “Persistently Failing to Meet Expectations.”

**Based on our school’s score of 75.0, we were placed into the category Exceeds Expectations. Our report card shows our students:**

- Scored above the state average in Reading and Mathematics based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- Had no deductions in Student Engagement Indicators
- In some specific sub-groups under the Closing Gaps priority area, scored below the state average in Reading and Mathematics

The staff at Ronald Reagan Elementary School is committed to the success of all our students. The information within our School Report Card is in alignment with our goal to increase student achievement in all areas, including reading and mathematics. Additionally, we will be collecting more data to target the specific student sub-groups that account for twenty-five percent of our overall score in the Closing Gaps priority area.

We are confident the new School Report Card, as well as the many other changes being implemented in Wisconsin schools, will help our school identify our strengths and promptly move to address opportunities for improvement. For more information on School Report Cards, please visit the DPI website at [www.dpi.wi.gov/oea/acct/accountability.html](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/oea/acct/accountability.html).

Please note: Our school is in a unique position in the State of Wisconsin as a K-6 school being compared, in this report, with K-5 schools throughout the state. Please be aware of this if you choose to compare our report card to other elementary school report cards.

If you have any questions about our School Report Card, please contact me. Thank you for your support of our school.

Sincerely,

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