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School District of New Berlin Celebrates Strong ACT Scores

Eisenhower High School Breaks School Record for Performance and Participation Rate

New Berlin, Wis. – The School District of New Berlin is celebrating strong ACT scores achieved by the graduating class of 2013.

New Berlin Eisenhower achieved its highest score – 25 – as well as its highest participation rate – 90 percent – in school history. Eisenhower was one of the highest scoring schools in the state, the highest in the Woodland Athletic Conference and second highest in Waukesha County.

New Berlin West scores and participation were also strong, with a 23.5 average composite and 80 percent participation rate. West exceeded the county average for participation, as well as the conference and state average composite scores.

The district composite (combined Eisenhower and West scores) – 24.3 – is second highest in the Woodland Athletic Conference and ranks third among Waukesha County school districts. The district participation rate is second highest in both the county and conference.

"The ACT measures the knowledge and skills that our students need to be successful in college and careers," said Superintendent Joe Garza. "We are extremely proud of our students, staff, families and the community for their collective efforts to ensure our students learn at high levels."

The ACT consists of tests in English, math, reading and science and assesses how ready students are for college coursework in those areas. Garza said schools use ACT data, among other assessments and data points, to focus continuous improvement efforts for the district, schools, in classrooms and with each individual student.

| Class of 2013 | % and Number of students tested | English ACT Score | Math ACT Score | Reading ACT Score | Science ACT Score | Composite ACT Score |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Eisenhower | 90% (181) | 24.6 | 25.5 | 24.6 | 24.7 | 25.0 |
| West | 80% (152) | 22.6 | 24.5 | 23.1 | 23.5 | 23.5 |
| New Berlin District Average | 85% (333) | 23.7 | 25.0 | 23.9 | 24.2 | 24.3 |
| Woodland Conference | 72% (1,950) | 21.8 | 22.3 | 22.4 | 22.5 | 22.3 |
| Waukesha County | 73% (3,989) | 23.1 | 23.7 | 23.5 | 23.7 | 23.6 |
| State | 62% (46,574) | 21.5 | 22.0 | 22.3 | 22.2 | 22 |