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School District of New Berlin Continues to ‘Significantly Exceeds’ Expectations on State-Issued Accountability Report Card

New Berlin, Wis. – All School District of New Berlin schools continue to “significantly exceed” or “exceed” expectations according to state-issued District and School Report Cards released today. The District also “significantly exceeds” expectations, one of only 49 of 422 districts in Wisconsin to reach that level.

District and school report cards are intended to offer accountability of how well schools and districts statewide are preparing students to graduate college and career ready.

“Our district and our schools continue to perform at a high level, and we are proud to be one of the district’s that ‘significantly exceeds’ expectations,” Superintendent Joe Garza said. “While the report cards are just one tool we use to measure our success and achievement, our scores are a testament to our hard-working staff and the work they do to help all students succeed.”

Report cards provide an accountability index score from 0-100 based on performance in four priority areas:

- **Student achievement**, or level in knowledge and skills attained compared against state academic standards in English Language Arts and mathematics;
- **Growth**, or how rapidly students are gaining knowledge and skills from year to year, focusing on pace of improvement in students’ performance;
- **Closing gaps** in performance between specific student groups (comparing English language learners, low-income students, students with disabilities and members of racial or ethnic groups with their peers);
- **On-track and postsecondary readiness**, or how successfully students are achieving educational milestones that predict later success.

	2018 Score
District	85.7
Elmwood	88.1
Orchard Lane	86.6
Poplar Creek	80.2
Ronald Reagan	87.7
Eisenhower	86.1
West	78.0

Additionally, schools and districts are evaluated on two student engagement indicators: absenteeism rate and dropout rate.

“The data provided by the report cards affords us the opportunity to continue to find ways to improve our schools and keep all children on the path to graduate college-, career- and life-ready,” Garza added.

All SDNB report cards can be viewed at www.nbexcellence.org/district/school-report-cards.cfm.

Please note: The School District of New Berlin has unique grade-level structures (elementary grades K-6, secondary grades 7-12) that should be taken into consideration when community members, media and others compare scores and ratings to other districts and schools.

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