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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a learning community, we are continually focused on student growth at Hartford Union High School. The school report card is one resource we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement. We are excited to report that we improved our school report card by over one point.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (<u>Wis. Stat. 115.385</u>) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards.

For this year's State Report Cards, DPI updated achievement cut scores to better reflect the performance of Wisconsin students on assessments. More information on updates to the ACT and Pre-ACT Secure are available in the <u>2024 Wisconsin ACT Performance Level Standard Setting</u> resource.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- Achievement proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **Growth** year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- Target Group Outcomes outcomes for students with the lowest test scores
- On-Track to Graduation reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education which include chronic absenteeism and graduation rate

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement and is not aligned with traditional 0-100 grading scales. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

Here's some information we'd like to share from our school report card:

Overall Score: 61.9 - Meets Expectation

Priority Area Scores

- Achievement 62.8
- Growth 54.6
- Target Group Outcomes 45.8
- On-track to Graduation 88.8

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus in our school. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school.

School and district report cards can be accessed online at http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards along with resources that explain the report cards. I have included the report card for Hartford Union High School here as well. Our school report card will also be posted on our website.

Please let me know your thoughts and questions as they arise. I look forward to working with you to make 2024-25 a successful school year for your students!

Go Orioles!

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