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Dear Lockland Local Schools Family:

The Ohio Department of Education recently released the 2016-17 State Report Cards for all schools and districts in Ohio. We recognize the room for improvement in a number of areas, however we also recognize the growth and improvement that has already taken place and would like to share some of this information with all of our families.

The most significant evidence of school effectiveness is the rate in which students grow academically each year. This is measured on the State Report Card with the Progress Component grade and the Value Added grades. The overall grades recorded for these areas range from A-F.

The grades for Progress and Value Added are represented as follows:

- **"A" represents in excess of two years of academic growth within one academic year**
- **"B" represents more than one year of academic growth and less than two years of growth within one academic year**
- **"C" represents one year of academic growth within one academic year**
- **"D" and "F" represent less than one year of academic growth within one academic year**

Our District Progress and Value Added grades are as follows:

- Progress Grade = A
- Overall Value Added for all students = A
- Value added for students with disabilities = A
- Value added for the lowest 20% = A

Our Elementary Progress and Value Added grades are as follows:

- Progress Grade = A
- Overall Value Added for all students = A
- Value Added for the lowest 20% = A

Our Middle School Progress and Value Added grades are as follows:

- Progress Grade = B
- Overall Value Added Grade = A
- Value Added for students with disabilities = C
- Value added for the lowest 20% = B

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The High School Progress and Value Added grades are as follows:

- Progress Grade = B
- Overall Value Added Grade = C
- Value Added for students with disabilities = B
- Value added for the lowest 20% = C

**This data indicates that on average each year, Lockland students are growing by two or more years at the elementary level, by more than one year at the middle school and by at least one year in high school*

Lockland is one of ONLY seven districts in Hamilton County to earn all A's in Progress, Overall Value Added, Lowest 20% Value Added and Students with Disabilities Value Added. They are as follows:

1. Lockland Local Schools
2. Sycamore Community Schools
3. Mariemont Local Schools
4. Forest Hills Local Schools
5. Oak Hills Schools
6. Southwest Local Schools
7. Northwest Local Schools

While value added and progress are the most significant data point in measuring the effectiveness of a school, **children learning to read and young adults graduating high school are also critical components** of a school district and its effectiveness.

In addition to the Progress and Value Added scores, **the district also saw growth on the K-3 Literacy Indicator and the Graduation Indicator by increasing one letter grade** when compared to the previous school year. While we are not satisfied with the current scores, we do recognize that with continued efforts, both of these areas will continue to increase each year.

While there is much to celebrate on the State Report Card, we still have a number of challenges to overcome in other areas measured. We are confident that our continued efforts will result in increased levels of performance each year.

Sincerely,



Bob Longworth
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