

October 12, 2016

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Milwaukee County Courthouse
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Dr. Darienne Driver
District Superintendent
Milwaukee Public Schools
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Dear County Executive Abele and Dr. Driver:

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statute s.115.28(10m)(a), by October 15 the Department of Public Instruction (Department) is required to identify schools that were either “*placed in the lowest performance category on the most recent accountability report*” or where the “*school building is vacant or underutilized*” and were located in a district in the lowest performance category. Additionally, please note that under Wisconsin State Statute s.115.999(d) a district must be in the lowest performance category for two consecutive years to be eligible for the Opportunity Schools Partnership Program (OSPP).

As noted in last year’s correspondence, there have been several statutory changes in how district and school report cards are calculated that notably impacted scores this year.

Districts and schools are currently reviewing preliminary report card data, which will be publicly available in November, after the formal data inquiry and review process is complete. In light of major changes in report card calculations, the department has received a record number of inquiries from districts and schools.

We cannot provide district- or school-specific information until the inquiry process is completed. However, based on the preliminary data and in light of the October 15 deadline, please consider this formal notification **there are no districts eligible for the OSPP in 2016-17**. It is unlikely the data inquiry process will alter this result; however, if a district is identified, the department will notify you promptly.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department.

Sincerely,



Tony Evers, PhD
State Superintendent

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