

A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY.

Today, the Ohio Department of Education releases its report card for public schools - and Toledo Public Schools has good news to share with the community.

The district has improved on the overall State Report Card, which means TPS has moved out of Academic Distress. Our progress is credited to the work of our students, teachers and staff, all of whom are making tremendous strides.

Our graduation rates continue to improve and our Early Childhood program has shown growth. We are pleased that the improvements in our internal data are beginning to show in the report card.

Toledo Public Schools welcomes transparency about its performance, but believes the State Report Card gives a woefully incomplete picture of public education in this and other urban districts.

Even with these results, the State Report Card remains overly broad and continues to fail to accurately capture our progress. That is why we feel compelled to tell a more complete story. The summary below is supported by a full set of performance data which can be found at www.tps.org.

Sincerely,

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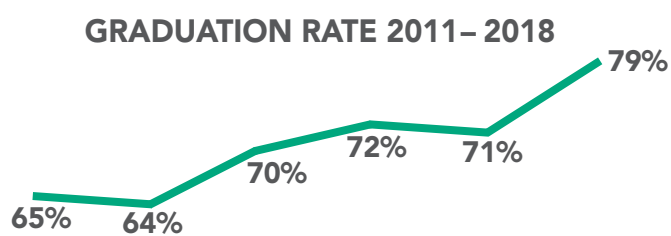
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TPS SHOWS PROGRESS

GRADUATION RATES

- Increased graduation rate by 15.2% over five years and 7.7% in one year
- African-American graduation rate is up 20.9% in five years
- Hispanic graduation rates increased 14.7% over five years
- Economically disadvantaged students' graduation rate increased 17% over five years



TPS STUDENTS PREPARED FOR SUCCESS

- Career Tech students are placed in jobs, education or the military 91% of the time after graduation
- The overall "Prepared For Success" score increased 4.2%
- Dual Enrollment/College Credits earned increased 5.4%



SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST PROFICIENCY INCREASES

Jones Leadership Academy of Business	10.71%
Chase STEMM Academy	7.88%
Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy for Boys	7.74%
Rogers High School	7.61%
McKinley STEMM Academy	7.43%
Westfield/Robinson Achievement	6.70%
Toledo Early College High School	6.57%
Woodward High School	5.02%



KINDERGARTEN TO 3RD GRADE LITERACY

- Student proficiency from Kindergarten to Third grade nearly doubled over the previous year
- 87% of Third graders met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

- Data continued to show that TPS Early Childhood Education students were more prepared for Kindergarten than non-TPS students
- TPS Early Childhood Education students scored higher on all facets of Kindergarten readiness than non-TPS students

ENROLLMENT

- Increased enrollment five years in a row
- In those five years, TPS has 1,801 new students, or 72 new classrooms
- Preschool population has almost tripled
- TPS is becoming more diverse over time

