Whitefish Bay
SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had a wonderful start to the 2026-27 school year, continuing our mission to make Whitefish Bay an **Exceptional Place to Learn** for every student. We are committed to constantly improving and meeting the individual needs of your children so they are prepared for life, college, and careers.

The **School Report Card**, released annually by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), is one tool we use to check our progress. These public reports, required by state law, help schools celebrate successes and identify key areas for improvement. We are proud to share our results for the 2025-2026 school year:

School/District (link to Report Card included)	State Report Card Score	Accountability Rating
Richards	96.0	Significantly Exceeds Expectations
District	97.2	Significantly Exceeds Expectations

What the Report Card Measures (Based on 2025-26 Data)

The Report Card is primarily based on performance from the previous school year and measures performance across **four main areas**:

- **Achievement:** How well students performed in Reading and Math on state tests.
- **Growth:** How much progress students made in Reading and Math from one year to the next.
- **Target Group Outcomes:** How well the students who need the most support are progressing.
- **On-Track to Graduation:** Indicators that reliably show students are progressing successfully through school.

These areas are combined into an overall score (0–100), which translates to a rating from "Fails to Meet Expectations" (lowest) to "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" (highest).

Our high ratings confirm that our students continue to perform at exceptional levels, demonstrating strong individual and collective growth for all learners. Our focus on high academic standards, as well as attending to the needs of the whole child, enable our staff to accelerate learning for all students. We are proud to partner with our families in creating a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment. Our school report card is just one piece of evidence that Richards Elementary School and the entire Whitefish Bay School District is An Exceptional Place to Learn!

Accessing the Report Card

You can find the detailed report cards for the District and all schools, along with explanatory resources, on the DPI website:

- **DPI Public Portal:** http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards
- **District Website:** https://www.wfbschools.com/district/assessmenttl.cfm
- **DPI Report Card at a Glance:** https://dpi.wi.gov/media/55841/download?inline

We value your partnership. Please contact Mr. Nelson if you have specific questions about the Report Card data. We look forward to a successful year together!

Sincerely,

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