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State Report Card Data Released for All Oregon School Districts

Baker School District 5J schools receive targeted Level 3 and 4 ratings in English Language Arts and Mathematics

State Report Card data has been released for all Oregon school districts reflecting the results from 2016-17 School Year. State Report Cards provide information regarding how students perform on the Smarter Balanced Assessment, required annually, which measures student progress in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The State Report Card also details information for student groups, based on grade bands (elementary, middle, and high) and is disaggregated by certain tracked categories.

The state provides ratings for schools based on a 1-5 scale, and the annual target is set at achieving Level 3-4 status. Baker District 5J schools received Level 3 and 4 ratings for student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics across all grade spans. These ratings reflect both local schools, Baker Web Academy, and Baker Early College.

The State also sets growth target goals at Level 3-4 for schools in each of the tracked academic areas. Growth targets compare scores from the previous testing year (2015-16) with the current testing year (2016-17). Baker School District received Level 3-4 rankings across all grade spans except for Elementary English Language Arts grades 4-5.

Student participation rates on the Smarter Balanced Assessment are also detailed on the report. The goal for participation, set by Oregon Department of Education, is 94.5% participation across all grade levels. Baker School District did not meet the participation goal.
for 2016-17, noting all local brick and mortar schools met the participation goal except Baker High School.

Baker School District 5J Superintendent Mark Witty said, “Report card data is one method of determining student success, but by no means is it the only indicator.” Witty also said, “The staff works diligently to assist all students to find individual success and growth across all areas, and the District remains committed to educating all students through innovative, hands-on instruction with real world application.”

Emphasis on career and technical applications, expeditionary learning, on-site field trips to local businesses, land labs, and community partnerships that support Summer Academy, Friday Academy, Friday Programs and Kindergarten Camp are a few examples of programs that increase the level of student engagement, according to Witty.

Four- and five-year cohort rates for graduation are delineated on High School report cards. Baker Early College and Baker High School each received Level 4 rankings. Baker Web Academy and Eagle Cap Innovative High School did not meet state benchmarks in this category.

District principals will be sharing information with their respective families through a variety of venues. Individual Student Reports, detailing how each student performed on the Smarter Balanced Assessment, will be provided to parents this Fall. A link for the District Report and individual building reports is available online at the Baker School District 5J website http://www.baker5j.org.

**About Baker School District 5J**

Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) in Baker City, OR, is the largest of three rural school districts in Baker County, serving 1,700 students and employing over 110 educators and staff. District elementary schools include Brooklyn Primary School, Haines Elementary, Keating Elementary School, and South Baker Intermediate. Baker Middle School and two high schools, Baker High School and Eagle Cap Innovative High School, are also part of BSD. Additionally, BSD sponsors two charter schools, Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College, each offering teacher-supported online education. BSD provides next generation education for the future of Eastern Oregonians and launched Baker Technical Institute (BTI), a career and technical program that partners with regional employers and industry experts to provide an innovative education in hands-on fields. BSD believes strong schools are the foundation of strong and vibrant communities and is committed to prepare students to become successful life-long learner.

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