

**Report Card**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has released its annual Report Card ratings for school districts. While some media outlets have painted the grades as wide-ranging and improving in some, it seems they overlooked the pitfalls of the Report Card that schools across Ohio have been working to correct with legislators and state board of education members. While our school does not shy away from accountability and our desire to continually improve, I would reiterate that the Report Card continues to present an incomplete and, in some cases, inaccurate representation of all schools. This reasoning is exactly why we have established a committee of parents and school staff to determine what and how we measure a successful educational experience for our students – because who knows our school better than local people and communities who are a part of it.

According to early release data from ODE all individual school buildings in Hancock County, except for 2 (out of 35), received a D or an F on the “Indicators Met” area. This area has generally been held as one of the two “overall” grades for schools. If I were to ask a community member of any Hancock County school whether they thought their school was doing well (and I have as part of research for the University of Findlay), I believe most would say “yes”. Some may, indeed, say their school could stand to improve, while others might say otherwise but I believe these would be the exception rather than the rule. However, if you follow the Report Card Ratings from ODE they indicate that ALL SCHOOLS in Hancock County (except 2 buildings who received a “C”) are failing. Perhaps I am a bit biased, but I have a hard time believing that all Hancock County Schools are failing. This is exactly why we encouraged people to speak up last year to legislators and push back against measures that do not utilize common sense and only serve to hurt public schools.

We believe that Cory-Rawson Schools have and will continue to provide an excellent, well-rounded education for our students. We will not rest on our laurels, as evidenced by our initiatives and curriculum changes over the past 5 years. We will continue to strive to improve – regardless of what the Report Card says. I would encourage you to visit our District Profile available at the link below and see just a glimpse of what Cory-Rawson is doing to provide our students the best education possible.

<http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us/index.php/district-profile/>

**Good Luck!**

It’s a busy weekend ahead for our Hornets! Good luck to football as they travel to Arlington tonight! Tomorrow the Cross Country team will travel to Galion. The girls’ soccer team will host Van Buren, while the boys travel to Liberty Center. Good luck to everyone!