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Greendale Schools Exceeds Expectations, High School Earns Significantly Exceeds Ranking

GREENDALE, WI – Greendale Schools has received an Exceeds Expectations rating from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in its newly released 2013-14 school district report cards. Greendale High School earned a Significantly Exceeds Expectations ranking; all three elementary schools and Greendale Middle School received Exceeds Expectations ratings from the DPI. Greendale High School is one of just 30 high schools in the state to earn the Significantly Exceeds Expectations rating. Greendale School District ranked among the top 30 districts, or top 10 percent, in the State for overall student achievement. The DPI released the report cards for Greendale Schools and its five schools today. Report cards evaluate district and school performance based on multiple measures.

Greendale's Canterbury Elementary learned recently that it has been recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as a 2014-2015 Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition. The school earned "High Progress" recognition because its students' standardized testing achievement was within the top ten percent of Title I schools experiencing student growth in reading and math.

The report card includes an overall accountability rating on a 100-point scale. The five categories of ratings range from Fails To Meet Expectations (0 to 52.9) to Significantly Exceeds Expectations (83 to 100). The ratings are based on an analysis of student test scores from the 2011-13-school-years. The report cards take into account a variety of factors, including achievement gaps among groups of students, absenteeism and level of test participation. Links to the report cards are available on the District website:

<http://www.greendale.k12.wi.us/pages/Greendale/DistrictHighlights/AllSchoolReportCards>.

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“Achievement remains high in Greendale, and we are proud of our students and teachers for their success,” said Dr. John Tharp, Superintendent of Greendale Schools. “We are seeing how our efforts to close the gaps between our sub-groups and our continued focus on student growth and achievement are making an impact.”

“Our goal is to provide a relevant and rigorous educational experience for all students. Working collaboratively in the District, the village, and regionally, we are successfully developing strategies to personalize education for each student and to prepare each for his or her future,” Tharp added.

This is the third year of the school report card statewide accountability system and the second year for district report cards. The system was designed to provide a more complete and balanced picture of school performance that can be used as a guide for school improvement. The accountability system is part of a package of educational reforms that also includes development of a new state achievement test, a new data system, and new teacher evaluation methods.

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ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,600 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student's unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our global society.