



South Vermillion Community School Corporation

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Dear Parents/Guardians of South Vermillion Students:

On behalf of the South Vermillion Community School Corporation, I would like to address the recently released 2015-2016 School Report Card Grades assigned by the Indiana Department of Education. The scores from the Spring 2016 assessment have been validated and the appeal process has now been completed and is for public information.

As you may well be aware, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) used a high stakes test, ISTEP+, for students in grades 3-8 and 10. This year, not only did the state change test vendors from the 2015 year, but it also added College and Career Readiness Standards to the exam. In addition, the IDOE decided to give equal weights to student growth and performance. One aspect of the assessment system that remained a constant is the assignment of corporation and school grades ranging from A to F. This year, our corporation received a grade of C (79 pts). It's important to understand that based on the metrics the IDOE uses, our corporation fell one point from a B rating.

Our schools received the following grades:

Central Elementary	C (79.3 pts.)
Ernie Pyle Elementary	C (74.8 pts.)
Van Duyn Elementary	C (79.2 pts.)
South Vermillion Middle School	C (72.1 pts.)
South Vermillion High School	B (86.4 pts.)

We are fully cognizant of the fact that many families use school/corporation grades as a way of evaluating and comparing the effectiveness of the corporation's instructional programs. Understanding that, we at South Vermillion have worked tirelessly to give assurance that our curriculum is aligned with the Indiana Academic Standards. In addition, we have recently conducted an Instructional Analysis of our schools to better gauge the effectiveness of our academic rigor, teacher effectiveness and student engagement. This spring, we are engaged in identifying the areas of need and to focus on improving our efforts. We want to assure you that it is our intent to continually monitor our instructional programs. It is our goal to provide the best opportunity for our graduates to be ready for careers or college and to be highly competitive with other students of the 21st Century. All of our staff are committed to making sure that South Vermillion Community School Corporation is one to be proud of.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent

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