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Madeira's New State Report Card

The Madeira City School Board was updated on the district's latest report card from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) at their September 19 meeting.

Madeira Assistant Superintendent Dave Bergan presented the release of Madeira's new state report card, and explained the great amount of data that goes into it and many different ways it can be analyzed. He offered some perspective on the evolution of the state report cards beginning in 2003 when the ODE used the rating 'excellent,' then excellence with distinction before letter grades, and now a 5 star rating system.

Mr. Bergan shared with the board that Madeira was one of only 12 districts in the state of Ohio to receive 5 stars in all categories; Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation, Early Literacy, and College, Career, Workforce & Military Readiness. "Here in Madeira we try to focus on quality instruction and not so much on the state mandated tests that result in our report card," Bergan stated. "It is a valuable piece of the puzzle but just one data piece on one day."

We are thankful for the great results produced by talented students, an incredible teaching staff, and supportive community. No matter what the state report card has been composed of these many years and many report cards, Madeira has always been rated as a top district in Ohio," Superintendent Kenji Matsudo stated. "It's important information and we use the data, but don't get overly worked up when we do well or too down when the data seems less favorable."

In 2012 the district started producing a Quality Profile (QP) QP with several other districts in conjunction with the state report card. The QP highlights areas that tell the rest of the story that are equally as important as state testing - not only in academics, but in The Arts, Student Leadership & Activities, Fiscal Stewardship, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Services, and Staff & District Recognitions.

"What you won't find on that state report card is what matters most in Madeira – our relationships, traditions, care, culture, and our common sense approach to raising kind, compassionate kids," Matsudo stated.

Madeira's newest Quality Profile can be found at www.madeiracityschools.org under 'Welcome'.