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## York School District One Achieves Significant Growth in State Report Card, Highlights Gains in Student Achievement and Progress

York School District One (YSD1) proudly announces its outstanding performance in the 2023-2024 South Carolina State Report Card, reflecting the district's commitment to "Elevate to Excellence." With the dedication of its educators, seven out of eight schools in the district demonstrated notable improvements in overall ratings, marking significant progress toward meeting academic standards and improving student outcomes.

Among the highlights of this year's report card, five of the district's eight schools improved their student progress ratings by at least one level, signaling substantial growth in student achievement over the past year. This achievement showcases the effectiveness of district-wide initiatives designed to foster academic growth and student success. Furthermore, three schools maintained their already high progress ratings, with one maintaining an "Excellent" rating, further underscoring YSD1's consistent focus on student development and progress.

Hunter Street Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School both earned overall ratings of "Excellent," with Index Scores of 67 and 68, respectively, placing them in the top five performing elementary schools in York County. Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary School made a remarkable 15-point improvement, advancing from a "Below Average" rating in 2023 to a "Good" rating in 2024. York Comprehensive High School also excelled by increasing its graduation rate to an impressive 93.9%, a 12-point increase from the previous year.

The superintendent expressed immense pride in the district's accomplishments, stating, "These results are a testament to the hard work, passion, and commitment of our educators, staff, students, and community. The growth we have seen across the district directly results from our focus on small, consistent improvements. Together, we are designing learning experiences that prepare our students for bright futures."

As YSD1 celebrates these significant accomplishments, the district remains committed to continuing its upward trajectory. By prioritizing collaboration and unity, YSD1 aims to further increase student achievement and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. Visit <u>www.screportcards.com</u> for more information on the 2023-2024 South Carolina State Report Card and to view the full district results.

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