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Madeira Makes the Grade on New 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 15 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 for the past four years, a 5 star rating system. Madeira has earned the highest possible rating since the inception of the state report card over 25 years ago.

Mr. Bergan shared with the board that out of 607 school districts, Madeira was one of only 47 districts in the state of Ohio to receive an overall rating of 5 stars. Out of those 607 districts in the state that were rated, Madeira's overall report card rating was 5th – higher than all districts in Hamilton County.

"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."

"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 noted. "It is a valuable piece of the puzzle but just one data piece from one day."

In 2012 the district started producing a Quality Profile (QP) with several other districts in conjunction with the state report card. The QP highlights areas that are equally as important as state testing: Academics, 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'.

Madeira Superintendent Kenji Matsudo goes over latest state report card data with community members at a recent coffee.

