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Report Card Scores are going up for the District of Lake Mills. The Lake Mills Area School District ranked in the “exceeds expectation” range on the statewide district report card, receiving 4 out of 5 stars.

The district as a whole achieved a score of 78.7 for the 2017-18 school year. This is an improvement from last year’s score of 73.9. This compares to surrounding district scores of 70.1 for Johnson Creek, 71.4 for Waterloo, 72.0 for Deerfield, 66.9 for Marshall, 71.9 for Cambridge, and 72.6 for Jefferson.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) issues report cards for all publicly funded districts and schools yearly. The DPI first released Accountability Report Cards in fall 2012 based on the 2011-12 school year. They factor in data from multiple measures, across multiple years. Overall scores are based on data in four priority areas: student achievement, growth, closing gaps, and on-track and post-secondary success. The DPI uses a weighted system to calculate the scores, making most current achievement data weighted more heavily than data from three years ago. They also calculate every school and district score differently, based on a weighted formula that factors in the number of economically disadvantaged students, placing a higher emphasis on achievement and a lower emphasis on growth, for districts like Lake Mills, with a relatively low percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

Scores are placed in five categories: Significantly Exceeds Expectations, 83-100; Exceeds Expectations, 73-82.9; Meets Expectations, 63-72.9; Meets Few Expectations, 53-62.9; Fails to Meet Expectations, anything below 62.9.

The breakdowns for individual schools are as follows: Jedi Virtual School, Alternative Rating – Satisfactory Progress; Lake Mills High School, 72.2; Lake Mills Middle School, 77.5; and Lake Mills Elementary School, 76.5.

The Lake Mills Area School District Board of Education will hear a detailed report on this year’s report card data and how each category is calculated during the December regular school board meeting from Ms. Jamie Syvrud, Director of Learning and Student Services. Syvrud is very pleased to see the district report card score increasing, and she looks forward to working with staff to continue the district efforts in increasing both growth and student achievement, and closing gaps. She is particularly proud of the growth the district has made in the past year in the areas of student growth and closing the gaps. “The district improved over 13 points in both of these areas. The teachers and staff in our district deserve a round of applause for their continued work in ensuring that we are ‘Preparing **All** of Today’s Students For Tomorrow’s Opportunities.’”