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Dear Mansfield Township School District Staff and Community,

Each year, the New Jersey Department of Education releases statewide data known as the *School Performance Reports*. These reports offer families and communities a transparent look at how schools are performing across the state.

In these reports, every school receives a *summative score* from 0–100. This score is built from several key indicators, including standardized test scores, student academic growth, graduation rates, and factors such as chronic absenteeism. Half of the score reflects the performance of the overall student body, while the other half focuses on specific student groups, such as students with disabilities and students from low-income households.

Schools also receive a *summative rating*, which compares their performance to schools with similar grade levels using a percentile scale from 0–100. Summative scores are reported within three configuration groups:

- High schools
- Elementary and middle schools
- Mixed-grade configuration schools

While these reports offer a helpful overview, the New Jersey Department of Education, educational experts, and teachers' organizations have consistently encouraged families not to rely solely on these ratings. Test-based data can serve as a useful starting point, but it does not fully capture what makes a school community strong. Elements such as school culture, relationships, extracurricular opportunities, family involvement, and the day-to-day experiences of students and staff play an equally important role.

Parents are always encouraged to stay connected, ask questions, visit the school, and speak with teachers and other families to gain the clearest picture of their child's educational environment.

With all of this in mind, I am incredibly proud to share that Mansfield Township School District earned one of the highest summative scores in the region—the highest in Burlington County. While you cannot sort the state dataset by county, sorting by score confirms that no Burlington County school scored higher than ours.

You may view the full data set here: https://www.datawrapper.de/_1GIfv/

This achievement is a direct reflection of the dedication of our teachers, support staff, administrators, students, and families. It highlights the strong instructional practices happening in our classrooms, the positive relationships built every day, and the commitment our entire community shows toward helping every child grow.

Thank you for continuing to stand together in support of our students. We will keep moving forward—celebrating our strengths, learning from our data, and staying focused on providing the very best for the children of Mansfield.

Sincerely,

Tiffany J. Moutis, Superintendent