

New London Local Schools

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Superintendent's Corner

Greetings Wildcat Faithful,

On September 15, 2016, the Ohio Department of Education will release the State Report Card for all school districts across the state. I've already received preliminary results for a few of the indicators on our local report card, most notably the results from last spring's state assessments. I've discussed these results with the Board of Education in July and addressed them with our administrative, teaching, and support staff during our August meetings.

My message has been very consistent this summer and fall. Last year's assessments do not accurately reflect the high quality educational programming offered at New London. Although I encourage parents and community members to review our report card when it becomes available, I urge caution. For many reasons, I and many educational leaders from across the state have identified a multitude of reasons as to why last year's State Assessments were flawed and paint an inaccurate picture of education in Ohio. In future articles in the local papers, as well as on our website, and on my newly created blog I will provide greater details as to why I strongly believe that the testing environment in our state is hampering education and needs to change.

One of my core beliefs of education value assessments as a means of creating accountability for schools as well as providing valuable information on individual student needs. Yet, to me, these assessments are flawed. In addition, I typically like to stay away from using these articles to address negative topics, complaining, or other similar things, but I feel very passionately on this topic.

Additional articles regarding our State Report Card will follow once they are released. If you have any questions on this topic, please feel free to email me or call my office.

Until Next Time,
GO WILDCATS!!!

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