

From the Superintendent's Desk by Rodney Wallace

2010 Local Report Card Ratings Released

As you probably know the State of Ohio Department of Education (ODE) publishes a local report card (LRC) every year to grade the performance of each school and district in the state. The 2009/2010 local report cards were publicly released on Friday, August 27. Each school and district is given a rating based on the number of points they earn on the state tests as well as the attendance rate and graduation rate.

The Adams County/Ohio Valley School District achieved an Excellent rating again this year for the third year in a row. The district earned 19 out of 26 possible points on the LRC including the points for attendance and graduation rate. Of the six schools in the district that receive a LRC three of the six were rated Excellent and three were rated Effective.

The school ratings were as follows:
North Adams Elementary rated Effective
North Adams High School rated Excellent
Peebles Elementary rated Excellent
Peebles High School rated Effective
West Union Elementary rated Excellent
West Union High School rated Effective.

Two other factors that help determine the LRC ratings are Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the Value Added component. AYP are goals set by ODE for students in subgroups. The district has two subgroups, Students with Disabilities and Economically Disadvantaged. The district achieved AYP with both subgroups. AYP may present a problem for the LRC in the future in that the goals increase each year to 100% by 2014 according to the No Child Left Behind Law.

Value Added measures growth of students over time. If students make above average growth on tests scores for two years in a row it raises the district or building rating to the next level. The district, Peebles Elementary and West Union Elementary were raised from an Effective rating to Excellent because they achieved the Value Added component.

This is a simple explanation for a complicated process so if you would like to know more about the LRC rating process please contact your building principal or central office staff for more information.

The Excellent and Effective ratings are a great accomplishment for our students, staff, and parents. We appreciate the support of parents and community in helping achieve and maintain the Excellent rating.

Tax Levy Meeting

There will be an informational meeting to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming school levy for the Adams County/Ohio Valley Schools. The meeting will be held Thursday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. at West Union High School. The tax levy will be on the ballot on November 2. It is a 9.4 mil emergency levy for five years.