



**"Home of the Warriors"**

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Warren County R-III Community Members:

I want to write you to talk again about some positive achievements in the Warren County R-III School District. The 2015-16 school year is off to a great start, and as I am writing this we are still celebrating the accomplishments of our first ever **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** softball team. This is our schools first team state title in any sport. This group of young ladies set many records in the Final Four and deserve congratulations for being such a great representation of the Warren County R-III school district on and off the field. They finished the year with a 28-2 record and a state championship win over Cape Girardeau Notre Dame by a score of 12-2.

The accomplishments of these girls only adds to the accomplishments we continue to see from our district in terms of achievement. We appreciate your support in the efforts needed for a successful school district. The Warren County R-III School District is continuing to work as a district that focuses on learning, collaboration and holding ourselves accountable for results and we want to share with you good news on our improvements.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recently released the MSIP 5 Annual Performance Report (APR) scores for school districts across the state, and we have much to celebrate and be proud of. Our district scored **90.4%** of the possible points, which is an **increase of 9.05%** over the 2014-15 score of 82.9% and an outstanding **17.71% increase** from 2013-14 score of 76.8%. The improvements that we saw this year are the **8th biggest increase** out of the 55 St. Louis area school districts.

The Warren County R-III School District continues to earn fully accredited status with our scores. The 2015 scores also show that our district for the second year in a row has the biggest MSIP 5 APR improvement increase for school districts in Warren, St. Charles and Lincoln. The average MSIP 5 score for districts in these 3 counties is 93.6% and our 90.4% is very close to that average. For reference, just two years ago when we started this journey, the average score for schools in these counties was 90.0% and we were at 76.8%. In just two short years, even with area schools improving, we have seen the biggest academic gains in terms of the MSIP 5 scores.

Overall in academic achievement, the district has maintained advanced and proficient levels near the 50% mark consistently in Math, English Language Arts and Social Studies. In 2015 we had several grade levels reach their best standard ever, **including 8 tested areas above state average which is an all-time high**. The district gains over the past two years puts us in the **top 15% in improvement** in the State of Missouri. In order for our district score to continue to increase, we must keep seeing growth in these top two categories.



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As a district what we have seen is an overall increase in attendance, graduation rate and achievement which is very positive. Our attendance rate made great strides, **reaching the highest rate in over 12 years**, and we thank you for your help. Our rate though is still lower than the other surrounding districts in this area and this greatly impacts our accountability score. In order for us to improve we continue to ask for your help in getting our students to school and keeping them in school so that we can help them achieve at higher levels.

The positive achievements we have are a start. Our curriculum work has our district staff building collaboration, team work, and using data driven decisions to identify our weakest areas and improve upon them. This will lead us to continually raising our expectations. Our bar has been raised and we must continually reach and exceed it.

The Warren County R-III School District possesses all the elements and beliefs necessary to meet higher expectations for ourselves and our students. We have begun specific strategic initiatives for our work over the next several years. With our improvement work the district is laying the groundwork for future success and we will continue to meet our goals with your support.

Sincerely,

*Jim Chandler*

Dr. Jim Chandler  
Superintendent of Schools

