

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
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The Pennsylvania Department of Education last week released the 2016 School Performance Profile (SPP). We are pleased to report all schools in the Wilson Area School District earned SPP results that were at proficient levels and above. Below is a summary of the scores.

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| Wilson Area High School..... | 93.4 |
| Wilson Area Intermediate School..... | 72.3 |
| Avona Elementary School..... | 78.4 |
| Wilson Borough Elementary School..... | 86.8 |
| Williams Township Elementary School.... | 88.8 |

Some highlights of this year’s results are as follows:

- The High School had the third highest score in the Lehigh Valley and second highest in Northampton County.
- Williams Township Elementary School had the second highest elementary school result in the Lehigh Valley.
- Williams Township Elementary and Wilson Borough Elementary had the top two SPP results for elementary schools in Northampton County.
- In regards to PSSA scores of our elementary schools the following should be noted:
 - In ELA, Williams Township Elementary and Wilson Borough Elementary were schools that had the top five results in the County.
 - In Math, all three elementary schools were among the top five results in the County.
 - In Science, Williams Township Elementary and Wilson Borough Elementary were schools that had the top five results in the County.
- The High School, Wilson Borough Elementary and Williams Township Elementary Schools exceeded the goal in closing the achievement gap for all students in all three subjects.
- Wilson Borough Elementary exceeded the goal in closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming students in all three subjects, while the High School exceeded the goal in two of the three subjects. Williams Township Elementary exceeded the goal in both ELA and Math, but did not have enough students in this category in Science to be measured.
- In the category of closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming students the following should be noted:
 - In ELA, Wilson Borough Elementary had the second highest number of students that earned proficient or higher on the PSSA in the Lehigh Valley and Avona Elementary was also in the top five PSSA performers in the County.
 - In Math, Wilson Borough Elementary and Avona Elementary had the first and second highest PSSA results in the Lehigh Valley.
 - In Science, Wilson Borough Elementary had the second highest PSSA results in the Lehigh Valley.
 - Wilson Area High School had the highest number of students scoring proficient in the Literature and Biology Keystone Exam in the Lehigh Valley among public school districts.

Our success demonstrates that all students can achieve when the school community is committed to high achievement. We are especially proud that our District is able to meet the needs of our changing student demographics, especially our students that are Economically Disadvantaged. A breakdown of our student population is highlighted below

| YEAR | <u>2005</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Students | 2,212 | 2,185 | 2,214 |
| American Indian | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Asian | 47 | 51 | 56 |
| Black | 115 | 189 | 194 |
| Hispanic | 104 | 398 | 434 |
| Multi-Racial | - | 145 | 159 |
| White | 1,942 | 1,396 | 1,364 |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 389 | 1,041 | 1,089 |

A quick analysis of our student population shows that forty-nine percent (49%) of our students are classified as Economically Disadvantaged. Congratulation to everyone on a job well done! Once again, the Wilson Area School District’s commitment to high expectations with no excuses demonstrates that all students can achieve when provided a quality education.