

To: Dr. Mahoney
Board of Education
From: Heidi Deininger
Re: Board Report
Date: September 12, 2023



Celebrations:

Achieving recognition on the US News & World Report's Best Schools List is a testament to the hard work, commitment, and passion of our entire school community. We are ranked 201 of 1,292 schools in Illinois. We are in the top 20% in our state and in the top 40% in the nation. We earned this recognition through our student performance on statewide testing (SAT), number of students taking an Advanced Placement (AP) and passing the AP test and our graduation rate. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our parents, the diligence of our students, and the expertise of our educators. It reflects our shared commitment to providing a high-quality education that empowers our students to excel academically and personally. (See more information in the addendum to this report).

New this Year: We have introduced an additional student recognition program called "Hawk Hero" this year. Any staff member can nominate a student, at any point, for the good things they are doing. So far this year, we have had 26 student nominations. Here is a Facebook post that we shared spreading this good news (this student was nominated by her bus driver):



Academics:

2023-2024 School Improvement Plan [HERE](#)

(You need to hover the cursor over the word “HERE” and then hit the CTRL button and click at the same time)
If you would like to look at any of the current data, you can CTRL-click on the blue link to look at what the teams are working on.

We are currently working on benchmarking assessments across our entire building. Students have taken the following benchmark assessments:

- MAP – provides data for 7th-8th grades on Reading, Writing and Math
- ThinkCerca – provides data from 7-11th grade students on Writing
- iXL – provides data for 7-11th grades students on Math; 7-8th grade students on ELA
- PSAT/SAT formatives – provides data for 9-11th grades on areas for improvement on spring standardized tests

You can see many scores and various data points in the School Improvement Plan. Please let me know if you have questions.

Culture:

Some things we are doing to continue to refine our culture and influence our positive climate:

- Hawk Hero (sited above) – we are also doing it for teachers, as requested by our executive student council leaders
- Excellent attendance recognition
- Academic achievement
- Organization of a Student Lighthouse team (Leader in Me) – their goals are linked in the school improvement plan
- Implementation of the Athletic Action Plan (draft version [Here](#))

Professional Growth:

- Ms. Rad has one period of her day designated as an “instructional coach” period. During this time, she supports and works with teachers. Some of the things that she has done this year are:
 - Coaching cycles to support teachers with their student data
 - Open her room to visits from other teachers
 - Support and guidance to new teachers
 - A weekly teaching newsletter see example [Teacher Talk Newsletter](#)
 - So far this year, she has worked with 10+ teachers of all experience levels

****We are glad to have Ms. Rad back to help support teachers and lead by example!**

Athletic Action Plan:

- We have a working draft of the updated version of the Athletic Action Plan [DRAFT Athletic Action Plan](#)
- As part of the plan, the team would like to start the Hawks Fan Club. This fans club would be voluntary and community supported, but *all funds would run through the athletic department*
- The mission of the Hawks Fan Club is to exist for **the purpose of broadening the involvement of students, student’s families, community and the school, through support for all students activities of the school.**

Addendum

Oregon High School 2023-2024 Rankings

Oregon High School is ranked #6,284 in the [National Rankings](#). Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about [how we rank the Best High Schools](#).

All Rankings

#6,284 in National Rankings

#201 in Illinois High Schools

#3 in Rochelle, IL Metro Area High Schools

SCORECARD

64.46

Took at Least One AP® Exam

48%

Passed at Least One AP® Exam

20%

Mathematics Proficiency

20%

Reading Proficiency

25%

Science Proficiency

33%

Graduation Rate

You can see how we compare to schools around [us](#) that we tend to use as our measuring stick. An interesting fact is that we have far more students taking AP classes than Byron (22% taking AP and 11% passing) We even have more students taking AP than SVHS (46% taking and 22% passing).

<div><div><div>Byron High School 9-12</div><div>Byron, IL Byron Community Unified School District 226</div><div><div>#1 in Rochelle, IL Metro Area Rankings</div><div>#5,358 in National Rankings</div></div><div>Byron High School 9-12 is ranked 177th within Illinois. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Byron High School 9-12... Read More »</div></div></div>	<div><div>Graduation Rate</div><div>86%</div></div> <div><div>College Readiness</div><div>13.4</div></div> <div><div>Enrollment 9-12</div><div>461</div></div>
<div><div><div>Stillman Valley High School</div><div>Stillman Valley, IL Meridian Community Unified School District 223</div><div><div>#2 in Rochelle, IL Metro Area Rankings</div><div>#5,748 in National Rankings</div></div><div>Stillman Valley High School is ranked 187th within Illinois. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Stillman Valley... Read More »</div></div></div>	<div><div>Graduation Rate</div><div>95%</div></div> <div><div>College Readiness</div><div>28.0</div></div> <div><div>Enrollment 9-12</div><div>481</div></div>
<div><div><div>Oregon High School</div><div>Oregon, IL Oregon Community Unified School District 220</div><div><div>#3 in Rochelle, IL Metro Area Rankings</div><div>#6,284 in National Rankings</div></div><div>Oregon High School is ranked 201st within Illinois. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Oregon High School is 48%.... Read More »</div></div></div>	<div><div>Graduation Rate</div><div>93%</div></div> <div><div>College Readiness</div><div>26.6</div></div> <div><div>Enrollment 9-12</div><div>444</div></div>

*****Full Report is [Here](#)