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Dear Dixie Magnet Families:

Every student at Dixie Magnet Elementary has individual gifts and talents, and our team is committed to helping them develop their strengths and overcome any challenges they face. Throughout the school year, we monitor student learning regularly and change our instruction to reinforce areas where they struggle and accelerate their progress in areas of strength.

Beginning at the end of third grade, elementary school students in Kentucky also take state tests each year to determine if they have mastered the content they are expected to learn. The Kentucky Department of Education evaluates schools and districts based on student performance on those tests, as well as other measures of success.

Due to the disruption of the pandemic, this is the first time since 2019 that the state has released test scores and accountability results. Since this is also the first year of a brand-new way to rate schools, we have included a flier with this email to explain the new system.


According to the results made public today, our school is rated orange with an index score of 52.1. We are 0.9 points away from the yellow category. For reading and math we scored in the yellow category at 56.1; for science, social studies and writing combined we scored 43.7 in the orange category; with our English Learner Progress we scored 57.8 in the yellow category; for the Quality of School and Climate survey taken by all 3rd - 5th graders we scored in the green category with a 77. The survey shows that our students feel they belong at Dixie, they know we care about them and they feel safe. When looking at our other scores, even though this is not what we had hoped, we have already put into place strong, research based systems and structures that are already showing growth in all areas. Our Project Based Learning initiative combines all content areas with an emphasis on science and social studies and helps students engage with the content in a very authentic way. All teachers are working as a Professional Learning Community where every week we come together to analyze current student data and determine an action plan to ensure that all students are learning at high levels. We have partnered with a community church to provide after school tutoring and will begin working on a high-impact tutoring program offered to students with specific learning needs.

This month, individual student test results will be mailed to the families of all students who took the Kentucky Summative Test last spring, along with information about how to interpret the results and help your child continue to grow. We care about the development of the whole child as we challenge them academically and encourage their mental and physical well-being.

Our families are crucial partners in this work. Teachers will soon be scheduling conferences where you can sit down and discuss your child's specific learning goals. Based on the involvement that we had last week for our Breakfast with your Best Buddy, I know that we have many family members who are willing to help to support all of our students. One of the best things you can do with your child is to read with them every night. That 15-20 minutes every day can help support the work that we are doing every day with our students.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue to work together to reach our full potential and to provide opportunities for our students to be a positive force in our changing world!

Sincerely,  
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