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Recently the New Jersey Department of Education released the 2016-2017 School Performance Reports. These reports compare 2016-2017 data with previous year's data, and information collected from other schools across New Jersey. Areas examined include academic achievement and student growth, derived from 2016 PARCC and NJASK Science data, PARCC participation rates, and chronic absenteeism. Denville schools met or exceeded 100% of the schoolwide targets and goals.

Valleyview met 100% of academic performance targets in both English and Math, and student growth targets in English. Students are in the "Excelling" range for meeting/exceeding expectations in English. The subgroups for Hispanic students and students with disabilities narrowly missed the target in math. The PARCC participation rate was 97.1%, meeting the state goal. Notably, 93% of the students enrolled in Honors Algebra 1 and 100% of the students enrolled in Honors Geometry met or exceeded the standards on the PARCC exam. Although there were no designated "Needs Improvement" indicators for Valleyview, staff identified a need for improvement in general math. A full time math coach continues to provide support and professional development for staff. The curriculum was revised, new textbooks were purchased, and common benchmark assessments were created and administered three times during the year. Students in need of additional assistance were identified and provided a targeted program through an additional basic skills course, and after school homework help. Quarterly monitoring of fact fluency and math content knowledge for all students is in place to determine if students are progressing on grade level.

School Highlights included a 1:1 Google Chromebook initiative, 6 high school courses, and GMCJSCA Group 3 Title for Boys Baseball.

Lakeview met the schoolwide academic performance targets and growth targets in English, Math, and PARCC participation. The subgroups for Hispanic students and students with disabilities did not meet the growth target in math. Notably, students are in the "Excelling" range for student growth in English and attendance.

School highlights include hosting the 23rd annual Veteran's Day program with an additional performance at the Morris County Courthouse, a peer mentor program that fosters social skills/friendship between special needs and general education students, and a "One School One Book" initiative.

Riverview met 100% of school academic performance, student growth, participation and attendance targets. Notably, Riverview is in the "Excelling" range for academic performance in English, student growth in Math, and for attendance, just narrowly missing the "Excelling" rating for Math performance by .5%.

School highlights include receiving Honorable Mention for School of Good Character, a feature on the cover of NJEA magazine for the implementation of morning meetings, and bronze certification from Sustainable New Jersey for Riverview's green efforts.

Continued effort is being placed upon improvement in math for all students. Both Lakeview and Riverview identified this need when reviewing the 2016-17 PARCC scores in the fall. Several interventions were put into place to assist teachers in transitioning to the expectations of the NJ Learning Standards and to assist students in improving identified skill areas. An instructional math coach provides ongoing classroom professional development. The Reflex Math program has been added for additional fluency support. The Student Success Academy offers after school extension in reading, writing, and math through fun and engaging classes.

Link to the NJDOE website with the School Performance Reports for the 2016-2017 school year: https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/SearchForSchool.aspx