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Harford County Public Schools Achieves Highest Ever Number of 4- and 5- Star Schools on Maryland Report Card

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) continues to demonstrate strong academic growth and student success, with the latest Maryland Report Card results showing the highest number of 4- and 5-star schools in the district since the state's accountability system launched in 2018.

This year, 72.7% of HCPS schools earned a 4- or 5-star rating, up from 63.6% last year. The results reflect continued progress across the school system and highlight the dedication of students, staff, families, and the community.

"Our vision of *Ready by Design* is about being intentional in everything we do so that every student has the foundation, opportunities, and support to succeed in whatever path they choose," said Dr. Dyann R. Mack, Superintendent of HCPS. "These results demonstrate that when our community invests in public schools, and we work together to support every learner, our students thrive. We will continue to challenge ourselves, but today we celebrate our students, the educators who believe in them, and a community that continues to invest in their success."

Among this year's highlights:

- Ten HCPS schools increased their star rating by one level.
- Nineteen elementary schools had more than 90% of students who were not chronically absent.
- Twenty-two elementary schools demonstrated above-average growth in English Language Arts (ELA).
- Fifteen elementary schools showed above-average growth in mathematics among students with disabilities.
- Thirteen elementary schools achieved above-average growth in ELA among economically disadvantaged students.
- Five middle schools earned a 4-star rating with two moving up from the previous year.
- Eight middle schools improved their percent of students not chronically absent from the previous year.
- Six middle schools improved the percent proficient for all students on the MISA 8 assessment from the previous year.
- Six high schools reported more than 94% of ninth-grade students on track for graduation.
- Eight high schools achieved a four-year graduation rate above 91%.
- All HCPS high schools reported more than 93% of graduates meeting post-secondary readiness measures.

The Maryland Report Card evaluates schools using multiple indicators, including academic achievement and growth, attendance, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and school quality measures. The MD Report Card can be accessed here.

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