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STATE REPORT CARD AND WISCONSIN STUDENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM EXAM DATA RELEASED FOR THE LINCOLN ACADEMY

BELOIT, Wisc. (November 17, 2023) The Lincoln Academy received its first Report Card this week as part of the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI's) release of 2022-2023 report card information statewide. The Lincoln Academy received a 4-star rating of Exceeds Expectations.

"Our scholars, families, educators, staff and leadership teams, have all worked incredibly hard and demonstrated a focused commitment to creating an educational environment that is both conducive to learning and filled with joy," said Dr. Kristi Cole, Chief Education Officer at The Lincoln Academy. "We are so proud of our school community for proving what is possible in education when scholars are given the right combination of school culture, strong academics, career integration and a mission-aligned staff."

DPI also recently released the results of the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) exams administered to scholars during the spring of the 2022-2023 school year.

WSAS is a point-in-time measure of how scholars are progressing toward grade-level expectations. TLA scholars enrolled in third grade and grades six through eight during the 2022-2023 school year completed the Forward Exam, an assessment of grade level proficiency in the areas of Math, English Language Arts (ELA), Science and Social Studies. Enrolled freshman and sophomore scholars participated in the PreACT Secure exam, an assessment of grade level proficiency in Math, ELA and Science.

Forward Exam proficiency rates for TLA scholars included ELA 28.1% and Math 24.3%, Science 37.0% and Social Studies 45.5%. PreACT Secure proficiency rates were ELA 33.3%, Math 23.6% and Science 33.3%. Overall state exam proficiency for TLA in the second year was ELA 30.7% and Math 24.0%. Wisconsin scholars in the same grades scored 35.8% proficient in ELA and 39.5% proficient in Math.

"Our scholars and educators have been very intentional in setting goals and focused in their work to achieve them," said Kari Flitz, Chief Instructional Officer. "TLA scholars scored within 5.1% of the state proficiency average in ELA. Third grade scholars beat state proficiency results in both ELA and Math and freshmen and sophomore scholars were on-par with state proficiency levels in ELA. Overall combined exam proficiency for TLA held firm in ELA and improved in math over the prior school year. We are pleased to see this general upward trend, yet know we continue to have work to do."

WSAS results are a foundational component of school and district report cards. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute to generate a report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state.

Information on public school performance is made available by school and by district on the State Department of Public Instruction's website at [WISEdash Public Portal - Department of Public Instruction](#) and [Report Cards Home | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#).

"From the beginning, we made a commitment to the community that we would raise scholar proficiency levels," said Dr. Cole. "Our dedication to that commitment is unwavering. Charter schools provide an opportunity to innovate. As we dive deeply into our WSAS data, we will use the results to refine and strengthen our work."

The Lincoln Academy is a free public charter school in its third year of operation focused on rigorous academics, character development and career exploration. Currently, the school serves K4-4 and 6-11 grade scholars. Next school year, grades 5 and 12 will be added. More information about The Lincoln Academy can be found online at [The Lincoln Academy | Public Charter School in Beloit, Wisconsin \(thelincolnacademybeloit.com\)](#) or by contacting the school directly at 608-690-5100 or info@tlabeloit.com.