**Written Notification of Interactive Dashboard (School District Report Card)**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

North Dakota launched a website designed to help communities across the state access important information about K-12 districts and schools. Insights, or more commonly referred to as the “Dashboard”, is a part of North Dakota’s accountability system. To learn more about the state’s accountability and continuous improvement, visit North Dakota’s ESSA website.

To seek information about our school, visit **insights.nd.gov**, select “**Explore Public K-12 Education”**, then select “**Data for Specific District or School**” click on **Ward County** and on the page’s right side scroll down until you come to **South Prairie Public School District** and view details.

**Why this system and tool?**

North Dakota is committed to informing communities about how well our schools are doing. North Dakota’s future success depends on tapping into the potential of all students, so they graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills and disposition to be successful. For schools to reach this goal, teachers, parents and the community need clear and useful measures of progress. As an accountability tool, the Dashboard will help the state identify schools receiving additional support and assistance.

**What is different?**

In the past, the accountability system for districts and schools relied heavily on test scores. But one test taken on one particular day does not provide a complete picture of all the ways schools are helping students succeed. The Dashboard continues to provide information on different aspects of student performance, but also includes information on school growth and other factors reflecting a more comprehensive view. The Dashboard replaces the former School District Report Card and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports.

Please note, the data made available to the public masks or hides data for groups with 10 or fewer students to protect confidential information about individual students.

**What’s next for our district?**

We would like you and your child(ren) to continue to be active participants in our educational system. Please help support our high expectations for our student achievement by participating in the school educational initiatives, offering input and support in our endeavors to raise student achievement. Meeting our school’s goals will take a united effort, and our junior high/high school principal and I look forward to working with our families to ensure success for each student.

**School support under ESSA**

All schools engage in continuous improvement for general support; therefore our school will complete an AdvancED Continuous Improvement Plan annually. South Prairie K-8 is a Schoolwide Title I entity, with a student membership count of approx. 347. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact our school. Our school phone is (701) 722-3537.

Sincerely,

Delwyn Groninger, PK-5 principal