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TO: Dr. Tom Wermuth, District Administrator & River Valley School District Board of Education

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SUBJECT: BADGER EXAM DATA 2014-2015

The Badger Exam was the standardized assessment given to students in grades 3 through 8 during the spring of 2015. This exam took the place of the WKCE, which had been the state's standardized assessment since the 1993-1994 school year. The Wisconsin Department of Instruction decided to cut ties with the Badger Exam during the summer of 2015 after one year. Beginning this spring, the Wisconsin Forward Assessment will be the state standardized assessment for students in grades three through ten. Assessments scheduled for the spring of 2016 include:

- English Language Arts (ELA) grades 3 through 8
- Mathematics grades 3 through 8
- Social Studies grades 4, 8 and 10
- Science grades 4 and 8

Comparisons between the Badger Exam and WKCE are not possible due to significant differences between the assessments. Therefore, this data can only be analyzed as a moment in time, and not longitudinally. As a district this data is important to us, as we can,

- Discuss target instruction with teachers to meet individual student needs;
- Understand what students knowledge levels are to guide curriculum and professional development decisions; and
- Continue communication with parents and students on demonstration of understanding and knowledge in assessed subjects.

River Valley received the Badger Exam results over the summer and discussed the results internally with administration and staff. In addition, individual student scores were sent to parent and guardians in September of 2015. School districts across the state of Wisconsin were not allowed to share results publicly until the DPI lifted the data embargo on January 10, 2016.

Respectfully,

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