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Dear Parents and Patrons,

Every year Williston Public School District #1, in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, publishes an annual progress report on student achievement called the School District Profile. This profile is now available for your review. I encourage you to access and study this important information. This report demonstrates the progress our students are making in terms of our challenging academic standards.

You may access the *School District Profile* for Williston Public School District #1 on the Department of Public Instruction's website at the following address: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/profile/index.shtm>. Simply select Williston Public School District #1 and the most recent year (2009-10) to access the various reports available. A copy of each school's profile is available in the library of each school. A copy of the Profile is also available for your review at the district office.

The annual *School District Profile* summarizes how well our students performed this past year in reading/language arts and mathematics on the North Dakota State Assessment and on other academic indicators. The annual *School District Profile* presents the percentage of students who have achieved proficiency in reading/language arts and mathematics. The Profile also provides our student attendance rates and graduation rates. The Profile reviews the achievement of all students and of specific subgroups of students. Additionally, the Profile compares our student results over two years to those of the State as a whole.

The *School District Profile* for Williston Public School District #1 is an important summary of how well our students are progressing in their basic academic skills. I encourage all parents and patrons to familiarize themselves with this information. Providing a quality education for our students is everyone's concern. In order for us to improve, we must begin with an understanding of how well our students are performing. We should all take pride in the support we collectively provide our students. Together, I am confident that we will build on our successes to improve and further raise the quality of education within Williston Public School District. I thank you for your continued commitment to building a strong education system here in Williston.

Sincerely,

Dr. Viola LaFontaine

Superintendent