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Jeffrey Turner
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Rootstown, OH 44272-9697

Dear Principal:

Congratulations from the State Board of Education and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) for the performance of Rootstown Elementary School during the 2011-2012 school year. The enclosed certificate recognizes your achievement for:


Achieving the designation of Excellent with Distinction
Advancing to the designation of Excellent with Distinction
Exceeding expected growth on the Value-Added Measure


It is the goal of the State Board and ODE that all students graduate with a sense of purpose and be well prepared for postsecondary education, careers and citizenship. We thank all of the educators in your school for advocating tirelessly for students, encouraging them to take rigorous coursework, and providing them with the supports they need to be successful.


As you are aware, Ohio is changing the way it measures and rates the performance of schools and districts. The 2012-2013 school and district report cards will grade schools and districts on a mix of new and previously used items with an A-F letter-grade system. The new approach will grade schools and districts in six broad categories. Each category has one to five measures. The categories are Achievement, Gap Closing, Graduation Rate, Progress, K-3 Literacy and Prepared for Success. We know that your school will work to meet the expectations of this new reporting system.

Congratulations on your achievements, and best wishes for continued success this school year.

Sincerely,


Debe Terhar, President
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Dr. Richard A. Ross
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Sarah Fowler, District 7
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