

2017 state report cards show progress

According to an analysis by the Ohio Department of Education, report card results for the 2016-2017 school year showed improvement over previous year performance.

The average statewide Performance Index increased by 2.46 – the third largest increase in the history of the measure – to 84.1 out of a possible 120.

With the exception of sixth grade math and high school history -- which dropped from 62.4 percent to 61.6, and 76.4 percent to 74.5, respectively – student achievement scores showed improvement over those from the 2015-2016 school year.

Despite the good news, a quick review of the six component grades earned by the Big 8 urban districts is cause for great concern: 92 percent of the 48 grades earned were “D” and “F.”

On a brighter note, more dropout recovery schools (59.3 percent) “met standards” and 9.3 percent “exceeded standards.”

