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Blue Valley makes AYP for eighth consecutive year

Once again, the Blue Valley School District has great reason to celebrate. Not only did the district's students excel on the Kansas State Assessments, but the district and each one of its schools have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act. This is the eighth year in a row Blue Valley has made AYP.

"We are thrilled with these outstanding results," said Tom Trigg, superintendent. "I am incredibly proud of our students and staff for their continuous dedication and hard work that makes these types of results possible. Having achieved this for eight years running is a great testament to the commitment of students and staff."

On the reading assessment, 97.2 percent of Blue Valley students scored proficient or higher and 96.2 percent scored proficient or higher on the math assessment. In reading, 56 percent of students scored in the exemplary category. In math, 51.8 percent of students scored in exemplary. The exemplary category is the highest level of achievement on the Kansas State Assessments.

Trigg said he attributes the AYP results and student success as a whole to a well-defined mission of unprecedented academic success and unparalleled personal growth for every student. Blue Valley has implemented numerous strategies for school improvement including Professional Learning Communities, which emphasize greater teacher collaboration. The district developed a strategic plan in 2005 that has shown outstanding results. The district will be revising the strategic plan during the 2010-11 school year to strengthen its commitment to the goals of unprecedented academic success and unparalleled personal growth for every student.