



*From the Desk of Superintendent
Dr. Bill Caron*

What's New This Year for Scales Mound School?

Welcome to the first Quarterly Newsletter for Scales Mound CUSD #211. Each quarter we will provide you with a look back on the special events and activities happening around our school and preview coming events. In this newsletter you will find information about our band and choir, junior high school volleyball, the fall play, high school science, and notes from our counselor. We hope you enjoy the Quarterly Newsletter. If you have any suggestions or ideas for future issues feel free to send those to ruthfoley@scalesmound.net or billcaron@scalesmound.net.

New School Report Card and Designations:

The Illinois State Board of Education has developed a new School Report Card this year in response to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and was enacted in December 2015. Illinois' ESSA Plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Education and represents the beliefs of the Illinois State Board of Education.

The new report card will include an annual designation for each school. The designation is based on the school's overall data for all accountability indicators and data on individual student achievement. There are four designations:

- Exemplary – Schools that have performance in the top 10% of all schools, high school graduation rates over 67%, and no underperforming groups.
- Commendable – The same indicators as Exemplary except the performance is not in the top 10% of all schools.
- Underperforming – The school has one or more subgroup underperforming at or below the all students group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools.
- Lowest Performing – In the lowest-performing 5% of Title 1 eligible schools statewide and high school graduation rate at or below 67%.

Scales Mound CUSD #211 will not receive the official designation until October 30, 2018 so at the time of this newsletter we do not have that designation. We anticipate our designation will be Commendable based on preliminary information we do have from the State. Here are links to information regarding State designations and how they are calculated:

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE_Designations.pdf

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE-Multiple-Indicators.pdf>

Enjoy the rest of the Quarterly Newsletter. Our next publication will be sent out around the week of January 7, 2019. Have a great rest of the quarter and Happy Holidays in advance.

Go Hornets,

Bill Caron
Superintendent.