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To: Greg McKay, District Superintendent
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From: Amanda Peterson, Director of Educational Improvement and Support

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Re: Congratulations on Your High-Performance Ranking

As part of the North Dakota accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), continuous improvement is expected for all public schools and is measured through a variety of accountability indicators. These indicators reflect important outcomes related to student achievement, growth, engagement, and readiness.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is pleased to inform you that Naughton Elementary School ranks in the top 10% of all North Dakota public schools based on North Dakota accountability metrics. This distinction reflects the collective efforts of your educators, school leaders, and staff, and the meaningful, positive impact your work has on students and families.

These metrics represent a school's overall performance within the accountability system, based on points earned relative to points possible across multiple measures. Public accountability reports are updated annually and are available on the NDDPI Insights dashboard at <https://insights.nd.gov/>. For more information regarding the technical aspects of the School Accountability Report and how points are calculated, please refer to the [School Accountability Calculation Guide](#) or resources provided on the [NDDPI website](#).

NDDPI encourages high-performing schools to continue reflecting on data, strengthening instructional practices, and sharing successful strategies that support student learning and long-term success. Your effective use of existing resources and strategic investments in best practices serve as valuable models for schools across the state.

We commend your commitment to continuous improvement and to ensuring all students are supported on their path toward graduating [Choice Ready](#). Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and the positive difference you make each day in the lives of North Dakota students.

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