

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Dr. Richard A. Ross, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Perry D. Nicholas, Superintendent  
Maplewood Schools  
2414 Greenville Rd.  
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Dear Superintendent Nicholas:

Congratulations on receiving straight A's on your district's 2014 Ohio School Report Card! I commend you, your teachers, the Maplewood Schools' board of education, your students and the parents for working together to make sure that *all* the girls and boys in your district are achieving academically.

I'm sure your district has had to overcome challenges to enjoy the successes you are having. Issues like student poverty, struggling readers, the wide range of students' learning needs and keeping at-risk students in school are seen almost everywhere. These call for bold district and school leaders, committed teachers and involved parents. Clearly Maplewood Schools has brought all these assets together. As a result, your students are receiving the knowledge and skills they'll need to succeed in college or other postsecondary education, careers and life. This is a wonderful legacy for your community.

My goal for Ohio's education system is that every girl and boy, in every school, in every community in Ohio receives the best education possible. With that in mind, I thank you for serving your community and state so well.

Sincerely,



Dr. Richard A. Ross  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction