

Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce: School quality map uses new report card scores to shine light on Milwaukee County education landscape

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MILWAUKEE...The Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) has updated its interactive Milwaukee County [school quality map](#) to include academic results from the 2017-18 school year.

“This web-based tool provides parents and policymakers alike an interactive way to easily identify and quantify quality education options throughout the metro area,” said MMAC President Tim Sheehy.

The MMAC report card, complete with state Department of Public Instruction (DPI) proficiency data for all publicly funded schools in Milwaukee County, is available on line at [mkeschoolmap.org](#). Results this year show that, in Milwaukee County, 42 schools were rated Significantly Exceeded Expectations, 96 Exceeded Expectations, 89 Meet Expectations, 58 Meet Few Expectations, and 53 Fail to Meet Expectations.

“The new report cards show a number of schools performing well, and some are making progress, but there are still over 25,000 children in the metro area who are trapped in failing schools,” said Sheehy. “In today’s economy, we cannot afford to leave talent on the sidelines. Every child needs access to a high-quality school.”

The DPI takes data from student proficiency on the statewide exam and includes a number of factors like value-added growth, gap closure, attendance, and poverty to come up with the total report card scores for individual schools.

“This [common report card](#) shows that educational achievement and educational failure exist side by side across all school sectors in Milwaukee, and in some cases, in close proximity within the same neighborhoods,” said Sheehy. “Our collective goal moving forward must be to help parents easily identify high quality schools for their children and help expand the capacity of those schools in order to serve more students.”

The MMAC represents nearly 2000 member companies, employing more than 300,000 workers throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee region.