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March 16, 2016

Mr. Jarret Fields
Institute for the Transformation of Learning
1618 West Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233



Dear Mr. Fields:

The recently released results of the Badger Exam are a sobering reminder of the severity of the achievement gap in Milwaukee. In fact, across all Milwaukee Public Schools only 25% of students were proficient in English Language Arts. However, we are proud to report that more than twice as many (51%) of our 3rd to 5th graders at Rocketship Southside Community Prep are proficient or advanced in English Language Arts. In fact, our Rocketeers, of which 84% are classified as socio-economically disadvantaged, nearly matched the statewide proficiency average for *all students* (52%). For more detail on our Badger Exam results we are enclosing the letter we sent home to all our parent partners at Southside Community Prep.

For more great news, we were just told by DPI that we earned a "Beating the Odds" Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition award based on our Badger Exam results. DPI explained that the schools who receive this recognition have "remarkable" success in educating students from low-income families.

Your support, together with the hard work of our families, students and teachers, will help us realize our mission of closing the achievement gap within our lifetime. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Tim Sheehy
Founding Board President
RSED-Wisconsin

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Rocketship Education

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Board President
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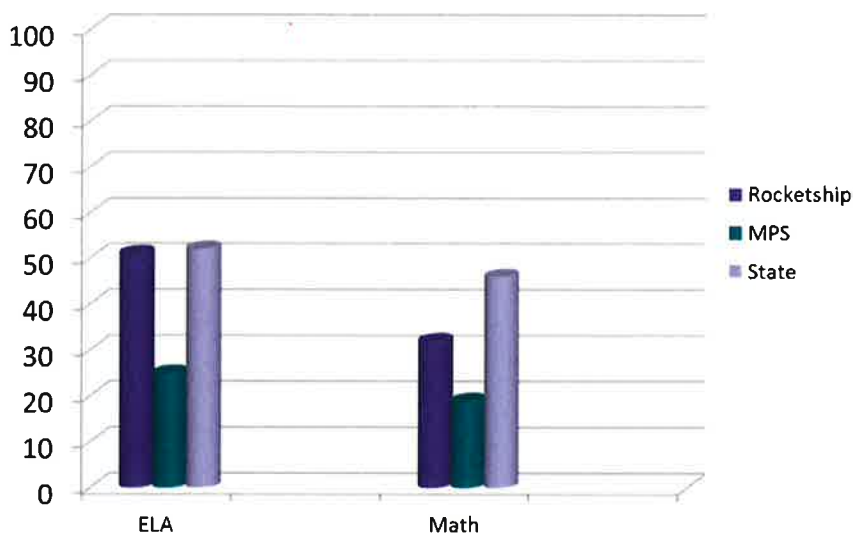
Dear Rocketship Southside Community Parents,

As your partner, we are proud to share our strong 2015 3rd-5th grade Badger Exam Results. We know these strong academic results couldn't happen without you!

In only our second year of operation, already 51% of 3rd-5th grade Rocketeers scored proficient or advanced in English Language Arts and 32% of 3rd-5th grade Rocketeers scored proficient or advanced in Math. By comparison, at MPS only 25% were proficient or advanced in English Language Arts and 19% were proficient or advanced in Math.

We are honored that you partner with us and we thank you for your support as we continue to grow and learn together. Please share this great news with your family and friends whose children need a high-performing school!

2014-15 Badger Exam Results for Grades 3-5
Percent of Students Proficient or Advanced in ELA & Math



Sincerely,

Rodney Lynk Jr.
Principal