

Subject: Re: Student proficiency rates | School Board candidate

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Hi Reed – all of the information in your questions below is publicly available on the Illinois Report Card, categorized by both district and individual schools. You can find the District report card here: <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/District.aspx?source=profile&Districtid=39055061025>

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Hello,

I'm covering Misty Fronk for School Board & she said that Illinois Family Institute told her that in 2019 12% of graduating students in Illinois were proficient in reading and writing & 6% in math, and this is her reason for running. She says our School Board Members "don't really care that our proficiency levels are this low."

It appears that those numbers can be cherry picked from certain disabilities or demographics categories, or possibly by selecting particular schools in Illinois that under-perform the averages, which are closer to 36% on SATs in math and writing, from looking at the 2019 report card.

- 1) Are there any Decatur schools performing around 6% in math or 12% in reading/writing, and if so, do you have any explanation as to why that is?
- 2) What is the lowest performing school in the District?
- 3) What is the lowest performing school in the District that is for the general public and is not intended to address special needs like learning disabilities or behavioral issues?
- 4) Do you have any additional comments?

Thanks,
Reed Sutman

P.S. I am submitting this as a general inquiry, not a FOIA. If you choose to file it as a FOIA, this is for commercial purposes. Any information or replies are for public release.

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