May 1, 2019

SPRING SCHOOL REPORT CARD RELEASE PREVIEW
The School Report Card (SRC) is now open for district review of the financial transparency data and compare functionality in a password protected site prior to public release, Monday, May 6. The finance data within the card are embargoed until public release. Please share this message with the access information below with your district’s principals, superintendent and other school and district users as needed. The link and password are for internal use only and should not be shared outside of your school or district. The site will display all schools’ and districts’ information, not just your district’s. A short 5-minute spring release video is available to help with familiarity and review of the new features.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to become familiar with the compare functionality and also take one last look at the financial transparency data before public release.

The embargo extends to public meetings, screen captures, etc. – same as in previous releases.

For comprehensive instructions for how users can access and navigate the public-facing School Report card, please refer to the SRC Public Website User’s Guide.

User login information to access the School Report Card was provided to reviewing personnel.

Link/URL: Not Available
Password: NA

Do Not Share this link with staff who are not reviewing the card. Remind staff who are reviewing that this is embargoed data.

NOTE: The finance data sets used for 2017-2018 School Report Card will be available on the Open House site on May 6 in conjunction with the public release.

SHARING SCHOOL REPORT CARDS
As a reminder, each school and district has specific responsibilities for sharing the annual school and district report cards. Federal ESSA law requires dissemination as a condition of funding and Kentucky’s KRS 158.6453 further defines requirements on what must be done. If you have not already done so, please make sure there is a prominent link to the School Report Cards on your website. Also, ensure your district has met expectations for sharing in the local newspaper with the largest circulation in the county and school report cards have been shared with parents. For details previously shared, please review the specific requirements document.
From the Commissioner’s Monday Message to Superintendents:

SCHOOL REPORT CARD (SRC) SPRING RELEASE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6
The spring release of the School Report Card will include two new functions: financial transparency and org-to-org comparisons. Ensure your district is prepared by completing the data review and entry required for the Financial Transparency domain and take advantage of the opportunity to preview financial data and the org-to-org comparison functionality prior to public release.

Financial Transparency Data Review and Entry Due April 30
The deadline to enter and review information in the Finance domain of the Kentucky School Report Card (SRC) is Tuesday, April 30. As of today, 121 districts have approved the district-level data and 105 districts have entered all of their school-level spending per student data.

WAAPOCs must set up finance officers with a School Report Card district user role to enable them to review and sign off on the finance data. Guidance and communications previously shared are available on the School Report Card Resources page.

New Org-to-Org Comparison Feature
The new “compare” function allows users to compare up to four organizations, including views of any combination of state, districts and/or schools. The comparable information is limited to the data highlighted for each of the domains on the organization’s main landing page.

Preview Days – May 1-3
Superintendents and other SRC contacts will be able to view the School Report Card site prior to public release through a password protected URL specifically for this purpose. Similar to the preview earlier this year, passwords will be shared with School Report Card contacts with a request that they share with you. Consider this an embargo period. Data should not be shared outside the district or used in any presentations before public release May 6.

A video highlighting the features in the new release will be available May 1 on the Kentucky School Report Card Support YouTube channel.

School Report Card Finance Collection Item Contacts:
- For Bright Bytes support, email BrightBytes Support or call (877) 433-4036.
- For general School Report Card questions, email KDE.
- For spending-per-student calculation questions, email Jessi Carlton or call her at (502) 564-3930, ext. 2468.