

GREENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Ms. Ihlenfeldt:


The Greendale High School (District 2296; School 0060) 2007-08 habitual truancy data reported to the State of WI is incorrect. Upon review of our WINNS information and School Performance Report Data, it was noted that more students were considered truant than actually attended our school. Obviously sensing a manual computational error, we investigated why this was, and we discovered that the original report submitted to the DPI was actually the total number of unexcused absences PLUS unexcused tardies. This data was incorrectly submitted and, consequently, reported by DPI WINNS as 100.4% of our high school students.

After reviewing our attendance records, and computing this correctly, the actual number of habitual truants for Greendale High School was 46 of 913 students, making the new percentage: 5.04%.

The intent of this letter is to ask for a WINNS correction to the Habitual Truancy Data and subsequent correction on the School Performance Report. Please accept this new number as a correction to the 100.4% number readily viewable by the public through WINNS.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at steve.lodes@greendale.k12.wi.us or by phone at 414.423.0110 ext. 4302.

Sincerely yours,


Steven J. Lodes
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cc: Ms. Kim Amidzich, Director of Instruction and Assessment