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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA - State Report Cards**

Hello, this is Sean Gallagher – Superintendent of Brookings-Harbor School District. Did you know that every year the State of Oregon’s Department of Education releases a report card for every school and school district in the state?

You can look at the report card to see how your student’s school is doing in key academic achievement metrics.

In the 2016-17 report card released this month, Brookings-Harbor School District improved it’s graduation rate and reduced it’s drop-out rate, further closing the gap between our community and the state-wide average.

The 2015-16 graduation rate, which reflects students earning a standard diploma within four years of entering high school was 70.5 percent. This was an increase from the previous 62.2 percent in 2014-15. It is projected that this rate will again increase in the 2017-18 report card which will reflect last June's graduating class.

One area that our district excelled in on the annual report card was a continued rise in the percentage of Freshman On-Track To Graduate. This refers to the percentage of freshman that complete at least 25 percent of the credits required to graduate by the end of 9th grade.

The freshman on-track rate increased from 88.7 percent in 2015-16 to 91.8 percent in 2016-17. This increase continues a strong trend upwards, where freshman on-track rates just a few years ago were less than 60 percent. The Brookings-Harbor School District outpaced both the Oregon rate and the average of similar districts — a good indicator that we are on pace to continue to raise the overall graduation rate in the years to come.

We want to celebrate the success of all our students. With a continued focus on increasing graduation rates, raising academic achievement, closing the achievement gap and producing graduates that are college and career ready, we will ensure that Every Student Can Succeed!