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# Press Release

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## ***Student Achievement News: Final 2012-2013 PSSA and Keystone Results***

Final student achievement data from the 2012-2013 school year indicates significant growth for our students at Verner Elementary School over the past year! We attribute these gains to the collaboration of the Verner staff and parents in focusing on our students' learning and academic achievement. This dedication to pushing every child to achieve their fullest potential is the mission of Verner Elementary School. Our Tenth Street Elementary School students and teachers continue to work hard to sustain a historically high level of achievement. In 2012-2013, a significant number of Tenth Street students scored Advanced on the PSSA in Reading, Math and Writing. We will continue to refine our curricula as we analyze our students' performance on the new Keystone Exam, an end-of-course assessment administered in Literature, Biology and Algebra in the state of Pennsylvania. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the state of Pennsylvania will no longer be used as the annual measure of school and district performance. We are currently awaiting further details regarding the specific indicators and variables that will comprise the new School Performance Profile (SPP), which will replace AYP as the educational accountability measure in the state of Pennsylvania.

### **Verner Highlights:**

- Grade 3 Reading increased from 73% to 87%
- Grade 6 Math increased from 64% to 88%
- Grade 6 Reading increased from 48% to 79%

### **Tenth Street Highlights:**

- 96% of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students were Proficient in Math. A total of 50 students were tested in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, and only two of these students were Basic. 38 students were Advanced, and 10 were Proficient.
- A total of 41 students were tested in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading. Only 4 of these students were not Proficient. 28 of these students were Advanced, and 9 were Proficient.

### **JR/SR High Highlights (includes both the PSSA and the Keystone):**

- Our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Scores increased from 73% to 84%
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Scores increased by nearly 8%
- Riverview students who took the Literature Keystone were generally 7-8% higher than the State average
- 46.5% of our students who retested on the Algebra Keystone were Proficient, as compared to the State average for students retesting in Algebra, which was about 26%