**BELIEVERS IN CHRIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Dear Parent:

Our school year is off to a great start! We are excited about our success. As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve Believers In Christ. One source we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement is student performance data. This year we will begin receiving a Choice Student-School Report Card.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) creates School Report Cards and District Report Cards for publicly funded schools and districts in the state. Starting with the 2015-16 school year, report cards for private schools participating in the choice program are required. These report cards, issued in Fall 2016, and based only on data for choice students in the school, can be accessed online here: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The Choice Student-School Report Card **has some key differences compared to public School Report Cards this year.** This is because all choice schools participated in a new data collection system for the first time in the 2015-16 school year. As a result, DPI only has a single year of data for choice students, and the report cards require multiple years of data to produce a score. Given these data limitations and the core value of treating all schools the same in Wisconsin’s accountability system, the Choice Pupil Report Cards for 2015-16 do not report:

* Any scores or ratings. This is because calculations require at least two years of data. All choice schools will be “Not Rated” for their first year of report cards.
* Attendance or absenteeism rates. This is because those rates lag by one year and DPI does not have student-level attendance data from the 2014-15 school year from choice schools.
* Graduation rates. This is because these rates require four years of data to calculate.

Although our scores this year are not reportable, we are currently working to close the achievement gaps in reading, math and language arts for our students. We will continue to improve our school achievement.

As a requirement of participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP), we are making you aware of our school’s accountability report card and your educational options posted on our website

The following useful links are available to help assist you in obtaining the information about our school report card.

School Website: www.biccamilw.net

Useful Links on the Department’s Web Site Accountability Reports: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>

Educational Options: <http://dpi.wi.gov/ed-options>

Pupil Academic Standards: http://dpi.wi.gov/standards