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***Lebanon High School & Central Elementary Get A's In States New Grading System***

**Despite High Marks States Grading Model Flawed Needs Work**

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Lebanon Community School Corporation is proud to announce that Lebanon High School along with Central Elementary have received an “A” grade in the official grades released today by the Indiana Department of Education.

“We want to commend teachers, staff, and students and parents at all our schools for their diligent effort to constantly improve the level of education in all Lebanon schools”, stated Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent. Taylor says the grading system has some real problems however since it doesn’t show real progress. “We’ve made student achievement progress this past year at all of our schools yet this model doesn’t reflect that”, he said.

Concerns include whether the grades meet the intent of the law. Also a school where all students made progress could get an “F” grade. Not knowing the criteria and what students are being measured against is a big unknown. The grades can also have an adverse impact on some communities even an economic impact where companies wanting to locate might not if schools have lower grades. The grading system can also create an emotional impact due to the ties that students, staff and parents have to their individual schools. Here are the grades given to each school by the state.

Lebanon High School	A
Central Elementary	A
Harney Elementary	B
Lebanon Middle School	C
Perry Worth Elementary	C
Hattie B. Stokes Elementary	D

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