



1 (e) Many High School received an "A" with a seven-point improvement and a score  
2 of 101.1.

3 (f) Zwolle High School received an "A" with an increase of more than five and one-  
4 half points and a score of 100.1.

5 (2) Four schools maintained their letter grades from the previous year while also  
6 improving academically.

7 (a) Negreet High School maintained an "A" and improved by more than eighteen  
8 points receiving a score of 120.8.

9 (b) Zwolle Elementary School improved by six and one-half points and Many Junior  
10 High School improved by slightly more than six points followed by Many Elementary  
11 School.

12 (3) Four Sabine Parish high schools were recognized by the state Department of  
13 Education as "Top Gains" schools - Converse, Florien, Negreet, and Pleasant Hill; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to these outstanding accomplishments, the Sabine Parish  
15 school system continues to have no schools labeled as "Academically Unacceptable" and no  
16 schools with a letter grade of "F"; and

17 WHEREAS, the school system also experienced significant gains in the  
18 ACT/WorkKeys school performance score component as follows:

19 (1) Pleasant Hill High School improved by more than forty-one points.

20 (2) Many High School and Negreet High School each improved by thirty-one points.

21 (3) Converse High School improved by nearly twenty-eight points.

22 (4) Zwolle High School improved by twenty-three and one-half points.

23 (5) Florien High School improved by twenty-three points.

24 (6) Ebarb High School improved by more than six and one-half points; and

25 WHEREAS, high schools with increased ACT composite scores were Ebarb with a  
26 score of 18.8, Negreet with a score of 19.5, and Zwolle with a score of 18.5; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition, the school system had an overall gain of more than twenty-  
28 six points in the ACT school performance score component; and

1           WHEREAS, the school system's largest growth, nearly twenty-nine points, was in  
2 the assessment component made up of LEAP, End-of-Course, and ACT/WorkKeys scores;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, since 2015, the Sabine Parish school system has seen a seven percent  
5 increase in the number of students performing at the Mastery level and above and is one of  
6 eight school systems in the state recognized by the state Department of Education for having  
7 made "accelerated progress" in English Language Arts, math, and science; and

8           WHEREAS, another area of success for the school system is its high school  
9 graduation rates, which increased with the class of 2016 posting the overall highest rate on  
10 record at more than ninety-two percent; and

11           WHEREAS, other improvements, by school, include:

12           (1) Pleasant Hill High School's graduation rate increased by more than twenty-seven  
13 points.

14           (2) Negreet High School's graduation rate increased by eighteen and one-half points.

15           (3) Three high schools – Pleasant Hill, Negreet, and Ebarb had a one hundred  
16 percent graduation rate.

17           (4) Converse and Negreet high schools each earned the maximum, ten, progress  
18 points, followed by Pleasant Hill, Florien, and Zwolle high schools, Many Junior High  
19 School, Zwolle Elementary School, Many Elementary School, Ebarb High School, and  
20 Many High School; and

21           WHEREAS, for the first time, one hundred percent of Sabine Parish schools were  
22 awarded progress points for demonstrating significant growth for struggling students; and

23           WHEREAS, the success and accomplishments of the school system are due in large  
24 part to the dedication and leadership of the superintendent of schools, Dr. Sara Ebarb, who,  
25 in recognizing the value of the educators, families, and the community working together to  
26 improve academic outcomes for all students, stated that "This is exactly the type of progress  
27 we knew our students, families, educators, and principals were capable of achieving and we  
28 look forward to continued improvement"; and

1           WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish school system merits a special measure of  
2 commendation for the pride and honor it brings to the Sabine Parish community and to the  
3 state of Louisiana.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Sabine Parish school system for its many  
6 outstanding accomplishments in the 2016-2017 school year and for the pride and honor that  
7 it brings to the Sabine Parish community and to the state of Louisiana.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
9 to Dr. Sara Ebarb, the superintendent of the Sabine Parish school system.

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DIGEST

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