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Honeywell, high school fail to make adequate yearly progress

For the second year in a row, Hoopeston Area High School failed to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) on standardized testing under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

And for the first time since the program was implemented under President George W. Bush, Honeywell failed to meet standards in reading.

The information, contained in school report cards issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, was discussed at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

According to NCLB, Illinois schools' target mini-

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mums are 95 percent of students to be tested; 77.5 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards in math and reading; an attendance rate of 91 percent; and a graduation rate of at least 80 percent.

Honeywell missing making AYP in reading by only .7 percent, scoring 76.8 of the necessary 77.5, said Principal Linda Sheppard.

Sheppard told the board that the sticking point in the scores was reading comprehension among students tested, an area teachers and administrators are working to improve.

The high school failed to make AYP in reading, math and the target graduation rate. With target rates of 77.5 percent in math and reading, 41.8 percent of students met or exceeded standards in math and 56.1 percent in reading. The school missed the graduation target of 80 percent with a 74.5 percent score.

As a district, Hoopeston Area failed to make AYP in reading, but strong scores at Honeywell, John Greer and the middle school allowed the district to reach AYP in math.

However, the high school scores put the district in the second year of "district improvement" in the Federal

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, corn, applesauce, cake

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, salad, pineapple, salsa

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, pineapple

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, green beans, applesauce, pudding

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger or mini corndog, fries, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Taco or burrito, salad, pears, cake THURSDAY: Pork roast or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, hot roll

FRIDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, mixed fruit

San Juan, Tex. She was charged with identity theft on a complaint from a 35-year-old Texas woman who alleged Hinojosa used the woman's maiden name and identification to life and work in the U.S. illegally. She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Vicki L. Ford, 52, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 9:35 p.m. Thursday in the 800 block of East Seminary. She was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 19-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Ford struck her across the face. She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A 65-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 9:35 a.m. Friday that someone damaged her vehicle while it was in the 500 block of Wyman.

Sheri L. Lau, 52, of Hoopeston, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 2:32 p.m. Friday at Fourth Street and Young. She was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

School continued from other side

Improvement Status, and a second year of Academic Early Warning under State Improvement Status.

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Maynard said progress has been made, with a 16.1 percent increase in reading scores from three years ago. The school's math score was 36 percent three years ago, up to the 41.8 in this report card, he said.

School officials have steps in place to help boost scores for future testing. Things such as the Freshman Academy, LINK Crew, which pairs freshmen with upperclassmen and curriculum mapping are "tools in place now to help with these goals," he said.

Under NCLB, target percentages increase each year. Last year, 70 percent of students had to meet or exceed standards to make annual yearly progress.

By 2014, the percentage will be 100 percent of students.

Weather



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