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For Press Release from Madison School Board President Johnny Winston, Jr.

The Madison Board of Education has completed the evaluation of Superintendent Art Rainwater for the 2005-06 school year. The Board met several times since September in executive session to complete the Superintendent Appraisal Report and discuss goals for this year. We also discussed the goals from last year in open session, which the Superintendent has successfully completed.

The Superintendent was evaluated in five areas: District Management, Board Relations, Community Communication & Relationships, Staff Supervision & Evaluation and Professional Growth & Relationships. He was ranked using the following scale: Exemplary, Strong, Proficient, Improvement Needed and Unsatisfactory. His scores were as follows:

District Management: Scores qualitatively fell between the rating of Proficient and Strong.

Board Relations: Scores qualitatively fell between the rating of Proficient and Strong.

Community Communication & Relationships: Scores qualitatively fell between the rating of Proficient and Strong.

Staff Supervision & Evaluation: Scores qualitatively fell between the rating of Proficient and Strong.

Professional Growth & Development: Score was in the rating of Strong.

In addition to completing the appraisal report, the Board and Superintendent have mutually agreed to four goals for this year that include: (1) development of a Math Task Force; (2) development of a plan to promote the MMSD; (3) evaluation of information given to the members of the Board; and (4) implementation of the Administrative Intern Professional Development Program.

In conclusion, evaluating the Superintendent and setting goals are important responsibilities for the Board of Education. It is imperative that the Board and Superintendent work together for the betterment of the school district. As Board President, I would like to thank the members of the Madison Board of Education (Lawrie Kobza, Carol Carstensen, Ruth Roberts, Shwaw Vang, Lucy Mathiak and Arlene Silveira) for their open, honest and respectful conversations that allowed all board members to fully participate in this evaluation process. I would also like to thank Superintendent Art Rainwater for his hard work, dedication and willingness to work with the elected members of the Board of Education to collaborate on our challenges and celebrate our accomplishments in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

For comments, please contact me at 441-0224 home; 347-9715 cell; jwinstonjr@madison.k12.wi.us. Thank you.