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Our Story – Part 4

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SPRINGBORO, Ohio – The 2007-2008 school year was a banner year academically for Springboro Community City Schools. Five seniors were National Merit Scholars; Katie Kalbacher, RJ Larry, Jackie Bakalarski, Justin DeCamp, and Megan Reifenberg. These students were among the 14,500 highest scorers, out of over 1 million who took the PSAT. Andrew McCray received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT test. These kinds of test scores indicate a very strong curriculum and academic staff. Teachers in grades K - 12 are to be congratulated for providing the instruction which led to these successes.

One third of the graduating class of 2008 received some type of scholarship offer. Scholarship offers totaled over \$3.4 million, the highest amount in the history of the school district. For the fourth year in a row one or more students were accepted at one of the military academies. In these economic times, \$3.4 million in tuition savings for Springboro parents is greatly appreciated.

Five of the last seven years, Springboro Community City Schools have been rated Excellent by the Ohio Department of Education. This year a higher level was provided by the State Department. The rating of Excellent with Distinction was created. We won this rating last year, giving us six out of the last seven years being Excellent or better.

Last year one of our first graders, working with his teacher and a computer, completed the math curriculum for the first, second, and third grade. This year he is a second grader at Dennis East Elementary School. When it comes time for math, he goes to the fourth grade. Last year two students tested out of a grade and as a result skipped a whole grade and went on to the next. This year three students skipped a grade because of their accelerated skill levels. In addition, two students were tested for kindergarten and were instead placed in first grade.

At the end of the day, great students, with education minded parents, combined with great teachers, and staff provide the students of Springboro Community City Schools extraordinary academic possibilities.