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Dear Parents:

When you meet with your child's teacher this fall, you will receive a report card that has been changed from previous years. These changes were made to make it more parent and student friendly. The document is now shorter, the subject descriptions have been summarized, and more room is provided for teacher comments.

Revisions were developed by a District committee which surveyed parents, students and teachers. The committee views the report card as one part of our system for communicating student progress with families. The upcoming conferences with parents, your daily conversations with your child, the review of student work samples, curriculum nights and overviews, student goal-setting, etc. all contribute to understanding how your child is progressing and what next steps are coming.

We hope this report card proves to be a useful resource and that the changes will make it easier for us to have a common understanding of your child's learning. We are committed to working with you as partners in your child's education. In the spring we will seek your feedback regarding the report card revisions and look forward to hearing how we can improve our system.

Sincerely,

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