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Dear Parent,

This year, the Illinois State Board of Education in unveiling a new, simpler, and more user-friendly School Report Card. The new Report Card looks beyond test scores to better inform families, communities, educators, and policy makers about school performance, climate, and learning conditions.

The report card doesn't just have a new look. It is part of a broad effort in Illinois to help students meet higher standards and be ready for college and careers. It shows student, school, and district progress – not just a one year snapshot of standardized test scores. It contains the sort of information that parents and educators talk about in school hallways and at the park but has never before been shown in one document. The new report card supports the State Board's goals for all schools to be safe and healthy learning environments and for every student to be ready for college and career.

The new Illinois report card features:

- At-a-glance information about school performance, climate, and learning conditions
- User-friendly data on school awards, special programs, courses and extracurricular activities
- Measures of student college and career readiness
- Multiple measures of success that go beyond test scores
- Growth measures that will show how schools are improving over time

By making this information more accessible for parents and communities, the new School Report Card supports a model of school change where everyone is a part of the process.

The new School Report Card will be accessible October 31 at <http://illinoisreportcard.com>. In addition, you will be able to pick up a simple At-a-glance report card from your school in November. In the meantime, please feel free to visit <http://illinoisreportcard.com> for more information, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Elmwood CUSD #322 District Office at 309-742-8464.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roger Alvey
Superintendent