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Dear Parents/Guardian:

The Norwood School district is proud to introduce the new 2015-2016 Standards-Based report cards for grades K-4. As Norwood Public Schools continue to improve teaching and learning for all students, we know that parents and families are our most valuable partner. This is especially true as the district continues to implement new, more rigorous standards for what every child should know and be able to do in each subject area and grade level. The Common Core State Standards (www.corestandards.org) and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/>), to which the Norwood curricula are aligned, set high expectations for students, teachers and schools. Achieving these career and college-ready standards require continuous progress monitoring and providing targeted support as needed.

Like teachers, parents need accurate and meaningful information about student strengths, challenges and performance to better understand and support student learning. The Standards-Based Report Card has been viewed by parents and teachers as a positive step in better communicating what students are expected to learn at each grade level as well as information about each child's work habits, behavior and effort. The Standards-Based Report Card further clarifies and reinforces consistent high expectations for our students and schools. It also provides specific feedback on progress so students, families and teachers can work together to set meaningful goals for improvement. The Standards-Based Report Card and Benchmarks, as well as Frequently Asked Questions are available on the district website. The report card is to be viewed along with the marking period benchmarks.

We look forward to working together to provide your child with the knowledge and tools to be successful and to reach his or her fullest potential.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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