



March 11, 2021

Dear Hillcrest Families,

Your child should have brought home their Term 2 Report Card today. As you will recall, the Student/Parent/Teacher Conference (held in November) was the first formal report of the school year. The report you received today is the second formal report of the school year.

All elementary and middle schools in School District No. 83 have moved to a new report card format. The new report cards will provide students and families with more descriptive feedback, instead of just a basic performance rating. I would like to thank all of our teachers for the extra work they put in this year to learn about and produce their report cards in the new format.

The goal is of this report card is not to provide students and families with a summative evaluation of each subject. Our goal is to have the students work on continuously developing what they *understand*, what they can *do*, and what they *know*. The report card should be seen as a “*point of progress*”. All students are at different stages of development and each stage should be celebrated. We want to focus on growth and help students move further in their development.

Some of the changes you will notice on the report card include:

- An overview of curricular competencies and content covered this reporting period is provided for each course, in the specific subject box.
- The Teacher Overall Comment will provide students and families with information on the student’s progress in the areas of work habits, social interactions with peers and adults, emotional regulation, and social responsibility.
- There will be specific comments about the student’s progress in Language Arts and Mathematics, in each of those course sections. All other courses will only have the overview.
- Career Education and Applied Design, Skills and Technology will only be reported on in the final term.
- For each course, the stage of your child’s development will be indicated by one the following performance indicators: **Emerging (EMG)**, **Developing (DEV)**, **Proficient (PRF)**, and **Extending (EXT)**. **Please remember, this is a stage in your child’s development.**

If you have any questions about your child’s progress, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. Once you and your child have reviewed the report card, please sign the front of the envelope, and return the envelope to your child’s teacher.

Thank you very much!

Gord Ritchie
Principal