

Regional School District #10

Serving Towns of Harwinton and Burlington

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Region 10 Elementary Students,

Regional School District #10 is proud to introduce the new standards-based report cards for all elementary students (Pre-K-5) for the 2008-2009 school year. This new reporting document reflects a two-year effort by a district committee of teachers, administrators and coordinators whose goal has been to design a tool that better expresses student progress in relationship to contemporary teaching, learning and assessment practices that are alive in our Region 10 schools.

A standards based report card reports student progress in stages. The standards are derived from the Connecticut frameworks and are documented in our local grade level benchmarks. The stages reflect where a child is performing in direct relationship to the standards. The teacher's expression of a child's growth is determined by daily student oral and written work, as well as internal formal and informal assessments in major academic areas (Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies) and in special areas, (Music, Wellness, Art, Social Development, and Work Habits).

We know that this new reporting procedure will give a more accurate representation of your child's growth since academic success and skill development occurs at different rates for all students. Additionally, we believe that your understanding of what is expected of your student and how he or she is progressing towards the learning goals provides opportunities for more meaningful conversation between you and your child, and with your child's teacher. We look forward to our continued work together at fostering the development of knowledge and skills so your child may reach their fullest potential as a life-long learner.

To learn more about the district use of the new Standards-Based Report Cards, we invite all parents of Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students to attend an informal presentation on any of the following dates and locations: (Note: *The presentation will be the same at all three locations.*)

- **Thursday, October 30, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. at Har-Bur Middle School (in the Cafeteria)**
- **Wednesday, November 5, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. at Lake Garda School (PTO Meeting)**
- **Wednesday, November 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. at Harwinton Consolidated School (PTO Meeting)**

A sample of the new report card will be posted on the Region 10 Web Page on Monday, October 27, 2008. We anticipate that this new report card will enhance the effectiveness of our assessment and reporting practices and look forward to sharing this information with you at an upcoming information session.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Lake Garda
School

Maureen Dodd
Principal, Harwinton Consolidated
School

Kenneth M. Smith
Principal, Har-Bur Middle
School