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Lockport City School District Announces Transition to Trimester Report Cards for K-6 Programs

May 23, 2023 - Lockport City School District is excited to announce a change in its reporting system for K-6 programs, effective September 2023. Beginning with the upcoming 2023/2024 school year, Lockport K-6 programs will transition from a quarterly report card to a trimester report card. This decision comes as a result of valuable feedback received from multiple teachers and staff members, as well as a recognition that most local districts already utilize a trimester report card system.

Trimester reporting will align with the three local English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics benchmark assessments administered in grades K-6. By synchronizing the reporting periods with these assessments, Lockport City School District aims to enhance the accuracy and relevance of progress reporting, providing a more comprehensive view of each student's academic development.

A change from quarterly reports to trimester allows teachers an opportunity to build strong relationships with students and gain a deeper understanding of their individual learning styles. With trimester reporting, teachers will have more time to engage with students and tailor their instructional approach to cater to their unique needs, promoting a more personalized and effective learning experience.

Moreover, trimester reporting allows for a more extensive instructional period before progress is reported. This additional time empowers students to demonstrate their growth and progress, providing a comprehensive picture of their achievements. It also grants teachers the flexibility to employ various teaching strategies, identify areas of improvement, and offer necessary re-teaching support, ensuring that students receive the targeted assistance they require.

In line with the new reporting structure, Lockport City School District will also implement timely and strategic Data Analysis and Planning (DAP) sessions scheduled after report card distribution. This adjustment ensures that teachers have immediate access to student performance data, allowing for prompt analysis and planning to address any academic concerns or further enrichment opportunities.

The move to trimester report cards reflects Lockport City School District's commitment to continuous improvement and fostering an optimal learning environment for its students. By implementing this new reporting system, the district aims to enhance communication between teachers, students, and parents while providing a more comprehensive and accurate representation of student progress.

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