

# Waterford Township Schools

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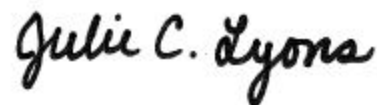
Dear Parent/Guardian:

Teachers and administrators in the Waterford Township School District have been working consistently to ensure that our practices and programs will help students achieve and succeed. To that end, teachers have invested countless hours working on committees and at PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) to make certain that our programs, resources, curriculum, and assessments are both aligned and implemented effectively.

As a result of this work, we are proud to announce that the district has developed new report cards for Grades K-4 in an effort to provide you, the parents and guardians, with specific and meaningful information about your child's progress. The change to a Standards-Based Report Card (SBRC) stems from our belief that a new report card was necessary to adequately communicate what your child knows and can do as set forth by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. With SBRC's, students will become more aware of expectations, parents will have a more detailed outline of academic expectations, and both parents and students will have a greater understanding of how well the student is progressing toward meeting year-end, grade-level standards and goals.

Standards-based report cards are not new to Waterford, as they have been used in Atco over the past three years. Atco has made some recent revisions to its report card, and now Thomas Richards Elementary and Grade 4 of Waterford Elementary will transition to SBRC's for Fall of 2017. Knowing that you will have questions, we have tried to anticipate those questions in the accompanying brochure. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at [jlyons@wtsd.org](mailto:jlyons@wtsd.org) or (856)767-8293, extension 3024.

Thank you,



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