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Dear Bloomfield Hills Schools Elementary Families,

We look forward to sharing your child's learning progress in a newly formatted report card. In each classroom, teachers work diligently to set goals for learning, enact multiple strategies to ensure progress, and celebrate growth along the way. The report card is one element of that cycle, and we hope your family will reflect on the progress your child has made so far this school year.

The energy in classrooms and hallways is one indicator of how children are experiencing learning; class meetings, individual student conferences, assessments, and classroom artifacts are just some of the ways teachers monitor student growth. We hope you continue to talk regularly with your child about what they are proud of as a learner, what may be challenging, how they are stretching themselves, or what additional curiosities they may have around a particular topic or content area.

The purpose of the elementary report card is to provide a communication tool for students, families, teachers, and administrators that reflects and fosters each student's learning progress toward grade-level essential understandings. It provides a snapshot of your child's learning to date. The concepts and skills have lasting value beyond a single grade level experience and align with the district's mission to prepare all students to discover and pursue their unique potential.

The indicators represent the district's goals for what students will learn, understand, and do, based on the *Michigan Academic Standards* and our *Portrait of a Learner*. As students progress and new ideas and skills develop, students experience varying levels of independence and confidence with these skills. There may be periods when students are "*beginning, developing, or feeling secure*" with a particular skill over time. Since life-long skills increase with rigor and complexity, students' demonstrated progress also adapts across the school year. Our ultimate goal is to build curious lifelong learners that embrace complexities and feel confident with their knowledge and skills. At times, this is demonstrated with independence and, at other times, with the need for additional support.

It is a privilege to partner with you. Our goal is that families will continue to have strong communication with your child's teacher, as the home-school partnership is invaluable to the learning process. We are incredibly proud of the effort our students put forward each day and hope that this snapshot is a useful tool for your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Hempton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Mrs. Kimberly Hempton  
Director of Elementary Education