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Dear MUSD Families,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2024-25 school year! Last spring, we announced that starting this year students in TK-6th grade will be transitioning to a new report card known as Standards-Based Report Cards. This change is important as it supports our mission of providing every student with an equitable opportunity to learn and be successful, no matter who they are or where they go to school. To learn more about this transition, watch our informational video at www.mantecausd.net/reportcards.

Our new report card provides clear communication about the exact standards students are expected to learn at their grade level.

Reporting student progress is an essential part of the learning partnership between home and school. Standards-based reporting focuses on how well your child understands individual grade-level standards rather than focusing on percentages and points. Instead of using traditional letter grades, students will be assessed using descriptive marks for each academic standard to determine their level of understanding. This clarity will help parents and caretakers to support their children's learning more effectively.

The following scale will be used to communicate progress for all subject areas.

- **Exceeded (EX):** Student has demonstrated mastery of grade-level standards and can extend and apply concepts with a greater depth of understanding to new situations.
- **Proficient (PR):** Student demonstrates mastery of grade-level standards.
- **Approaching (AP):** Student shows basic understanding and is progressing toward mastery of the grade-level standard.
- **Beginning (BE):** Student is beginning to demonstrate understanding but is not yet meeting grade-level standards.
- **Insufficient (IN):** Student has not demonstrated enough evidence to assess the grade-level standards.

Report Card examples are now available!

We have developed example report cards for each grade level to help families prepare for this change. These examples provide a preview of the standards printed on the report card. Report Card examples can be accessed at www.mantecausd.net/reportcards. Family guides with more information about standards included on the report card and additional

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resources for families to support student learning are coming soon.

Does this change only affect TK-6th grade?

Yes, elementary school is a critical time for children, and it is far more beneficial to focus on developing skills and learning growth in young learners than giving a letter grade. However, starting in 7th grade and through high school, students will receive traditional report cards when letter grades are referenced for college admissions with traditional GPAs (grade point averages).

Family Information Event

Last spring, we held several Family Information Events about the new report cards. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend a previous event, **we invite you to attend a virtual Family Information Event on Wednesday, August 7, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Before the event, families are encouraged to visit our dedicated information webpage for Standards-Based Report Cards: www.mantecausd.net/reportcards. To join our virtual event, please save this link to access the event on August 7: [Microsoft Teams Link](#).

After attending the virtual session, if you'd like to receive additional information from your child's school site, please let us know in this [SURVEY](#). If unable to attend the virtual session and you'd like to receive information, please also let us know in the survey.

Believing in every child,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Andrews'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.

Mrs. Jenni Andrews
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