



September 17, 2025

Dear Village,

First, I would like to acknowledge how proud I am of us as a district for making the transition to standards-based grading and reporting. This is not an easy feat and cannot be accomplished without the ongoing support of many across the district and individual campuses.

As we continue to make our way through the first trimester, please be guided by the updates below:

- A [Parent Letter](#) was sent home on Tuesday, September 16th, providing additional information regarding the transition.
- A “[Standards-Based Grading and Reporting](#)” section has been added to the website under the “Academics” tab at the top of the main page.
- A frequently asked questions guide and corresponding podcast were developed and posted on our website.
- A [Trimester One: Standards-Based Grading Guidance Document](#) was developed to assist with the transition. The Curriculum and Instruction Team focused on providing the standards that will be assessed at the end of Trimester One on November 26, 2025 (See [Academic Calendar](#)). *Focus on these standards for the moment!*
- Elementary school principals were provided with a bank of slides that will be incorporated into their Back to School Night presentations this week.
- Progress Reports: We are organizing a focus group of teachers to assist with this process. If interested, please email Mr. Gamble at jgamble@mptcs.org.

The items listed below are forthcoming:

- Once the report card templates are finalized by Real Time, they will be released to staff and families. This provides you with the standards that will be assessed across the entire school year.
- The Curriculum and Instruction team will host a virtual Parent Night on October 14th at 6:00 pm. The foundation for this meeting will be standards-based grading and reporting.

Thank you for your continued dedication, patience, and collaboration as we navigate this important shift in how we assess and support student learning. Your efforts are making a meaningful difference, and together, we are building a stronger academic foundation for all MPTCS scholars.

Sincerely,

Christopher Abbaleo

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Assistant Superintendent