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Good day,

The first quarter has come to an end and parents will be receiving progress reports this week. This is the second year that District 100 is utilizing a Standards-Based Report Card to provide feedback on student performance and growth. If you are new to the district or have any questions regarding standards-based reporting, feel free to contact your child's principal or teacher(s) or visit our [website](#).

The [2015-2016 State of Illinois Report Card](#) has been released. The school and district academic progress data is based on the PARCC and DLM assessments students in third through eighth grade took last spring. District 100 continues to have 21% of students meeting or exceeding standards, with an overall increase in math performance and slight decrease in English language arts performance district wide. The state assessment data accounts for one measure of how our students are performing academically and is used along with district and classroom assessment data to guide district and school improvement planning. We continue to focus our efforts on improving student achievement, and are currently working to strengthen and align the curriculum and assessments that drive instruction in our classrooms.

District 100 is committed to improving communication with our families and is in the process of conducting a review of current resources. We recognize our students, teachers and families face challenges with the current system for providing feedback regarding academic performance, and are addressing these issues beginning at the middle school level. It is important that we provide a common platform for students to understand learning objectives and access resources and classroom assignments from several different teachers. The staff at Freedom and Heritage middle schools are working to streamline the use of Schoology to ensure that students have a consistent experience in all their classes. Thank you for your patience as we create a more positive experience for students and families.

There have been recent reports in the media regarding the safety of drinking water in Chicago area schools. In an effort to ensure the water we are providing in our schools is safe, District 100 worked with First Environmental Laboratories and Global Water Technology to test 93 potable water sources throughout the district. The sources included all water fountains, bottle fill stations, and sinks in kitchens, lounges and nurses' offices. We are pleased to report that 86 of the sources had no detectable amounts of lead and the remaining six had small traces of lead that are well within the allowable limits for drinking water. While these six sources have been deemed safe and we are not legally obligated to take further action, the five fountains with trace amounts of lead are scheduled to be replaced with filtered fountain/bottle fill stations and a janitorial sink has been removed. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is our top priority and we are pleased to report that the water sources in our buildings are lead free.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Thanks for your continued support.

Mary Havis
Superintendent