

Report Card and Conference Committee

Lincoln Public Schools

School Committee, 6/9/16

Charge to the Committee

Develop recommendations for improvements to the district's current system of reporting on student progress, including report cards and conferences. **Recommended improvements should help the district better meet the needs of students, families, and educators.**

Parameters

1. Maintain calendar for 2015-16
2. Not consider shift away from standards-based approach
3. Keep both report cards and conferences

Findings

Agreement among stakeholders

Need to address both when we report and the quality of what we report

Technical challenges with current software

Standards-based grading and reporting

Conferences

High value to parent/guardians and faculty

MS would like increase to two conferences

Information: Personal, precise, and timely

Recommendations K-5

October/November: Conferences*

January: Report cards

March/April: Conferences*

June: Report cards

Two concurrent truths

Parents did not identify reduction in reporting periods as a priority.

Committee believes reduction will promote improvements that do meet parent priorities.

Rationale

When: Reporting periods equal in length
Time for growth and response
Coincide better with assessment

What: More time for teacher reflection =
improved quality of reflection
Documentation at conferences
Decrease assessment time

Quality improvements

Documentation at conferences

Guidelines for conferences

Software experience

6-8

Second conference = change in contract

Work next year

Reconvene committee

Establish guidelines for conferences

Clarify Special Ed coordination

Create and use conference documentation

Consider 6-8 changes

Report cards: # of standards – Newton!

Measure success: Seek feedback from all stakeholder groups