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To: Board of Education

From: Pam Nash, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools
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RE: Middle School Standards-Based Report Card Update

Enclosed please find background materials describing the issues and findings relative to the first year's implementation of the MMSD Middle School Standards-Based Report Card. The materials include:

1. Survey Responses and Comment Analysis

A summary of the family, student and teacher survey administered in April 2009

2. First-Year Implementation Issues and Continual Improvement Efforts

Description of efforts to improve implementation issues

3. Executive Summary of "Teachers' interpretations of standards-based grading and reporting: Learning a new language and culture"

Master's thesis conducted by Sara Hagen, UW-Madison. Ms. Hagen conducted her research on MMSD's implementation of middle school standards-based report cards during first semester 2008-09.