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### Changes in Report Cards for 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-graders

October 19, 2009—Renton School District this year is piloting a new report card for 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-graders. This standards-based report card lists the most important skills students should learn in each subject at a particular grade level. Now, like students in grades K-3, 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-graders will receive teacher's evaluations that show how well they have mastered these skills.

Following Washington state's adopted list of skills that students should learn at each grade level, the evaluations on Renton's report card show whether the student is advanced, proficient, basic or below basic for each standard. Students get separate marks for effort, work habits, and academic progress, which are important for parents to monitor because these are not included in the assessment of the student's academic skills.

As this is a pilot, we welcome feedback. If you would like to comment on the new report card, please share your thoughts at [community.relations@rentonschools.us](mailto:community.relations@rentonschools.us).