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To the Parents and Guardians of Sachem CSD Elementary Students:

As we approach the end of the first marking period, I want to alert you to a revision we are making to the elementary report card. While the report card remains mostly the same as last year's, teachers will be using short comments to target information for parents. These comments will note specific aspects of reading, writing and mathematics, as well as other subjects, that indicate where students excel or where there is a need for further support. These comments will replace the narrative comments sent home in previous years. (However, narrative comments will also be included in the report card when the teacher believes they are needed.) Later in the year we will assess whether this specific list has improved communication with you about your children's progress. At that time we will consider changes to the list that would improve the value of the report card.

As always, we welcome thoughts you may have about this change. Both our building principals and I would be happy to speak with you if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SR Cohen".

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