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## Dear Robeson Families,

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the annual Illinois Report Card on October 27 at www.illinoisreportcard.com. The Report Card shows how well our school is progressing on a wide range of educational goals. After three very challenging years for our students, educators, and families, there is some hopeful data to guide us in addressing the lost opportunities for learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

One component of the School Report Card is the annual summative designation – a descriptor of how well our school is meeting the needs of all students. Robeson has increased performance relative to other schools in the state and received the designation of commendable school, which means we have no underperforming student groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools. We outperformed the state's targets for ELA and Math proficiency in all identified student groups (All, Black or African American, Low Income, and White). While we have much work to do, our Black or African American students earned a summative score in the top 10% of the state including all components (academics, attendance, and completion of the school climate survey).

Robeson is committed to student growth and achievement for all students and meeting the target of 90% proficiency for all student groups by 2033. In Kindergarten through 3rd grade, we are implementing systematic and intentional phonics instruction utilizing a phonics to reading program. In conjunction with this program, we have a data rich Response to Instruction and Response to Intervention program for academic and social emotional development. We will invest in our work with "Focused Schools" and a common literacy focus to drive the work of our school improvement committees.

We look forward to continually looking at ways to celebrate our success while striving for improvement in all areas of our school. We will review this and other data in an upcoming PTA meeting.

In education,

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