



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Deerfield Parents and Guardians,

During the fall parent-teacher conferences, you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's **Status Report**. The Status Report will give you information on your child's progress in the areas of Effort, Communication, Respect and Responsibility, and Work Habits.

As you may recall, the Westwood Public Schools revised our report cards, which resulted in several changes. Last year, we collapsed the reporting scale to three categories. Whenever a decision is made regarding students, we always set aside time to reflect and elicit feedback on changes that have been made. Upon reflection and input, it has been decided across the elementary schools to revise the language in the reporting scale to "Usually," "Sometimes," and "Rarely." Our "working definition" of the top category (Usually) is: *the student meets the standard at least 85% of the time*.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the reporting scales, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher or contact me directly. While the report card is just one way that your child's teacher shares information with you regarding your child's progress, it is an important communication tool and we want it to be useful to you.

Sincerely,
Josh