

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Economic, environmental and privacy reasons exist for the consideration of a reduction in the number of paper issued progress reports and report cards.

Progress reports and report cards are distributed on paper to every student enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. While not all parents and students have computer or Internet access, those who do have access cannot opt out of receiving a printed progress report and a printed report card in lieu of receiving such notices by electronic means.

Currently, parents and students with Internet access can view and follow along on their children's progress through the parent portal. They can see the grades of the individual classes the student is attending.

For parents who have computer and Internet access, an option of requesting only an electronic version should be provided. Being able to opt out of receiving paper progress reports and report cards could save our District money and follow in our District's efforts to become more eco-friendly.

Privacy concerns are also an issue. When report cards are distributed, it is common to hear students asking others about each other's grades and wanting to see what grades classmates received. While students are advised not to share progress reports and report cards, students do not always abide by this code. Relying more on electronic transmission of grades can alleviate the pressure for some students who are asked to share their grades.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTIN KARP:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida directs the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of providing an option for parents and students to receive progress reports and report cards through electronic means and opt out of receiving such reports on paper.