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ISBE School Report Cards

To provide the Board of Education with an informational overview of the 2025 Illinois School Report Card designations for our district schools: Kimes Elementary, Centennial Elementary, and Northlawn Junior High.

2025 School Designations & Highlights

The administration is pleased to report positive results from the recently released 2025 Illinois School Report Card:

- **Kimes Elementary:** Kimes has successfully **increased its designation to Commendable.**
- **Centennial Elementary:** Centennial has also successfully **increased its designation to Commendable.**

This achievement is a direct result of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the implementation of our strategic improvement plans.

We are also confident that **Northlawn Junior High** is on the path to reaching this same rating. The foundational work and targeted interventions being implemented at Northlawn are positioning the school for future success, and we anticipate seeing that progress reflected in upcoming reports.

Context and Analysis

While we celebrate these excellent results, it is important to provide context for how these designations are used.

First, the Board should be aware that the **ISBE report card system and its metrics are consistently changing from year to year.** The state frequently adjusts the formulas, weightings, and indicators used to calculate these designations. This makes direct, year-over-year comparisons challenging and means that schools are often chasing a moving target.

Second, the annual report card is helpful for monitoring our progress, but it is **just one piece of a larger data set** we use. Our administration and building principals use a much wider range of assessments, performance data, and qualitative observations to ensure that our schools are continuously improving and that we are meeting the needs of every student.

Administrative Recommendation

This report is for informational purposes only. The administration will continue to monitor our internal data and implement our improvement strategies across all schools.