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To: Paul Knowles, MSAD #11 Superintendent
MSAD #11 School Board
MSAD #11 Policy Committee

From: MSAD #11 Curriculum Coordinating Committee

Proposal to Move from Quarters to Trimesters in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Five in all Elementary Schools

Rationale

The nature of PK-5 instruction means that creating report cards quarterly for students does not allow teachers enough time to assess a student's learning adequately and thoroughly. Students at the PK-5 level cover less content than at the 6-12 level and, therefore, are assessed less frequently. All teachers at the PK-5 level have agreed that Trimesters would allow for more accurate feedback to students and parents/guardians. Many districts throughout Maine and the nation have trimesters at the elementary level.

Details

Event	Proposed Dates for 2008-2009
Simple Progress Report	10/17 (35 days)
Report Card	11/25 (1 st Trimester 60 days)
Elementary Conferences	11/20, 11/25
Simple Progress Report	1/30
Report Card	3/20 (2 nd Trimester 64 days)
Elementary Conferences	3/24, 3/26
Simple Progress Report	5/1
Report Card	6/10 (3 rd Trimester 51 days)