



# HILLSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 93

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Dear Hillside Families,

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released our annual School Report Card today, October 31, 2018 [Hillside School Interactive Report Card](#). As you have read about in our Quarterly Strategic Plan Updates, Hillside Headlines, and Principal and Superintendent Messages, we have enhanced our instructional programming in Math, ELA and STEM, expanded our after-school programs, created new student opportunities outside the school day and focused on addressing the Social and Emotional needs of all students. We look forward to maximizing new opportunities for students and to fueling ongoing initiatives.

The Report Card shows how well our school is progressing on a wide range of educational goals. Now, each school's Report Card includes a designation, a descriptor of how well our school is meeting the needs of all students, based on 6 measures of performance that focus this year on academics and attendance. Furthermore, ISBE has made a monumental shift on how they view the progress of schools and this year and have included measures that focus on student growth.

As part of the new support and accountability system that launched this year, ISBE has identified Hillside school as Commendable. We welcome this opportunity to continue to build on the talent of our incredible teachers and staff and look forward to including parents, families, and community partners in the work ahead.

The four possible school designations are:

School Designations			
<i>Exemplary</i>	<i>Commendable</i>	<i>Underperforming</i>	<i>Lowest-Performing</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance in the top 10% of all schools</li> <li>High schools with graduation rate higher than 67%</li> <li>No underperforming student groups at or below the "all students" group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools</li> <li>Eligible to apply to serve as an IL-EMPOWER Learning Partner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance <b>not</b> in the top 10% of all schools</li> <li>High schools with graduation rate higher than 67%</li> <li>No underperforming student groups at or below the "all students" group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools</li> <li>Eligible to apply to serve as an IL-EMPOWER Learning Partner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more student groups underperforming at or below the "all students" group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools; groups must have at least 20 students in at least three indicators</li> <li>Completes a Work Plan for School Improvement and provided targeted support through IL-EMPOWER process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the lowest-performing 5% of Title I eligible schools statewide</li> <li>High schools with graduation rate at or below 67%</li> <li>Completes a Work Plan for School Improvement and provided comprehensive support through IL-EMPOWER process</li> </ul>

Hillside School is strongest when we all work together, so we encourage you to participate in our school events, community forums such as Principal's Coffee, PTO Meetings, and Strategic Plan Annual Review and Superintendent's Town Hall meetings. We also invite you to complete the 5Essential Survey <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> to give us your feedback on opportunities for growth and support.

We at Hillside School District 93 hold high expectations for all students, and we believe every student can meet our expectations with the right supports. Thank you for your continued partnership to ensure every child at Hillside School is thriving! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by contacting Mrs. Gainer or myself at 708-449-6490.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin L. Suchinski