

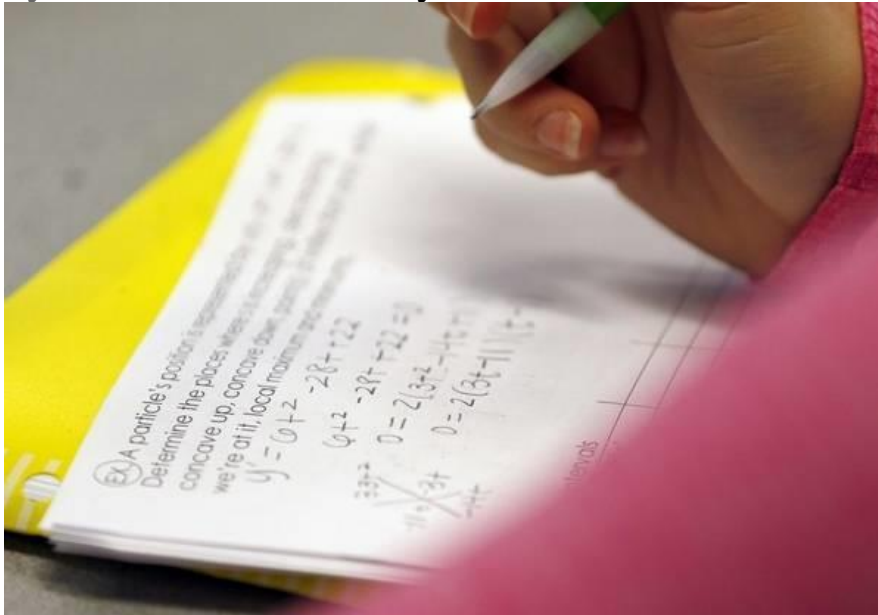
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New Illinois school report card to focus more on growth, graduation

New system puts emphasis on growth, graduation

By Madhu Krishnamurthy



The Illinois school report cards coming out Oct. 31 will look quite different from those in previous years. The state has switched to a new accountability system.

When the 2018 Illinois School Report Cards are released Oct. 31, parents and educators can expect to see significant changes to the way schools are measured with the switch to a new statewide accountability and support system.

The new measure, the [Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA](#), gives more weight to student growth and graduation rates, which accounts for 50 percent of how schools are evaluated. It shifts the focus away from standardized test scores.

Signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2015, it replaces the federal No Child Left Behind Act that served as a benchmark for 14 years. That law drew considerable

criticism for its emphasis on test scores, it's labeling of some school districts as "failing" and what some saw as its punitive nature for schools not making the grade.

School quality now will be measured through [multiple indicators](#) of student success -- standardized tests, alternative assessments, academic growth, English language proficiency, science scores, fine arts participation, success on college entrance tests and graduation rates, as well as factors such as chronic absenteeism and school climate surveys.

School climate surveys are meant to measure student, parent and staff perceptions of teachers, school safety, leadership and issues such as bullying.

Schools will be designated based on 10 indicators as being exemplary, commendable, underperforming or lowest-performing, with funding and support provided to schools struggling the most.

"For the schools that are designated as low-performing and underperforming ... the state has set aside dollars that is going to help that school to choose some external expert, some system of support that can help move the needle within that school," said Tony Sanders, chief executive officer of Elgin Area School District U-46, the state's second-largest district serving more than 39,000 students.

"There is no financial penalty to any school or school district, if they don't meet these benchmarks."

Sanders said being designated as a low- or underperforming school doesn't necessarily carry the same stigma as "failing" under the previous law. Yet, these labels themselves do not paint a complete picture of a school's performance, he added.

"We have to start telling our story," Sanders said. "There is more to our schools than one designation. This is not going to make or break a school. It's the community that does that."

Some of the indicators by which schools are to be measured will be phased in over the next few years to allow for statewide collection and consistency of data, said Jackie Matthews, spokeswoman for the Illinois State Board of Education.

For instance, how proficient students are on science subjects won't factor into a school's designation this year and will be included in next year's report card.

School climate and college and career readiness also are not being evaluated this year for the overall designation.

"Not every district was using the same climate survey," said Matthews adding, each school's survey results will be considered starting in 2019-20.

This is the first year the state is collecting data on college and career readiness.

Other measures of student performance in preschool through eighth grades, including participation in dual language, enrichment and acceleration programs, and fine arts also won't be represented in this year's designation for schools.

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District U46 needs system to address sexual misconduct, student rep says

By Rafael Guerrero

School District U46 needs a system to address potential sexual misconduct and harassment in the schools, the student representative on its school board said this week.

Like others, Jackson Teetor watched last week as Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh answered questions and defended himself before the Senate Judiciary Committee over sexual assault allegations brought by Christine Blasey Ford.

The incident allegedly happened in the early 1980s when Kavanaugh and Blasey Ford were high schoolers, like Teetor is now.

At Larkin, Teetor said he hasn't received any instruction on the topics of consent, sexual misconduct and behavior, and he wants that to change.

"I would like the board to assure both me and the citizens of our school district that District U46 does not tolerate acts of sexual violence in our schools," he said. Teetor said his message was not intended as a political statement but as an inquiry into District U46's handling of any sexual misconduct incidents involving students.

Teetor also requested a reporting system for students to anonymously report sexual misconduct, harassment or violence; the district has an online anonymous reporting system in place for bullying. He said "the scary part to me" is this type of behavior may be happening in the schools but there is no way of knowing or reporting.

"Thank you so much for bringing this forward, and I commend you for it," board member Veronica Noland said. "I think it's appropriate and really exceptional that you have challenged us."

District U46 CEO Tony Sanders told Teetor and board members that a review and report on the matter in question could be ready soon. The review would also look at the

health curriculum in the secondary schools and the consistency of what is being taught, he added.

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Channel 7 Morning News visited Bartlett High School as part of its “Friday Flyover” series. Watch the coverage at <https://abc7chicago.com/sports/friday-flyover-bartlett-high-school/4203974/>

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Friday Flyover: Bartlett High School



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Scouting Week 7 Fox Valley football games

By Jerry Fitzpatrick

Larkin (3-3, 3-3) at Bartlett (4-2,4-2) Game time: Today at 7:30 p.m.

Last week: South Elgin 53, Larkin 7; Bartlett 49, West Chicago 0

Outlook: Rivals in a roundabout way, these Elgin Area School District U-46 teams meet on the gridiron for the first time since 2013, when Bartlett won 20-7. This is the 10th Upstate Eight Conference clash between the Hawks and Royals since Bartlett initiated football in 1998. The Hawks hold a 6-3 series edge. This game is critical for the playoff chances of both. Bartlett has already doubled last year's win total by outgaining its opponents 358-201 and outscoring them 30-15. A win against Larkin would make the Hawks playoff eligible for the first time since 2015, when the program last reached the tournament. Senior Nick Deckard has 874 rushing yards and 9 touchdowns on 121 carries (7.2 avg.). "When you have a guy like Nick Deckard back there, why wouldn't you give him the ball?" Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said. "He's such a tough runner and he's so hard to take down. Also, our wide receivers are stepping up and not dropping balls like at the beginning of the season." Bartlett quarterback Jonah O'Brien has found a comfort zone, his coach said. The senior transfer from Wisconsin has rebounded from a slow start to complete 48 of 82 passing attempts (58.5 percent) for 848 yards and 7 touchdowns. Nonetheless, Larkin expects a heavy dose of Deckard preceded by lead blockers. "They can spread it and their quarterback is a decent quarterback, but they'll get in that heavy package and try to blow us away," Larkin acting coach Jason Aubry predicted. "We have to roll up our sleeves and play football. It will be a backyard brawl. We have to be prepared mentally and physically. We need to figure out a way to score one more point than Bartlett. We have to man up and play well."

West Aurora (5-1, 5-1) at Elgin (2-4, 2-4)Game time: today at 7:30 p.m.

Quick hit: West Aurora departs the Upstate Eight Conference for the Southwest Prairie after this season, meaning this could be the final game for years between football programs that first met in 1895. West Aurora has won the last eight meetings, most recently a 30-0 decision in 2015. Each squad is riding a two-game winning streak.

South Elgin (5-1, 5-1) at Glenbard South (4-2, 4-2)Game time: today at 7:30 p.m.

Quick hit: This Upstate Eight Conference tilt holds playoff implications for both teams. Glenbard South looks to pick up the pieces after a 57-13 loss at West Aurora last Friday. The Storm can seal their third playoff berth in four seasons with a road win. South Elgin has scored 40 points or more in its five victories.

Streamwood (1-5, 1-5) at Glenbard East (6-0, 6-0)Game time: today at 7:30 p.m.

Quick hit: Streamwood was unable to carry over the momentum from a 22-20 Upstate Eight victory against East Aurora two weeks into last week's 41-14 loss to Elgin. The Sabres brace for quarterback Bret Bushka and the league-leading Rams, who have outscored their opponents 229-63.