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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to the phase out of the SASI student management system used in Hudson for many years, the district has been in the process of converting to a new system called eSchoolData. This has been a tremendous undertaking that includes on-going, extensive training of district staff. Part of the SASI program, Parent Connect, that many parents of students in grades 7 – 12 came to rely on to view their child's schedule, grades, attendance, etc. was phased out along with SASI. The new school-to-home connection is called Parent Portal.

In order for grades to be uploaded to the Portal, teachers first had to be trained to use the Grade Book software that comes with the new system. Most of the basic training has taken place. Additionally, the district must take many items into account before we are able to open up the Parent Portal for viewing. At the advice of our trainers, we will utilize personnel who are also parents of students in grades 7 – 12 to allow us to work through the workflow considerations before we open it up to all parents of students in grades 7 - 12. Once we are confident that the Portal is ready for use, we will notify parents of the registration process. This could take several months as we proceed through this tedious process. We will keep you informed periodically.

In the meantime, your child's academic performance information is available to you through his/her teachers and/or the Guidance department at the school your child attends.

We thank you for your patience and will keep you informed periodically.

Sincerely,

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