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Dear Skyline Students and Parents,

The Granite School District is rolling out a new citizenship program and policy this year. The intent is to provide feedback to parents and students on much more than just attendance. They have created five categories and have called them the “Characteristics of a Graduate of Granite”. During the past five years, Skyline has developed a program that teaches behaviors that enable students to become successful in all aspects of life. We call this program RISE. Rather than roll out a new program, we are going to integrate the new citizenship program from the district with our RISE initiative. Attendance will also be considered. The Citizenship Program will be called ARISE. We will continue to teach RISE and honor and reward students who exhibit these behaviors in meaningful ways. When it comes to report cards, attendance will be included and teachers will give a 1-4 grade for each of the 5 components: Attendance, Resilience, Integrity, Support, Excellence.

The district cannot alter the grading program just for Skyline. So, the following words will appear on report cards. These words are the Characteristics of a Graduate of Granite. They correlate as follows to ARISE.

- Attendance – Dependability
- Resilience – Hard Work & Resilience
- Integrity – Responsibility
- Support – Communication
- Excellence – Respect

We recognize that this requires some translation in order to read the report card. Nonetheless, we will continue to teach Resilience, Integrity, Support and Excellence and include Attendance as an important student action.

Finally, Skyline is an IB World School. This is because we have the IB (International Baccalaureate) program. That program also teaches student behaviors. It is known as the IB Learner Profile. We also desire to marry that program as descriptors of our RISE initiative. Attached is a poster that helps to teach ARISE with the correlating words from Characteristics of a Graduate of Granite and the IB Learner Profile.

Thank you,
Dr. Mitch Nerdin, Principal