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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I want to inform you of upcoming changes to your student's transcript. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, District 215 will utilize the Carnegie Unit system for granting credits for courses taken and passed.

The Carnegie Unit is the standardized system by which high school course credits are recognized by institutions of higher education. The Carnegie Unit provides a common language by which secondary student transcripts are evaluated for post-secondary admissions requirements.

<b>Credit previously awarded:</b>	1 credit per semester or 2 credits per year-long course
<b>Carnegie Unit to be awarded:</b>	.5 credit per semester or 1 credit per year-long course

This will eliminate the need for our students' transcripts to be converted by colleges and universities. In addition, students who transfer into and out of District 215 will no longer require credit conversion.

District 215 has already formatted all future credits and is converting all existing credits into Carnegie Units. All credits earned will be shown on the Carnegie scale beginning with 2010-2011 transcripts and report cards. On this scale, students will now need 21.5 credits to graduate as compared to the previous 43 credit requirement. This conversion in no way affects your student's current graduation standing.

If you have specific questions, please contact your student's counselor.

Sincerely,

Creg E. Williams, Ed.D.  
Superintendent