Introducing ParentSquare: Our New Communication Platform Launching July 1st!

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We are excited to announce the launch of our new school communication platform, ParentSquare, which will be available July 1st! Does this mean that **Skylert is no longer available**? That's correct, Skylert will no longer be accessible after June 30, 2024. The good news is that ParentSquare is capable of **so much more**!

ParentSquare is a secure and user-friendly platform designed to streamline communication between schools, teachers, staff, and parents. It offers a variety of features that will enhance our ability to connect and share information effectively, including:

- **Two-way communication:** Parents can easily send and receive messages from teachers and school offices.
- **Text Messaging:** Send text messages, without requiring parents to download an app. Messages can be instantly translated to over 100+ languages between sender and receiver.
- **Group messaging:** Schools can interact with groups of students and staff from specific classes, activities, or grade levels... just to name a few.
- **Important announcements:** Share school-wide announcements and updates directly with parents.

With ParentSquare, we aim to improve communication and foster a more connected school community.

There are two training options for office staff that previously had the ability to send Skylert messages, both administrators and ESP:

- 1. **In-person training** is available in July. <u>Select a date and time</u> that works best for you (please bring a laptop). Additional in-person training opportunities will be offered throughout summer and fall.
- 2. Online training is available through these self-paced training modules (approx. 45 minutes).

Watch for communication from our Digital Teaching & Learning team on training for teachers.

In the meantime, check out this <u>3-minute overview video</u> to see the capabilities of our new communication platform. Please note - The video demonstrates posts, direct messaging, alerts, and notices that will be utilized by our district, however, we will continue to take payments and collect forms through Skyward Family Access, not ParentSquare.

On Wednesday, July 10th, an announcement will be sent to all parents by the Communications Department informing them that future communication will be sent via ParentSquare in place of Skylert.

ParentSquare will be a valuable asset in enhancing communication within our school community. We look forward to a smooth transition and utilizing this platform to its full potential. We are eager to help in this transition and look forward to assisting you in using ParentSquare. Please feel free to reach out to the Information Systems help desk at (801) 567-8737 should you have any questions or need assistance sending a message to your school community using ParentSquare.