KEYSTONE
Local School District
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Dear Keystone Parents and Community Members,

The Keystone Local School District is a Race-to-the-Top District. Participating in Race-to-the-Top affords the Keystone Local School District the opportunity to engage in many practices that will enhance learning opportunities for all students. One of these practices is the use of Formative Instructional Practices.

Formative Instructional Practices (FIP) are the formal and informal ways that teachers and students gather and respond to evidence of student learning. Research has shown that these practices advance student achievement for all students and to ensure that the students are college and career ready.

Keystone Local School District has become a FIP School. In a FIP School, everyone, teachers, school leaders, students, and parents understand the importance of the use of formative instructional practices. It is important that all of us are engaged in the process. You can get more information about FIP Your School Ohio at: www.FIPYourSchoolOhio.org

This process helps students answer four critical questions: **Where am I going? Where am I now? Am I on the right Path? What do I need to do to get there?** The questions are answered by using the foundation principles of FIP: **Learning targets are clear. Evidence of student learning is collected and documented. Feedback is effective**. **Students take ownership of their learning.**

As a result of utilizing Formative Instructional Practices, you will begin to notice changes in the way learning is approached. Students and Teachers will talk about Learning Targets, Formative Assessments, and Summative Assessments. These topics are part of the Formative Instructional Practices. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

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