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Hello AMS Friends and Families,

Today's update pertains to grading at Avon Middle School for the period of time impacted by the COVID-19 shutdown.

Families now have the option to decide whether your student's final grade for quarter 4 (April 7- June 16) appears as a letter grade or pass/fail. Teachers will continue to assess student work, assign numerical and letter grades in the PowerSchool portal, and provide feedback for student's academic growth. Ultimately, this grading practice impacts how your student's final grade appears for Q4, and potentially how their final grades will appear for the year. Further details are outlined on the following page.

Please take a moment to discuss this with your student. In a few weeks, we will hold another Principal's Advisory Hangout to field questions from students about this and other topics that may be on their minds.

If you and your student determine that you'd like to opt for the pass/fail grading option, please email Barbra Luebeck (bluebeck@avon.k12.ct.us), administrative assistant to Mr. Kimball, between Monday, June 1st and Friday, June 5th to confirm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you!

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- Offer students/parents the option to have a Letter Grade or Pass/Fail for any and all classes for Q4
- End of year final grade for a Letter Grade will be the average of all four quarters
- End of year final grade for Q4 Pass/Fail option will be the average of Q1, Q2 & Q3
- For second semester Unified Arts classes:
 - End of year grade for a letter grade will be the average of Q3 and Q4
 - End of year final grade for Q4 Pass/Fail option will be Q3 grade
- Cancel final exams if applicable
- Teachers will maintain the percentage earned in their grade book for all students, regardless of the student's option
- Pass/Fail option:
 - $> 59.5 = \text{Pass}$, $< 59.4 = \text{Fail}$
 - Sign up period for the Pass/Fail option is Monday, June 1, 2020 - Friday, June 5, 2020
 - Annotate on the report card that a Pass/Fail option was available to students for second semester 2020 due to remote learning