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Dear Middle School Families:

As we continue our work with standards based grading, we continue to make changes to our practices to better reflect student learning. The changes that are implemented in this process have been discussed with a larger committee comprised of teachers and administrators from different subject areas.

In PowerSchool you will see numbers instead of letters for grades. We do not need a letter grade because the number represents the same overall achievement. This move away from letter grades will also better prepare our students for LOHS and the importance of their GPA, especially as freshman. Remember to also look at individual standards to best understand where your child's strengths and weaknesses are within the content. That is where the true benefit of standards based grading lies.

As a reminder, our scale for proficiency is below:

Proficient	4.0
Proficient	3.5
Progressing	3
Progressing	2.5
Basic	2
Basic	1.5
Area of Concern	1
Insufficient Evidence	0.5
No Evidence	0

We truly appreciate your support and patience as we work toward our larger goal of standards based grading. We are a leading district in this endeavor and take pride in the fact that we are the district that stands tall and leads others.

Sincerely,

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