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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Graduating Class of 2021 has hit the ground running with the development of their Personal Learning Plans (PLP's) and beginning work towards implementing a proficiency-based system, which has been mandated by the Department of Education. The focus for this year will be on developing strategies to support proficiency-based teaching and learning in the classroom. Later this spring, Mt Abram staff will communicate a grading and reporting philosophy that is aligned to our newly developed proficiency-based system. This grading and reporting system will be implemented next year. We are continuing to develop a new grading scale in a Proficiency Based Education (PBE) format, until that grading scale is completed students will be receiving grades in the traditional grading scale as outlined in the Parent and Student Handbook 2017-2018.

Due to this focus on teaching and learning in the classroom, the first months of school have been used for formative assessment practices. Formative assessments are used to properly determine where students are in their current level of meeting the standards so they can progress from there. They are designed to inform the teachers and students of the knowledge that students already have coming into their ninth grade year. Because of this, the first progress reports do not have a formal grade for the four core content areas of Math, Social Studies, Science, English. Summative assessments, to assess what they have learned to this point, will be given by the end of the first quarter and traditional grades will be reflected in their end of the quarter powerschool grade. The quarter ends on November 3rd and report cards will be sent home on Monday, November 13th. All subsequent reports will show formal grades, based on formative and summative assessments.

We are inviting all parents/guardians to attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 6pm at Mt. Abram High School. This is a Multiple Pathways Pilot Parent Focus Group and an opportunity to answer questions you may have regarding MPP and PBE. We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Shelley Tranten or the four core content area teachers/advisors: Jim Danala, Darren Allen, Barbara Collins and Shellen Raley-Masterman. We are here to support your young adult to be successful in their educational endeavor at Mt. Abram High School. The school number is 678-2701 and my email is mtranten@msad58.org.

Sincerely,

Michelle S. Tranten, M.Ed.
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