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Dear parents/guardians:

To better prepare our 7th grade students for 8th grade and high school, all BPS middle schools are implementing a standards based letter grade model in all 7th grade classes starting 2nd semester, January 18, 2022. This implementation will help with this transition as 8th grade teachers are currently using a standards based letter grade in all classes.

The intent is to offer an overall indication of each student's achievement of the standards and to help transition them to the letter grades used in high school. The standards based letter grade model will continue to provide students and parents with standards based scores, as well as the conversion of those scores into an overall letter grade.

The letter grade will not reflect behavior, as that will still be assessed using the 2R's (Respect and Responsibility). **The letter grades are intended only as an additional means of communicating your child's academic progress.** With the exception of Enriched Algebra I, middle school courses are not credit-bearing, so these letter grades will not appear on your student's transcript or impact their future GPA.

The information below shows the conversion of standard scores to a letter grade:

3 - 4 = A
2.5 - 2.75 = B
2 - 2.25 = C
1.5 - 1.75 = D
Below 1.5 = F

As always, this data from assessments can be found on your child's PowerSchool account. If you have trouble accessing grades in PowerSchool, please call the school office.

Sincerely,

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