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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The State Board of Education (SBE) unanimously voted to implement a 10-point grading scale for students in grades 9-12 effective for the 2016-2017 school year. This also includes middle school students taking courses for high school credit. The new uniform grading scale conversion chart will be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year and may be found on the district and state websites.

Upon the recommendation of the South Carolina Department of Education, Rock Hill School District Board of Trustees made the local decision to implement the 10-point grading scale for grades 3-8 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year; refer to policy IKA and the corresponding administrative rule AR IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems. The grading scale for kindergarten through second grade will continue to use a standards-based reporting system.

This change will enable students to have a seamless transition from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school, as well as high school to technical colleges and universities which generally use the 10-point grading scale. Additionally, the implementation of the 10-point grading scale in South Carolina and Rock Hill School District will have a positive impact on our students, leveling the playing field for them as they compete for academic and athletic awards and scholarships.

For additional information and resources, please review the Rock Hill School District website at www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us or the South Carolina Department of Education website at www.ed.sc.gov. If you have other questions about the grading scale, please contact your school administrator or guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

Kelly U. Pew, Ph.D.
Superintendent